



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 24, 2019
34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ the King Sunday is a feast that proclaims Jesus is the Christ, "the Anointed One", the Messiah". Today we read about the Solemnity of Christ the King and end the liturgical year "C". The feast is proclaiming Christ's royalty over each and every one of us, our families, society, governments and nations. Jesus is a king. His leadership is marked by service, humility and compassion. Our material world sees a different kind of king with sharp contrast to Jesus. The world leaderships have opulence, ambition, greed, hunger for power and disregard for common good. Clearly, today, the daily news leaves us with a feeling of utter dissatisfaction.

Thus Jesus, throughout his earthly ministry, modeled leadership of a spiritual nature rather than a materialistic one. He did not send out armies to shed blood, but he shed his own blood. The kingdom of God that Jesus proclaims represents a new reality and we are dual citizens of the world and of the kingdom of God (heaven). Jesus sends out his message of good news without swords or guns. It is a message of peace and love. He does not force, but invites. He relies on the response of those who understand his message to reach out and share with others.

My heart is touched by the way Jesus responded to the penitent thief. The thief was humble and already suffering the consequences of his sins. Jesus did not reprimand him. No judgments of good verses bad. Instead he says, "This day you will be with me in Paradise."

As Richard Rohr would say, "That is a king we would be proud to serve!" The kingdom of God is here now and we are subjects of this king. We move from a kingdom of darkness to a kingdom of light. With hope for the future we listen to the invisible God. We allow him to be our king. We proudly adore his cross. We read, hear and obey the messages in the Bible. We spend time in his presence; the Eucharist.

This is a time of many Graces. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. We are reminded that our spiritual growth is blessed by God doing it; in me, with me and as me; aka the channel of love. The pursuit of holiness is a process of letting Jesus into your heart. Personally I like to practice gratitude. Every day is filled with the wonders of our world and the people in it. I has always hoped to say an empathic 'yes' to God and so I happily practice with a little 'yes' in my daily prayers/talks with God.

Today is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time...just before the start of Advent. It is a time of hope and gratitude for all the blessings we receive. Is Jesus really the king of my life? With the material and spiritual worlds, can we live in the peace of Christ? Christ is our Redeemer who kindled hope in our hearts and offered unconditional forgiveness that opened the gates of heaven for us.

For this I am truly grateful.

Marian Duke

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 office or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Thomas Chinnappa** to make this request.

ADVENT WOMEN'S RETREAT 2019

Join Mona Goodman as she leads this year's advent retreat for women. This year's theme is: ***Birthing a Humble Contrite Heart***. Saturday, December 14th from 9am to 4pm (ending with evening mass) at Holy Cross Parish. This retreat is free of charge but participants should bring their own bagged lunch, as well as a journal and pen.

Space is limited for this event so pre-registration will be necessary. Sign up sheets are in the foyer of the church – only 30 spots per parish.

Volunteer bakers needed! If anyone is able to bake some cookies and muffins for this retreat you can sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer or call or email the office: 250-477-5321 / office@holycrossvictoria.org

WRITE FOR RIGHTS

Write for Rights on Sun. Dec. 8 (10 – 11:30 am, Parish Hall) The Holy Cross Social and Eco. Justice Committee is once again inviting all parishioners and friends to join the **annual Amnesty International letter-writing campaign on Sun. Dec. 8**. Come over right after 9 am mass for refreshments, and write a letter or two in defense of human rights. Writing materials and postage will be provided at the session, and instructions given to first-time participants. Visit www.writeathon.ca to learn more about this world-wide event. Please sign up (sheet in foyer) so we can anticipate the number of people coming.

BIRTHRIGHT FUDGE

Birthright Victoria, which has been helping women facing unplanned pregnancy for more than 20 years, is having their annual fundraising fudge sale! Their delicious fudge (Macadamia Madness, Black Forest, and midnight Mint to name a few) will be for sale after all masses on the weekend of December 7th and 8th..

CHRISTMAS AT ANAWIM HOUSE

As the Christmas season approaches and you are making plans to celebrate with your families and special friends we would like to ask that you put those seeking love and support at Anawim house on your list. Anawim is a place where people can find hope and direction. It is more than just a drop in facility. It is a place that helps people embrace their lives. This is what makes Anawim different from other programs.

We are very grateful for all the support you have provided in past years. Again this year we are hoping that you will be able to help make a difference. During Advent we will have a Christmas box for donations of new winter clothing. Fresh cut Christmas trees will be available at 973 Caledonia Street starting November 28th. Your generous act of charity will help those that come through the doors at Anawim House. May the peace love and joy of this wonderful Christmas season be with each you. Thank you for caring.

HIRE-A-CHOIR

Do you love live music? Are you looking to make your Christmas party/event more festive this year? Consider hiring the award-winning St. Andrew's High School Singers to sing for your Christmas party! Hire-a-Choir is happening on Dec. 13th and 14th. The suggested donation is \$100 for half an hour of beautiful Advent/Christmas music and festive tunes for the season. Please contact Mr. Philip O'Reilly at poreilly@cisdv.bc.ca for more info.

In addition to our Hire-a-Choir event, our Advent Carol Concert takes place on Dec. 18th at 7pm in the school gym, where there will be performances by St. Andrew's Singers, Concert and Jazz Bands, as well as readings to reflect on the reason for the season. Our annual Advent Raffle and refreshments will follow. All are welcome!

PRAYER REFLECTION

God pardons like a mother, who kisses the offense into everlasting forgiveness.
—Henry Ward Beecher

Christ has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped, but his by essence and by nature.

—Cyril of Alexandria

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **LIVING DEEPLY—DYING WELL:** End of Life Health Issues – Workshop. **January 11, 2020. 10:30 – 2:30 pm in Seghers' Hall.** We live in a culture that, if we do not prepare to die well, someone else will make decisions for us. Each person has a God-given responsibility to make informed decisions on their own behalf and then communicate those decisions to someone they trust. We plan to live well. It is also our responsibility to plan to die well. Presenters: Phil Jennings, Tim McGee, Annette Turgeon. Lunch will be provided with a donation requested. To register, please call St. Andrew's Cathedral 250-388-5571 or standrewscathedral@gmail.com
- **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY:** (Monday, December 9th as it is transferred from the 8th this year as that is an Advent Sunday). The Cathedral will have a sung Mass at 6 pm. Incense will be used.
- **PASTORAL CARE OUTREACH TRAINING:** The 2020 dates for the annual Diocesan Pastoral Care Outreach training are posted on the bulletin boards in the church foyer. First session will be held at St. Patrick's Parish on February 22nd. For more info on the sessions please contact the parish office: 250-477-5321. Registration is required.
- **CAMP HOMEWOOD:** It is Camp Homewood Time!! **All Youth (Gr 7-12) are invited to attend "Great Things" from Jan 31- Feb 2, 2020.** This is a 'can't miss' weekend of faith, fun and friendship. Bring a friend! Face to Face Ministries will lead meaningful talks, games, praise and worship AND there is all the fun of Camp Homewood- archery, sailing, riding and more! Register before January 15th at the cost of \$160.00 (This is a great Christmas gift for children and grandchildren!). See your youth coordinator or parish office for a registration package. Transportation can also be arranged. Contact Bonni Roset (broset@telus.net) 250-203-1518 OR Terri Ann Wynans (wynans@shaw.ca) 250-731-7134 for more information.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION AROUND THE DIOCESE

Thursday, December 5th: 7pm at Holy Cross Parish (with St. Patrick's)
Tuesday, December 10th: 7pm at Sacred Heart Parish (with St. Joseph's)
Thursday, December 12th: 7pm at Our Lady of the Rosary

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, November 24th

9:00am Mass: **Pierce Farragher +**

MONDAY, November 25th

Office Closed

TUESDAY, November 26th

9:00am Mass: **Brendan Holden (int)**

WEDNESDAY, November 27th

9:00am Mass: **Valerie Malone +**

THURSDAY, November 28th

9:00am Mass: **Nino Antoniazzi +**

FRIDAY, November 29th

9:00am Mass: **Jackie Kiss +**

SATURDAY, 30th

4:00pm Mass: **Barry Clarke +**

SUNDAY, December 1st

First Sunday in Advent

9:00am Mass: **Cliff & Mary Anderson +**

THANK YOU

To all the pastoral care and outreach volunteers who visit the sick in homes and hospitals week in and week out. Your ministry of presence is a profound grace to the most vulnerable. As your pastor I so appreciate the helping hands as together in ministry we give witness to Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe.

PARISH SOCIAL LIFE

Wednesday Social group— 1pm on Wednesdays.

Duplicate Bridge—Start up October 16th at 7pm.

Social Bridge—First Sunday of the month at 7pm.

Joint Wellness— Monday and Thursday 10-11am

The funeral mass for Joe Latusus will be held at Holy Cross Parish on **Friday, December 6th at 1pm.**

Our prayers are with his wife Jean and his family members at this difficult time.

CONTACTS

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

250-477-5321

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Children's Religious Education: Barbara Shenton

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COLLECTION for November 17, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,157.00
Loose	\$ 325.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,095.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,577.00

HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy	Debby Pietraszek	250-477-7375
Liturgical Ministries:		
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Music	Various Choirs	250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir.	Ann Francis	250-477-8650
Sun. Coffee, 9:00	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
Bulletin Folders	Vicki Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Sacramental Wine	John Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891

SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY

Responsible Min.	Martha Oleson Muna Haddad	250-477-6455 1-778-881-5843
Parish Council	Debra Prior	250-661-0252
Finance	David Begg	250-658-0870
Maintenance/Bldg.	Ed Boomars	250-881-8124
Annual Shed Clean	Jack Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Parish Grounds	Joe Mendonca	250-888-8930
Social/Comm. Life		
Baptism Prep.	Call office	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Children's Rel. Ed.	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Valentina Boyd	250-813-0230
Catholicism		
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Sheridan Cooper	250-598-0248
Bereavement / Funeral / Follow-Up	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Funeral Reception	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322

SERVING COMMUNITIES BEYOND OUR DOORS

Diocesan Appeal	John Bartle Clar	250-995-1891
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
RCIA	Glenn Palahicky Phil / Sheila Wall	250-479-1331 250-385-7007
RCIC	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391
Ecumenism	Terry Marner	250-380-0157
Social & Eco. Justice	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Anawim	Parish Office	250-477-5321
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322
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