



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 3, 2019
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's magnanimity and all-inclusive love are themes of today's readings. Wisdom tells us God loves all things that are. Do you feel loved? Do you believe God loves all creation, no matter how different you are from other creatures? When do you find it most difficult to acknowledge God's love for yourself or others? What stirs in you an appreciation for God's love? Following in Zacchaeus' footsteps, what extreme measures have you taken to see God? What divine acts in your life have given you overwhelming joy?

Zacchaeus is described as a chief tax collector, which is about as low as you could go in the popular esteem of first-century Jericho citizenry. And the moral value of his profession began in the basement as it was. When mentioned in the New Testament, tax collectors are usually paired in the same sentence with "sinners," "prostitutes," or "Gentiles." Any way you look at it, nobody's mothers wanted their babies to grow up to be tax collectors. There must have been something about Jesus and his message that gave Zacchaeus something all his money and power couldn't supply. Redemption is a matter of the heart. Zacchaeus' heart was in the right place. Jesus didn't come to Jericho to teach. Scripture says he was just passing through on his way to somewhere else. Zacchaeus wanted to see him—not to follow him or even to hear him but just to ogle him, as far as we are told. Zacchaeus was intent on getting head and shoulders above the rest to steal a glance at greatness. Even if it meant climbing into a tree and making a spectacle of himself in the process. Perhaps it never occurred to this businessman, panting from the exertion of running ahead and clambering up to his special spot, that Jesus might look up. Zacchaeus was perched up there to see, but not necessarily to be seen.

It may not have crossed his mind what it could mean to become visible—and vulnerable—to the power of holiness. But this is how miracles always take place: *suddenly, unexpectedly, blessedly, and undeservedly*. Salvation comes to Zacchaeus today because Kingdom time is always present, immediate, and satisfying, the very definition of "fulfillment." Jesus comes to stay with him "today" because salvation belongs neither to the past nor the future but is a constantly available reality that enters and empowers our lives in the only living moment there is, the one inhabited by will and decision, right now. The Kingdom came to Zacchaeus as a "now or never" proposition—which is precisely how it comes to us today. Whether we're up a tree or not. Despite all he had, deep in his heart, Zacchaeus wanted what Jesus was offering. Do you? The story of Zacchaeus reminds us that Jesus continues to call the **strangest people from the strangest places**. His story gives us hope. Every time Jesus looks up, He'll see all of us and say, "**Come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house**".



Joy all in this month of remembering
Father William

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.

FAMILY POTLUCK AND PING PONG

On Friday, November 22nd at 5:30pm we invite *families with children* to attend our family potluck in the Holy Cross parish hall. Dessert will be provided but we ask attendees to bring a salad, side or main dish to share. Challenge Fr. William to a ping pong game, catch up with friends or some make some new ones! There will be a sign up sheet in the back to help us keep track of numbers. If this event seems popular we will keep family nights going throughout the year as often as possible.

REMEMBRANCE DAY MASS

Remembrance Day Mass for Holy Cross and St. Pat's Parishes will be held at Holy Cross Church on **Monday, November 11th at 7:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend. A special invitation is extended to our Military Men and Women, those retired and those in active service to our country, as we honor them and the memory of their comrades who have died. We wish to pay respect and give tribute to our Military by having them process in with Fr. William for the Mass.

If you are Military and part of the Liturgical Ministries at Holy Cross or St. Pat's and are able to help at this Mass please let us know by calling Valentina at the Holy Cross Office 250-477-5321. Thank You.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL
COMMITMENT WEEKEND**

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed to the Diocesan Appeal. The Annual Appeal is more than just another collection. It is the way by which every Catholic shares in the work of our parish, our Diocese and the mission of the Church. Through the 2019 *Imagine* campaign, we can work together to accomplish what we cannot do alone. Please give consideration to making your pledge today, as this is Commitment Weekend. We are well below our 200 family donation goal - your participation, even in a small way, will ensure a successful Appeal.

LITURGICAL THEMES AND FEASTS IN NOVEMBER

The world comes to an end in our readings this month, while the church year closes with an affirmation of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (24). We also conclude our daily reading of Luke's gospel, accompanied by continuous readings from Romans, Wisdom, 1-2 Maccabees, and the ever-apocalyptic Daniel. It's a good month to reflect on the Church's teachings concerning last things: resurrection of the body and eternal life; prayer for the dead (sign our book of memory which will be at the back of the church this month) ; viaticum, funerals, burial, and cremation. Ponder the end....and do not be afraid.

Try to Remember After the needs of your spouse, children and loved ones are taken care of it would be terrific if you could remember Holy Cross Parish in your Last Will. Some people choose to give a specific amount and others choose to leave a % portion of their estate. All gifts are welcome. Thank you for your generosity.



PRAYER REFLECTION

Some people do not like to hear much of repentance; but I think it is so necessary that if I should die in the pulpit, I would desire to die preaching repentance, and if out of the pulpit I would desire to die practicing it.
—Matthew Henry

Lord my God, you have formed and reformed me. —Anselm

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **MEN'S FAITH BREAKFAST:** Saturday November 16th, 8:00 a.m. at the Victoria Horseshoe club (620 Kenneth St, Victoria, BC V8Z 2B9). Come be inspired by some personal sharing from Young Adults & Glen Palahicky on the question of questions: Who is Jesus and what difference does he make? Please RSVP to info@mfaff.org by Nov 12 to ensure a seat. \$13.00
- **DIOCESAN MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:** Mass, with Bishop Gary Gordon presiding, will be celebrated at Church of the Ascension on Tuesday, November 5th, at 5 pm for all deceased priests, bishops and religious of the diocese. Remember in your prayers those who have laboured for the Church in the Diocese of Victoria and pray that the Lord will send dedicated men and women to continue their work.
- **MNT ST MARY'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE:** You're invited to Mount St. Mary's annual Christmas Market on Saturday, November 16 from 9:30am – 2:30pm. This **FREE**, fun, and festive event will be held at 861 Fairfield Road in Mount St. Mary Hospital's Village Square. All funds raised will guarantee specialized equipment and programs for Mount St. Mary residents. For more info visit mountstmary.ca or contact Jane Bowers at jbowers@mountstmary.ca or 250-480-3138.
- **JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Island Catholic Schools is accepting applications for the following positions:
 - Full-time Intermediate Teacher at St. Joseph's School, Victoria
 - Full-time Temp Intermediate Teacher at St. Patrick's School
 - On-call Educational Assistants for various schools
 - After School Care Subs for various schools
 - Casual Bus Drivers for various schools**Application forms and details are posted at:**
<http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>
- **INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY:** Have you ever wondered what theology is? How do we understand and receive the teachings of the Magisterium? How is Jesus both human and divine? Once a month, on a Friday night from 7 – 9 pm and then on the Saturday from 10:30 – 12:30 (see dates below) Fr. Harrison will be exploring some of the core elements of Catholic theology and teach not only the various elements of Catholic theology, but provide exercises to help the participants think theologically. Register at the Cathedral parish office 250-388-5571 or standrewscathedral@gmail.com. **Dates are: Jan. 17 & 18; Feb. 7 & 8; March 13 & 14; April 24 & 25; May 22 & 23.**

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE: SUNDAY, November 3rd

9:00am Mass: **Stan Prince +**

MONDAY, November 4th

*9:00am Mass: **Barb Irvine +**

TUESDAY, November 5th

9:00am No Mass—Priest Study Days

WEDNESDAY, November 6th

9:00am No Mass—Priest Study Days

THURSDAY, November 7th

9:00am No Mass—Priest Study Days

FRIDAY, November 8th

9:00am Mass: **Ernie Ackroyd +**

SATURDAY, November 9th

4:00pm Mass: **Margaret Kovacs +**

SUNDAY, November 10th

9:00am Mass: **Maria De Santos**

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MONDAY, November 11th

7:00pm Remembrance Day Mass

** Please note that there will be a Monday morning mass at 9am to make up for our shortened mass week due to Priest Study days.*

THANK YOU

Thank you to Linda Boomars and her team of wonder women who have spent many weeks organizing and planning our very successful bazaar this weekend! Thank you also to all those who donated goods to sell. Together we helped raise much needed funds for the students who attend St. Paul II school in Port Alberni.

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

CONTACTS

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

250-477-5321

250-294-9615 *after hours*

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Administrative Assistant: Valentina Boyd

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COLLECTION for October 27, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2, 376.65
Loose	\$ 432.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 095.00
TOTAL	\$ 3, 903.65

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