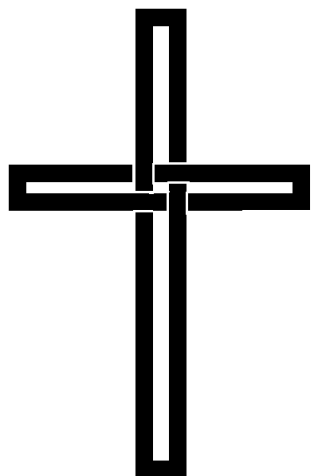


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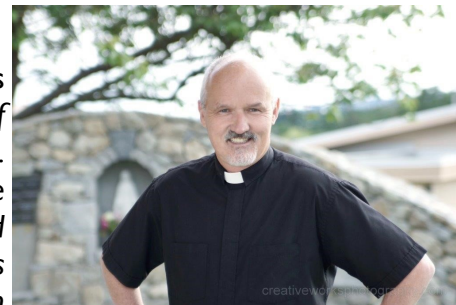
Vision Statement

Holy Cross Parish strives to be a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, inclusive Catholic community that gathers in unity and reaches out to attend to the needs of others.

SUNDAY November 12th, 2017 Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

From Fr. William's Desk

Wisdom is the central theme of today's readings. Thomas Merton writes: *"The Wisdom of God... comes forth, reaching from end to end mightily. She wills to be also the unseen pivot of all nature, the center and significance of all the light that is in all and for all. That which is poorest and humblest, that which is most hidden in all things is nevertheless most obvious in them, and quite manifest, for it is their own self that stands before us, naked and without care."* Wisdom so close yet so far away!



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The time that we have in life is God's gift to us. It is not our time. And it certainly isn't unlimited time. Too often we live like we will be able to solve our problems tomorrow, fix our relationships next month, take the time off we need next year. We get our priorities all wrong. It is only when our time is threatened or comes to an end do we realize that far from being wise, we were incredibly foolish. When we realize that it is God's time, how much more prepared we will be, how much better we will use it. Wisdom so close yet so far away!

The bridegroom is coming, and the wise virgins are the ones who are ready for him. Which is to say: God's wisdom is always searching for us, but we also must look for it to see it. Our faith is a practical faith! The gospel is about getting ready and prepared for the end time, our end time. What does it mean to be ready spiritually? We'll be ready if we've sprinkled God's Word here and there and given our best efforts to what we know is good and right.

The truly wise person is the one who has not waited until "some time in the future" to make Jesus fully part of their life. What are your most reliable sources of wisdom? Do you seek out these resources (human and otherwise) as often as you should? In what ways do you understand the end times to be now? As you wait for the coming of the Lord, in what ways do you see he is already near and feel his presence? As Joni Eareckson writes: "the times we find ourselves having to wait on others may be the perfect opportunities to train ourselves to wait on the Lord".

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Closed

Tuesday/Wednesday:

9am—2:30pm

Thursday/Friday:

9am—2:00pm

Saturday—Closed

Sunday—Closed

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY	5:00pm
SUNDAY	8:30am
	10:30am
	4:00pm
MONDAY	9:00am
TUESDAY	9:00am
WEDNESDAY	9:00am
THURSDAY	9:00am
FRIDAY	9:00am

Wait for the Lord,
Father William

Mercy Chapel: Tues—Fri during office hours

PASTORAL CARE VISITS WHILE IN HOSPITAL

We remind the faithful that privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from your pastor or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Ian Stuart** to make this request.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY CROSS PARISH

- **Rediscover the Art of Dying:** Fr. William will be hosting a five week book study on Sr. Nuala's book starting in January 2018. We have ordered 20 more books so if you would like to reserve one please call the office.
- **Caring for those with Dementia:** Key note speaker will be Peggy Hancyk from *Home Instead Senior Care*. Friday, December 1st at 9:45am. **Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.**
- **Bowling with Fr. Karam:** All young adult Catholics aged 20-39 are welcome to join Fr. Karam for an evening of bowling at Langford Lanes on Friday, December 1st at 6:30pm. Sign Up sheets will be in the foyer of Holy Cross Church or call the office to register: 250-477-5321

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK

Nov. 19 to 26 is Restorative Justice Week. **What is restorative justice?** "Just lock him up and throw away the key!" That's retributive justice. Restorative justice shifts the focus from punishing the wrongdoer to mediating a restitution agreement involving the victim, the wrongdoer and the community, aimed at healing of all involved. It was practiced in the early church and is a traditional practice among some First Nations peoples. Curious to know how this works? Come attend **Sr. Judi Morin's** interactive presentation on her experience with Restorative Justice Victoria, after 30 years as a prison chaplain. **Sat. Nov. 18, Holy Cross Parish Hall, 3 – 4:45 pm.**

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The month of November is a time to remember our beloved dead. The Book of Remembrance will be located next to the votive candle stand, where you can write the names of your loved ones.



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

"There is no true peace without fairness , truth , justice and solidarity ." *Pope John Paul II*
Why not join the team? The Development and Peace committee at Holy Cross is looking for more members and involvement with D&P will give you lots of opportunities to work for fairness, truth, justice and solidarity. Interested? Contact Sheila Wall - 778 265 2134.

AT THE LIBRARY

(in the Parish Centre –Tue- Fri: 9am-2:00pm)

Science & Faith: Understanding how they complement and sustain each other:

- *Proof of Heaven: A neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife* by E. Alexander (Harvard Medical School)
- *The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief* by F Collins (Head of the DNA Genome Project)
- *Science and Providence: God's Interaction with the World* by J .Polkinhorne (Cambridge Prof of M. Physics)
- *Rock of Ages: Science and Religion in the Fullness of Life* by Stephen Jay (d. Harvard Prof of Geology & Zoology)

***A Reminder: The lecture by the Jesuit G. Consolmagno, Director of the Vatican Observatory Nov 23, University of Victoria.**

PRAYER REFLECTION

The times we find ourselves having to wait on others may be the perfect opportunities to train ourselves to wait on the Lord.

—Joni Eareckson Tada, disabled artist and writer

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—Thomas Merton, Hagia Sophia

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **MNT. ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS MARKET:** Join Mount St. Mary Hospital's residents, staff, and families at their annual Christmas Market on Saturday, November 18 from 9am – 2:30pm. This **FREE**, fun, and festive community event will feature: 18 unique vendors, silent auction, bake sale, and much more! Come support a worthy cause.
- **JOB POSTING:** Island Catholic Schools will be accepting applications for the following positions: One **Early Childhood Educator**, St. Joseph's School in Victoria. One **On-Call Part-Time Bus Driver**, St. Joseph's School in Victoria. One **Temporary Full-Time Kindergarten Teacher**, St. Joseph's School, Victoria. Application forms and details are posted at: <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>
- **JANITORIAL POSITION:** Cathedral parish is searching for a part-time janitor for Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. This is a temporary position for approximately 6 – 8 months. Hours will decrease once renovations on the parish centre begin. Send resume and reference contacts to Janitorial Search; att: Rita Fichtner saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com or drop off at Cathedral office.

SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS

Joint Wellness—Monday and Thursday 10am

Wednesday Social group— 1-3pm

Men's Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm.

Social Bridge—First Sunday of every month.

HC Walking Group—Every Saturday morning at 10am for one hour.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, November 12th

8:30 am Mass: **George & Eduardo Garcia +**

10:30 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**

4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, November 13th

9:00 am No Mass—Statutory Holiday

TUESDAY, November 14th

9:00 am Mass: **Gerald Doulas Edney, int.**

WEDNESDAY, November 15th

9:00 am Mass: **Tom Browne +**

THURSDAY, November 16th

9:00 am Mass: **Catherine Laird, int.**

FRIDAY, November 17th

9:00 Am Mass: **Helen Krisnar +**

SATURDAY, November 18th

3:00-5:00pm Restorative Justice Talk

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass: **Garby Elmore +**

SUNDAY, November 19th

8:30 am Mass: **Arthur Rowland +**

10:30 am Mass: **Ann Lockwood +**

4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you for everyone who committed to the Diocesan Appeal. We are close to reaching our target of \$65,000. As a parish who reaches out to those in need I encourage all parishioners to give what they can. Thank you appeal team 2017: thank you for all your work.



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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy Liturgical Ministers	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server Music	Fr. William Hann Various Choirs	250-477-5321 250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir.	Ann Francis	250-477-8650
Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
Sun. Coffee, 10:30	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Bulletin Folders	Vicki Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Sacramental Wine	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339

SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY

Responsible Min.	Martha Oleson Janita McHugh	250-477-6455 250-220-4778
Parish Council	Esther Gormley	250-360-0107
Finance	David Begg	250-658-0870
Maintenance/Bldg.	Ed Boomars	250-881-8124
Cleaning Kitchens	Loretta MacDonald	250-477-6682
Annual Shed Clean	Jack Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Parish Grounds	Joe Mendonca	250-888-8930
Social/Comm. Life		
Baptism Prep.	Cynthia Watson	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Mom's/Tots	Partnership with St. Patrick's	
Children's Rel. Ed.	Giacinta Bewley	250-652-0204



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COLLECTION November 5th, 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 4, 505.00
Loose	\$ 507.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 140.00
TOTAL	\$ 6, 152.00

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891
Catholicism	Jona De Jesus	250-858-5924
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Bereavement / Funeral / Follow-Up	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Funeral Reception	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322

SERVING COMMUNITIES BEYOND OUR DOORS

Diocesan Appeal	Ed Chwyl	
Franciscans and Friends Youth	Maritza Chouza	778-533-1736
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky	250-477-5321 250-479-1331
RCIA	Phil / Sheila Wall	778-265-2134
RCIC	Dan Taft Jr.	250-721-0821
Ecumenism	Terry Marner	250-380-0157
Social & Eco. Justice	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Anawim	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent	Sheila Wall	778-265-2134
Refugees	Trudy Holden	250-472-1079
St. Vincent De Paul	Martin Fletcher	250-592-9297
Univ/Camosun Bursaries	Tony Southwell	250-477-5738
Uvic/Camosun Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455