



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

Mission Statement: Rooted in the community of Gordon Head and the University, in communion with the Roman Catholic Church, Holy Cross Parish serves the people of God by sharing, teaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY - November 14, 2021
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

What the readings try to instill in us this week is not fear but hope and confidence. These texts do not try to give us some sort of inside information about how and when the end will come about, but rather a sense of seriousness and urgency about the present moment. When Jesus directs our attention to the heavens, he is not advocating that we take up the daily reading of our horoscope, or even that we consider purchasing a telescope. He is urging us to pay attention, to live wakefully, to look up habitually rather than keeping our noses to the grindstone of routine as if the tangible dimension of our days is all there is.

The fig tree offers its uncluttered testimony: When new leaves sprout, summer is near. Jesus is insisting that natural relationships are readily revealed to those with eyes to see. If we want to know what time it is, we can look at the clock and get one answer—but we should recognize that it is not the only answer. Right now, we could say it is a weekend in November, the end of another church year, late autumn—and all of those would be correct replies to the question: What time is it? We could also reflect on the age and condition of our individual bodies and come up with another response: “near the beginning” or “almost home.” The human race also appears somewhere on the cosmic dial, and so does creation itself. That time may be easier or harder to read, depending on how you interpret the signs. But the cosmic clock is ticking, personally and universally, and Jesus wants us to make no mistake about that. Make our lives count and that is what the readings invite us to reflect and act on.

We can be certain dear friends of God's willingness to see things through with us and to slug it out with us. God is not about to abandon us; he will not leave us out in the cold. We can rely on Him and our trust in Him. God's willingness to see it through with us is also the ground on which we are summoned to accept our task and make the world a better place. The present moment holds many opportunities in which we can rise to the occasion to become, with a faithful God, builders of His Kingdom of love, justice, and peace. We must make sure that we seize these many opportunities. It is God's promise that he will back us up and validate all of our kingdom actions. T.S Eliot said it best...*What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from.*

Peace and blessings,
Father William

OFFICE HOURS

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

LIVESTREAM MASSES

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

LIBRARY CORNER

Mid November celebrates and honours, the feast days of six women:

Nov 13, Mother Cabrini https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frances_Xavier_Cabrini
 16, St Margaret of Scotland, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Margaret_of_Scotland
 St Gertrude, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gertrude_the_Great
 17, St Elizabeth of Hungary, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth_of_Hungary
 22, St Cecilia, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Cecilia
 25, St Catherine of Alexandria, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catherine_of_Alexandria



WRAPPING PAPER DONATIONS NEEDED



The children at **St. Patrick's Elementary School** have a couple of special Christmas projects coming up. One is making Christmas Crackers for the needy in our community (they get dropped off to charities around town that serve Christmas dinner to the poor), and the other is a special "Kids Shopping" event they look forward to every year. **They are requesting donations of wrapping paper and supplies for these two events.** If you have half used, end of roll, or brand news rolls of wrapping paper to donate please drop it off at the parish office during office hours and it will be delivered to the school. *Thank you so much for your support for our local Catholic Elementary School.*

VOLUNTEER CHEFS NEEDED FOR UNIVERSITY SUPPER

This year's UVic/Camosun student suppers have been a great success, with more than 30 students participating. Fr. William celebrates mass beforehand. We are planning another supper for Sunday December 5th at 5:00 pm in the parish hall. We need volunteers to drop off home-made chicken casserole (or something similar), or salad by 4:30 pm on that day. I will put a sign-up sheet in the church foyer this Sunday with details, but if you are not attending mass in person and wish to help, just e-mail me. This outreach is a good way for our parishioners to show community with the students. Many thanks! John Oleson (jpoleson@uvic.ca).

ANAWIM HOUSE DONATIONS

With the colder weather approaching Anawim House is looking to re-stock it's depleting shelves. They are in particular need of: **canned goods (for example, pork and beans, tuna, canned pasta, etc), dried pasta, jarred pasta sauce, cereal, peanut butter for sandwiches,** are in very high demand right now.

There is also always a constant need for new men's underwear and warm socks. Please remember that Anawim House often helps women who come by the house as well, so items for women are also accepted. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Centre, or left in the Anawim Grocery cart in the foyer of the church. The donations are collected weekly from the church by Anawim volunteers. *Taking care of our brothers in need.*



Feeding the Community

PRAYER REFLECTION

Do not accept anything as truth that lacks love, and do not accept anything as love that lacks truth. One without the other is a destructive lie.

—Edith Stein, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

To bear other people’s afflictions, everyone has courage and enough to spare.

—Benjamin Franklin

What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from.

—T. S. Eliot

A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

To access the live stream link from the Diocese of Victoria website simply google: Diocese of Victoria or go to www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream. Celebrate Mass on-line with Bishop Gary.

SUNDAY 10 AM

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 7 PM

Diocesan Remembrance: Each year a Mass is offered for those Clergy and Religious who have died during the past year and we also remember the bishop who was most recently deceased. This year, this special Mass will be celebrated by **Bishop Gary on Thursday, November 25th at his usual 7 pm livestream.** This year we will be praying for our most recently deceased **Bishop: Raymond Roussin, bishop from 1999- 2004** and for:

- from the community of St. Paul: **Fr. Marinaldo Batista**
- from the Sisters of St. Ann: **Sr. Therese Brousseau, Sr. Joyce Ann Kennedy, Sr. Patricia Shreenan**
- from the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary: **Sr. Laura Distaso, Sr. Margaret Baumann**
- from the Salvatorian community: **Fr. Kazimierz Olesky**
- from the Poor Clare community: **Sr. Clare Lewis**

RECONCILIATION CORNER

In an earlier notice (August 8), you were invited to watch the documentary “Picking up the Pieces: the Making of the Witness Blanket.” Coast Salish artist and UVic Professor Carey Newman created this monumental art installation from items collected from residential schools, government buildings and churches across Canada, to commemorate the victims of residential schools. A book on the Witness Blanket is in our Indigenous Collection. Now you can **view a true-to-scale replica of the Witness Blanket at the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre** between Nov. 16 and Dec. 12. [Read this article](#) in the *Saanich News* to learn more about this exhibit.

BIRTHRIGHT FUDGE

Birthright is taking Orders for their delicious Chocolate Fudges. A bit of sweet in this challenging year! . Please **order by December 7** for parish office pick-up in mid December. **Parish Office hours are Tuesday – Friday 9AM – 2PM.** Please see the poster on the back page for ordering details. *Your purchase supports the pro-life pregnancy support work of Birthright Victoria.*

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:
SATURDAY, November 13th

3:00pm-3:45pm: Confession
4pm Mass: Salvatore Ciccone +

SUNDAY, November 14th

9am Mass: Maria de Santos Mendonca +

MONDAY, November 15th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, November 16th

9am Mass: Rita Martell +

WEDNESDAY, November 17th

9am Mass: Rita Martell +

THURSDAY, November 18th

9am Mass: Timothy Marshall +

FRIDAY, November 19th

9am Mass: Ming Ming Jian (int)

In-person Masses have resumed now with no restrictions on numbers. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact the Office (250-477-5321.)

Masks are now mandatory for everyone in the Church and the parish centre.



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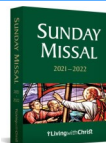
COLLECTION for Nov. 7, 2021

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 5,185.00
Loose	\$ 250.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,112.00

MISSALS

The 2021/2022 Missals are IN!!! They will be available after Mass THIS weekend, November 13/14, for **\$5 per Missal.** If you are not able to come to Mass to get yours, you can pick it up at the office during office hours.



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NOTE FROM THE UVIC/CAMOSUN CHAPLAIN

Live Green, Love Green, Think Green. Join us for our first, **On The Same Line Literary Club.**

When: Wednesday November 17, 21. **Time:** 7-9:30pm

Place: Multifaith Centre at UVic.

A look at Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*, On Care for Our Common Home. **Contact info:** Lydia at lfoch@rcdvictoria.org if interested in attending. Snack foods will be provided.

****Thank you** to all parishioners for your delicious lasagna dinner prepared for the students. Your ongoing support is appreciated tremendously. Thank you also to Terry and Tim from Anawim house for attending to speak with the students. Please know your talk touched the lives of all who were there.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE - ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

The St. Patrick's Parish CWL Hobby Group is hosting this year's Christmas Craft Sale on **Saturday, November 20th** before and after 6pm Mass and **Sunday November 21st** before and after 11am Mass in the Parish Centre. Great gift ideas for the special people on your list, all handmade by experienced local crafters! Hand knitted items, handmade baby clothes and accessories, home made baking, fudge and more! 2060 Haultain St.



CHALICE CHRISTMAS GIFT CATALOGUE



We invite you to share the blessings of Christmas with children in the developing world. Chalice's Christmas Gift Catalogue allows you to purchase a gift for someone in need in honour of a friend or a loved one. A beautiful handwritten card will be sent to the recipient, telling them of the gift that is given. Any gift purchased through the catalogue will receive an official tax receipt.

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrant/TicketingCatalog.aspx?eventid=148817&langpref=en-CA&Referrer=https%3a%2f%2fadmin.e2rm.com%2f>

CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS DIOCESE OF VICTORIA: AGM

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Victoria (CISDV) Society will be held on **Tuesday, November 23 at 7:00pm** in the library at St. Andrew's Regional High School. There will be a private ballot election for two positions to the CISDV Board of Directors at this meeting. Each position is for a three-year term. For further information, contact Katja Groves, Superintendent of Schools (250-727-6893 ext 242).

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Please note that **Rachel's Vineyard** will be coming to our Diocese in the near future. This ministry is a safe place for people to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For information please contact Nicola at nicolamgallagher0123@gmail.com

BIRTHRIGHT FUDGE ORDERING INFORMATION

Birthright is selling specialty Fudges for parish office pick-up in mid December. Please contact Peggy at info@birthrightvictoria.org or 250.478.5372 by **December 7** to order

All **Birthright Fudges*** are **\$5** (each package = 1/4 of an 8 inch square pan).



BLACK FOREST:
our best-seller, dark chocolate, cherries almonds



MACADAMIA MADNESS:
dark chocolate, macadamias (size is a little smaller as the nuts are pricey)



MIDNIGHT MINT:
silky dark chocolate with a hint of crème de menthe (no alcohol)



CHOCOLATE WALNUT:
a softer, sweeter, more traditional fudge



CLASSIC CHOCOLATE:
softer, sweeter, more traditional, (no nuts but prepared in a home kitchen ~ trace amounts may be present)



ROOT BEER FLOAT:
a very pretty fudge, decadent chocolate with the taste of Root Beer over ice cream!

CHOCOLATE APRICOTS: *hand-dipped, dried Apricots. A tarter taste for those who like their chocolate less rich. \$3*

CARAMEL CORN & CARAMEL CORN LIGHT *(reduced fat, calories) \$3*

**Fudge freezing tips included if you would like to save for Christmas.*