



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - November 13th 2022

Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, we read about the deeper concerns regarding time—the end time. Since God became human, salvation has taken a human shape. God lives in time, and in God's good time, the world will end, no matter how many predictions we make about it. Jesus warned us not to try to figure it out. Jesus is clear about the behavior expected of disciples. When people announce apocalypse, we aren't supposed to run behind them mindlessly like lemmings. And when we hear of personal or international disasters, we must not join the ranks of the petrified. *The faithful are secure.*

The truth is the readings this week ask us to reflect on deeper questions. Instead of living in fear of what could be, try and make sense of what is. How do we, as Christians, live in difficult times? How do we, as disciples of Jesus, *react* when we hear or personally experience that the world in which we live has many *ugly features*? The eyes of the Christian move at once to the cross. Because it was there, in that hour, that the worst possible thing happened. And God chose to redefine that dreadful hour with infinite grace and charity. When the worst possible thing happened, God transfigured it into the universal and eternal sign of hope. God can, and will, to do this. God chooses to transform sin and suffering into grace and hope. This is our faith. But do we believe it? We say we do with every profession of Creed, with every sign of the cross and sacrament received. But we *know* what we believe and demonstrate that faith vitally when apocalypse comes into our lives and upends the reality we thought was assured.

Apocalyptic events do not come to test us. The original writers of apocalyptic literature lived in an environment of persecution, opposition, and constant danger. They knew firsthand how suffering splays and reveals human nature. Anyone who has sat up all night with grief like a den of lions devouring body and soul discovers with crystal clarity what he or she truly believes. All the church asks us to do, at the end of another season, is to consider whether our faith is strong enough to survive the time of trial when it comes. Indeed, our world is not ideal, far from it. But in the midst of it, you and I cling to a God who is faithful and who in Jesus has placed himself squarely on the side of *light, justice, peace and human dignity*. That God will not fail us. However, the way in which God will not fail us is not always immediately evident to us. That was the experience of Jesus as well. When he was close to death, Jesus experienced God as very distant, in fact, as absent. And yet we claim in faith that at precisely at that moment, God was most intensely present to his Son Jesus. That is what the Christian tries to express when it proclaims God has raised his Son Jesus from the dead. That is the immense paradox that we as Christians try and go through life with. We cling to a God, who despite so much contrary evidence is faithful.

Rooted in Christ

Father William

OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:00pm
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:30pm
Fr. William Hann, Pastor

We acknowledge and respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory Holy Cross Parish stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

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LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from Holy Cross Parish at 4pm Saturday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

Social and Eco Justice Committee Event

The Holy Cross Social & Eco Justice Committee invites Holy Cross and St. Patrick's parishioners to view the one-hour documentary *In the Spirit of Reconciliation (2017)*, at the Holy Cross Parish Hall on **Wednesday Nov. 16 (7 - 9 pm)**. This film from cinematographer-priest Fr. Larry Lynn features the personal accounts of residential school survivors in the Northwest Territories and their experience addressing their trauma. The event will include discussion of truth and reconciliation in the present context. **If you are planning to come, please contact Leslie Saxon (saxon.leslie@gmail.com or 250-857-0401)** so that the committee can plan for refreshments.

Event: Saturday, February 4, 2023-**Called and Gifted live workshop** with Sherry Weddell and Katherine Coolidge: Location: Holy Cross Parish: 9am to 3:30pm. An opportunity to discover God's call for your life God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. Discern your charisms (spiritual gifts) and begin to discern God's call. You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends His love to reach others. Come and discover these charisms in you! **WORKSHOP SCHEDULE Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** The Call of the Laity, Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory, Explained Role of the Holy Spirit, Charisms Discernment Process, Role of Charisms in Parish, Community and World. Holy Cross and Saint Patrick's parishioners will have the opportunity to register first before I open it up to other parishes. Please register in the next two weeks at either

Holy Cross office@holycrossvictoria.org; St. Patrick's Parish stpat190@telus.net.

The **Knights of Columbus** have officially launched their 61st Annual Charity Appeal campaign. Tickets this year are \$5.00 each and the grand prize is a Toyota Rav4 along with several cash prizes. The main draw is Jan 28th but there are several early bird draws. Proceeds go to several charities within BC and also support the Knights of Columbus. Please go to <http://kofcdraw.net/C7934> to purchase your tickets.

Advent Mission Opportunity

Sacred Heart Parish is happy to invite you to an **Advent Mission led by Bishop Gary**. As we begin our Advent journey, come and share the Hope, heralded by the promise of the birth of our Lord in our hearts and lives this Christmas. Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent with a Mass at 9 a.m. on Sunday 27 November, the three-day Mission continues with a 7 p.m. Mass on Monday, 28 November, and will end with a Penitential Service at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 29 November 2022.

Library Corner Remembrance Day commemorates some of the most memorable literary moments of an earlier time. Consider the famous poem *In Flanders Fields* by the Canadian physician Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, who died some months before the war ended. And again, the English poet Wilfred Owen, who died in battle a week before the armistice, who gave us his dark, sardonic take on the foolish enthusiasm of war in *Dulce et Decorum Est*. In novels: Erich Maria Remarque, a veteran of the German army in *All Quiet on the Western Front* and Robert Graves, in *Good-Bye to All That* recount their war-front experiences. Closely in liturgical time is St. Crispin's feast day Oct 25 which Shakespeare used for Henry V's famous speech to English troops confronting the French at Agincourt in 1415.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/In_Flanders_Fields

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dulce_et_Decorum_est

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Quiet_on_the_Western_Front

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/70663/good-bye-to-all-that-by-robert-graves-introduction-by-paul-fussell/>



Prayer Reflection

Only wonder understands anything.
—*Saint Gregory of Nyssa*

In order that your prayer may be real, you must deal with the arduousness of work. . . . Your prayer becomes whole when it is of a piece with your labor.
—*Rule of Taizé*

Endurance . . . is peace in time of war, calm in rough waters, safety amidst treachery and danger. It makes those who practice it stronger than steel.
—*Nilus of Ancyra (d. c. 430)*

The Bishop's Appeal 2022 - Growing Together

Please consider making a financial commitment to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Not only are you helping your own parish, but you are making a real difference to our greater Diocesan faith community. It is through your commitment and efforts that we will be able to grow together. Donations may be made on-line at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/growing-together-2022>. Our parish projects are to support Anawim House for Women and Greater Victoria Acting Together (GVAT). Our Parish goal is \$80,000. Our actual contributions to date: \$18,145.00 from 30 contributors.

This Fall **Development and Peace** is continuing their People & Planet First campaign. Please join the parishioners of St Patrick's Parish for coffee in Lourdes Hall after the 11:00 am mass on Nov. 20, to sign the Human and Environmental Rights Due Diligence petition, get info on D&P, have the opportunity to become a member and buy some Fair Trade Coffee, \$14/lb.

2022 Diocesan Faith Day

Join us on Saturday, November 26th as we journey together "Seeking Truth, Healing & Reconciliation" featuring keynote speaker, Most Reverend Donald Bolen, Archbishop of Regina.

We are a Church that is wounded and hurting, needing to search out our Pascal bearings and tell our story in a new way – to go deeper into the Pascal Mystery! How are we to be a Church (poor and for the poor) that reaches out in dialogue, seeking healing paths by walking together?

More information and to register go to

<https://Diocesanfaithday2022.eventbrite.com>

OR email gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org OR Phone 250.479.1331 ext 230

Free bus transportation will be available from Victoria. Contact the office to be added to the bus transportation list.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE **SATURDAY, November 12th**

3-3:45pm: Confession

4pm Mass: Giovanni Battista+

SUNDAY, November 13th

9am Mass: Maria Mendonca+

MONDAY, November 14th

NO MASS

TUESDAY, November 15th

9am Mass: Richard Faulkner

11:30 Mass at UVic: Baby Cross in womb (Int)

WEDNESDAY, November 16th

NO MASS

THURSDAY, November 17th

9am: Richard Faulkner+

FRIDAY, November 18th

NO MASS

The Church will be open for private prayers from Tuesday to Friday 9am - noon

Masks are no longer mandatory indoors, though we do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. As always, if you are feeling unwell or symptomatic please stay home.

COLLECTION for Nov. 6th

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes \$ 3,676.00

Loose \$ 557.00

Pre-Authorized Debit \$ 1,331.00

TOTAL \$ 5,564.00

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS:

If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from our VGH/RJH hospital chaplain, please call the emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Sean Flynn** to make this request.

Thank you!

Special thanks go to Pete and Evelyn Vijandre for always being so accommodating, and for doing things with a smile!

NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

A memorial Mass for deceased clergy and religious will be held at noon on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria. All people of the Diocese of Victoria are invited to participate, either in person or via the livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ga9FHTIQ494>.

"Working Towards Freedom", a new study guide on the topic of human trafficking may be read online at

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/working-towards-freedom-study-guide-on-human-trafficking-now-available>.

All are invited to the online launch of "Working Towards Freedom", a new study guide about human trafficking. The guide was developed jointly by the Diocese of Victoria, the Archdiocese of Vancouver, and the Diocese of Saskatchewan, and is based on the CCCB's recent Pastoral Letter on Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in Canada. Through prayer and education, the guide leads participants to become more aware of the human trafficking that is occurring in our midst, and helps them learn how to bring to light situations where people may be in danger. The webinar will provide an overview of each section of the guide and recommendations on how to use it. The webinar is free, but advance registration is required at <https://form.jotform.com/222704961965262>.

Note from the University Chaplain

Make sure you mark your calendars for November 18th. Together in Catholic Campus Ministry, both CSA (Catholic Students' Association) and CCO (Catholic Christian Outreach) invite you to Summit. Hosted at St. Patrick's on Haultain Street, 12 minutes from UVic. Summit is a night of encounter, music, prayer, and community. Doors open at 6:30 pm. The evening runs from 7-9pm. Everyone is welcome.

Students are invited to our monthly mass and meal, Saturday November 19th. Mass is at 4pm, at Holy Cross Parish. Our exceptional meals, prepared by parishioners follow mass at 5pm. All are welcome.

Birthright will be selling specialty Fudges after weekend Masses on Nov 26/27. (The packets make great stocking stuffers or gifts for the holiday table and freeze well!) Birthright assists women in difficult or crisis pregnancies, offering hope and encouraging Mothers to give the precious gift of Life to their babies - how fitting as we prepare for the Christ Child! Please consider supporting this worthwhile cause.

Crafts and Community!

The Gospel Gals would like to invite you to join them for 9:00 am Mass on Thursday, December 01. After Mass mozey on over to the parish hall where everything will be set up and ready for you to make your very own fun Christmas Craft. After your creative creations you'll have the chance to visit each other as you enjoy tea/coffee and yummy treats, provided by the Gospel Gals. Numbers are limited so don't delay, call the office to register today! 250-477-5321

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Gift Bearers are needed for the Saturday 4pm Mass. Please contact Joanie Bidlake if you are able to offer to participate in this Ministry once a month. 250-477-5321, or email officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org.



Missals for the New Liturgical Year Missals will be sold before and after the Masses this weekend, and next. The price remains unchanged from previous years at \$5.00. If you have exact change, it would be most appreciated.