

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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 26th, 2017 Feast of Christ the King

From Fr. William's Desk

On the feast of Christ, the King, we acknowledge the supremacy of one Son of God, who is head over this Body, the church. We bow before one Lord and confess him as the ultimate ruler over truth and guide over human history. We accept that Christ alone shows us the way of life, and all other routes will prove futile and frustrating. If we want to inherit the Kingdom prepared for us since the dawn of time, the instructions are absurdly simple: Take care of one another. Love your neighbor.

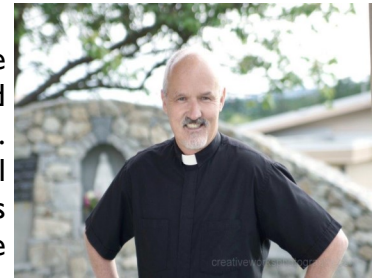
This is the final exam of the liturgical semester. From the poverty of His conception and birth through the liturgical lessons of the seasons and Ordinary Time, we have been presented with lessons for our heads and hearts designed to help us say "Yes!" to His invitations to our self-surrenders and risings to His new ways of life. Do not worry about whether you will be a sheep or goat at the end. Be more attentive to the invitations to touch and be touched by "those others".

We are being trusted to make Christ's kingship what it needs to be. Treat others as God treats you: like a good shepherd. Jesus shares the life of the poor, from the cradle to the cross; he experiences hunger, thirst, and privation. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love toward them the condition.

The world we live in is challenged. To a certain degree, despair abounds in everyone. And sometimes reality becomes so burdensome, we are so divided, that the goodness of creation, the presence of God in our brothers and sisters, is invisible. Though we long, we cannot see. In the care of the good Shepherd, may we all find peace. If this Feast of Christ as King does anything for us, might it be a reminder of the trustworthiness of God. Might we believe that both the sheep and the goats are in good hands, that we can leave judgment to the Judge and allow Peace to reign in our hearts.

Wise women in our parish reflecting on today's Gospel write...*God loves each one of us as we love our children. Followers of Jesus are doers! Please show me the gentle way! Be a good brownie- do unto others as they do unto you. Those in prison and then there are our own prisons.* May Christ reign in our hearts, and may we know that no matter how despairing reality can be, regardless of our ability to see his glory, God will never let go of us.

Christ our King and Good Shepherd
Father William



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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.

AN ADVENT GIFT TO THE PEOPLE OF HOLY CROSS

Advent Song: Finding God in Darkness—More than just a concert, it’s a meditation in song, word and image that revives the Christmas Spirit. Friday, December 8th at 7:00pm. Cookies and coffee will be provided. This is a thank you to each and every one of you for your witness, your generosity as we journey to Emmanuel (God with us). Bring a friend and let your heart be moved. (a free concert)

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 **Saturday, January 27th from 1-3pm**. The program will run 5 weeks, exploring 2 chapters per week. There are still a few books available so if you would like to reserve one please call the office.
- **Bowling with Fr. Karam:** All young *single* 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
- **Meeting new people can start with a "SINGLE" step:** Join the walking social group for single Catholics, 45+. The first walk will take place in January from Holy Cross Parking lot. Coffee to follow. More info to come in the near future. For information please contact Michelle milofox@shaw.ca

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The Lord, our good shepherd, looks for the lost sheep and heals the sick. Thank you for working as an instrument of God through Development and Peace. In Syria, women are working together for peace within society through our partner House of Peace (HOPE). They provide social peacebuilding workshops in Syria and Lebanon for local community groups and humanitarian NGOs that ease social tensions and establish pathways towards peaceful coexistence and reconciliation. May Peace be with Her.

REFUGEE HOUSING NEEDED

The Holy Cross/SJTW Refugee Committee is looking for a two bedroom apartment for our refugee family. They are looking for accommodations that are \$1,500 a month. If you have any such accommodations, or know someone who does please contact Holy Cross office at 250-477-5321 or email: office@holycrossvictoria.org.

AT THE LIBRARY

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

Daily Readings for the Advent of Christmas --- making New Year’s promises more likely!

- *Sister Wendy’s Book of Meditations*, by Sr. Wendy Beckett
- *Through the Year with Francis of Assisi*, by M. Bodo
- *Daily Light* by S. Bagster
- *Lord, Teach Me to Pray (in 28 days)* by K. Arthur

ECUMENICAL ACTIVITIES CONTINUE

Join Fr. William and the Abbey Church community for a “Beer and Hymns” at St. Matthaïs Church, 600 Richmond Avenue. Saturday, December 2nd at



7:30pm. Abbey Church makes its own beer, come and taste it! More information to follow next week.

PRAYER REFLECTION

Jesus shares the life of the poor, from the cradle to the cross; he experiences hunger, thirst, and privation. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love toward them the condition for entering the Kingdom.

—Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 544)

It is by the works of mercy that we shall be judged.

—Dorothy Day

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **MULTI-CULTURAL NIGHT:** Saturday, **December 9** from 6-9pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Ethnic foods and entertainment for everyone. Free event, but donations will be accepted for the CWL Refugee Relief Fund.
- **UKRANIAN CHRISTMAS FOOD FAIR:** Saturday, Dec. 2 from 11 am - 2 pm at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Hall, 1110 Caledonia Ave. Featuring sale of Baba's best frozen home-made perogies, cabbage rolls, borscht, and Ukrainian Christmas bread, poppy seed rolls, sauerkraut and assorted baking. Please come early as they always sell out. Free admission. Proceeds in support of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Parish.

DEMENTIA CARE WITH DIGNITY

The “Dementia Care With Dignity” talk will be on December 1st at 9:45am. Keynote speaker Peggy Hancyk, will be touching on topics such as: signs of dementia, what is normal vs. normal aging, where to begin to find help, and much more. To register please call Anna or sign up in the foyer of the church.

WRITE FOR RIGHTS

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** at our Parish Hall on **Sun. Dec. 10 (2–3:45 pm)**. These letters can have a real impact! Visit www.writeathon.ca/reference to read about previous success stories. Writing materials and postage will be provided at the session, and instructions given to first-time participants.

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 26th

8:30 am Mass: **Sean O’Donnell +**
10:30 am Mass: **Maria Huber +**
4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, November 27th

9:00 am Mass: **John Dalton +**

TUESDAY, November 28th

9:00 am Mass: **Shelley Diane Eaves +**

WEDNESDAY, November 29th

9:00 am Mass: **Souls in Purgatory**

THURSDAY, November 30th

9:00 am Mass: **Ewa Szewczyk +**
6:30 am Rosary Group

FRIDAY, December 1st

9:00 am Mass: **John Churchill +**

SATURDAY, December 2nd

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass: **Lynn Dorby +**

SUNDAY, December 3rd

African Aids Angles for sale after masses

8:30 am Mass:

10:30 am Mass: **Mary & Cliff
Anderson +**

4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you Holy Cross/St. Joseph the Worker refugee committee members! Your presentations at the volunteers meeting last week were clear, helpful and informative.

Thank you loyal volunteers for your willingness to work with and for your willingness to work with and for our refugee family. Your support and efforts will give the newcomers the love and stability that they will need to grow and thrive in Canada.

CONTACTS

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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 19th, 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 4,100.00
Loose	\$ 585.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,140.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,825.00

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