



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## Mission Statement: Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

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 1, 2020**

**Solemnity of All Saint's**

We are both saint and sinner. Saints because we are made in the image and likeness of God; we share in the Divine Life! Sinners because of our human condition; we are limited and falter. If we can *appreciate and live into* our saint, and *accept and take responsibility for* our sinner, then we can more easily live into the BE-attitudes Jesus speaks about in today's gospel.

The Beatitudes are a call to holiness, a call to discipleship, a call to BE Christ in the world. They are blessings from God, gifts to be desired and cultivated through prayer and right relationship. In living the Beatitudes, we are nurturing both saint and sinner. We are called to choose God, humility, meekness, mercy, and purity as we become more aware of how our pride, arrogance, and selfishness keep us from God. I John 3:2 promises, "Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him".

As children of God, we are called to empty ourselves and pour all into God, becoming Christ-like. Like Jesus, the call to be **poor in spirit** is a letting go of self to a total reliance on God. Humility enables us to see our need for God's love, mercy and grace. Our poverty, brokenness, and sin lead us to God's compassion. When we **mourn** our sinful nature, we take ownership of our sins, trusting that God's love will lead us into a deeper relationship comforted by the Holy Spirit.

Possessing a **meek** nature means having a great strength that springs forth from God alone. To **hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for the kingdom of God, for holiness, for right relationship portrays a profound longing for God that endures and is never completely satisfied on this side of eternity.

Being **merciful** opens us up to feel the pain of others and take right action to relieve it. God did that for us when we were yet sinners (Romans 5:6-8). Having shown us mercy, Christ sends us into the world to be merciful. **Pure in heart** flows out of an undivided core – one devoted and committed completely to God. Psalm 24:3-4 says, "Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Someone who has clean hands and pure hearts."

As **peacemakers**, we are called to bring about peace by living the gospel values. We may be ridiculed, persecuted and suffer injustice for being faithful, but Jesus offers a blessing for **those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake**. Like Jesus, who suffered in this world, we will be vindicated in the next. Our call is to trust and hope in the promises of God, and as saint and sinner, appreciate and accept God's unconditional love for us.

A child once said that a saint was like a stained glass window. The different colours let in the light and every saint is a different colour of God. Every one of our unknown saints coloured God in a new way in his or her corner of the globe. On All Saints Day we are grateful for the lives of so many people of every age, church and century who have lived their lives as best they could within the vision and spirit of the gospel of Jesus Christ. On All Saints day, take some time to recall, reflect on, and thank the people that God has placed on our life's journey.

God's abundance, Mona

#### OFFICE HOURS

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

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**HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS**

**HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS:** 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. Sean Flynn** to make this request.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: COVID-19, RECOVERING TOGETHER****Help us help our sisters and brothers in the Global South!**

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us in many ways here in Canada. In the Global South, the impacts are devastating, as the pandemic is worsening poverty, hunger, conflict and gender inequality. More than ever, your solidarity and generosity are needed to support the work of Development and Peace so we are all recovering together. Our partners are working for a just recovery in their countries so all can live in dignity.

There will be a collection in our parish on Nov 7-13. You can also make a donation online.

Your generosity allows Development and Peace to support over 100 projects in 35 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East!

**Watch this short [video](#) to learn more about the work of Development and Peace during the pandemic.** To learn more about the *Recovering Together* campaign, please contact Barb McKrow at [bmckrow@shaw.ca](mailto:bmckrow@shaw.ca)

**Horizon of Hope – 2020 Bishop's Appeal  
Commitment Week - October 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>**

The Bishop's Appeal is such a vital and worthy cause in our Diocese. But our parish benefits too. How does it work for us? We keep 20% of all funds raised by our parishioners up to the Diocesan goal of \$44,000. Anything raised over \$44,000, we keep 80% of that amount.

Why is the Bishop's Appeal so important? Not only are you helping our own parish but you are aiding other parishes that need help with essentials. With money raised last year, the Diocese was able to create a sustainable financial plan to get some of our parishes through one of the hardest times in our history. Who would have guessed last year, that funds raised during the Annual Appeal, would have been used this year to buy pandemic supplies for all our parishes? Signs, floor decals and communion plexiglass shields have been provided to all the churches. These Appeal funds have also been the life line that provides funding for our retired clergy, Religious Education, youth leadership training, and our First Nation's ministry.

Our Parish project is: [Supporting the North Island Parishes](#)

Our Goal: \$65,000

Actual pledged to date: \$29,630.00 Number of gifts: 69 out of 497 parish families

To view Fr. William's video: <https://youtu.be/KvWvij2zgTA>

To donate online: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/horizonofhope2020>

**APPEAL THANK YOU**

Dear Holy Cross Parishioners. The Appeal Team thanks all of you for your kind attention to our talks at Mass, our letter and our on-line messaging about this year's Bishop's Appeal, "*Horizon of Hope*". Together, we have reached over 40% of our fund raising goal so far. Thank you for your kind generosity during these pandemic times. Each of us participating in the work of the Church is what the Appeal is about, no matter how small or large the contribution. This year, there are many online options for donating through the *Horizon of Hope* web site: (<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/horizonofhope2020>). Our sincere thanks again, to all who have joined us so far.

***Yours in service, the Appeal Team.***

\*\*\*Dr. Bonnie is asking everyone to please wear masks when they are in indoor public spaces. Therefore, we kindly ask that parishioners please consider wearing a mask not only when they enter and leave the church, but also during the service. Thank you for your consideration.

**PRAYER REFLECTION**

We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God.

—*Vincent de Paul*

The love of God is the first in the order of precepts; the love of neighbor is the first in the order of practice.

—*Augustine of Hippo*

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

—*Deuteronomy 6:5*

**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](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream).

SUNDAY ..... 10 AM

MONDAY TO FRIDAY ..... 7 PM

**DIOCESAN BLOG:** The approaching solemnity of All Saints (November 1, 2020) reminds us that we are all called to holiness. The challenge is to form one body, one Church, with all our differences. This week's Diocesan blog features All Saints Parish, St. Mary's (Ladysmith) and St. Joseph's (Chemainus), an example of Christian community living with change – in love and charity.

Please find below the link to the Diocesan blog "Celebrating with all the Saints": <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/celebrating-with-all-the-saints>

**THANK YOU**

Dear Parishioners of Holy Cross and St. Patrick's, Thank you for your generous contributions to St. Patrick's School's annual Cold Weather Clothing Collection. Your donations have really helped with our outreach project, especially in a year when it was needed even more than before. The gloves, socks, and toques will be distributed through St. Vincent de Paul and Anawim House.

God bless you.

Janette Redchurch, Gr. 2 teacher, St. Patrick's School

**OUR VIRTUAL COMMUNITY**

Father William has created a **YouTube** page and a **Facebook** page for the combined St. Patrick's and Holy Cross families! Please visit the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StPatsHolyCross/> **Like and follow the page and please do send photos of the church for posting!**

**Live Mass broadcast this Saturday!** Mass will be broadcast from **Holy Cross Parish on Saturday, October 31st at 4pm on the YouTube page.**

Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

**SATURDAY, October 31st**

2:30-3:15pm Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass: **All Souls**

**SUNDAY, November 1st**

9:00am Mass: **Vera Galway +**

**MONDAY, November 2nd**

Office Closed/No Mass

**TUESDAY, November 3rd**

9:00 am Mass: **Nanette Ralston +**

**WEDNESDAY, November 4th**

9:00am Mass: **No Intention**

7:00pm Mass: **Stan Prince +**

**THURSDAY, November 5th**

9:00am Mass: **Brian Wall +**

**FRIDAY, November 6th**

9:00 am Mass: **Marilyn Reed**

**Malarkey +**

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**At Holy Cross Parish you must now register for which day of the week you would like to attend Mass. You can register by emailing Joanie Bidlake at:**

**officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org**

**Our Mass schedule remains the same for now:**

**Tuesday – Friday: 9am Mass**

**Wednesday: 7pm (full)**

**Saturday: 4pm Mass (full)**

**Sunday: 9am Mass (full)**

*\*please note that you may select a Mass time from St. Patrick's Parish Mass schedule. To do this please call Deborah Mackay at St. Pat's at:*

**250-592-7391.**



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**COLLECTION for October 25, 2020**

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:**

Envelopes/Canada Helps	\$ 1,459.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,372.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,831.00</b>