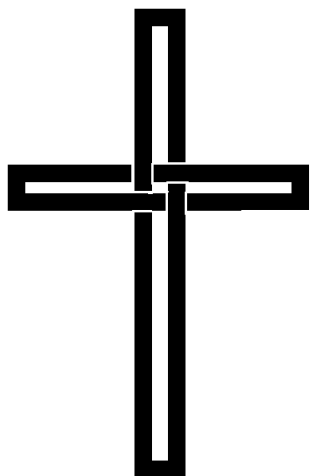


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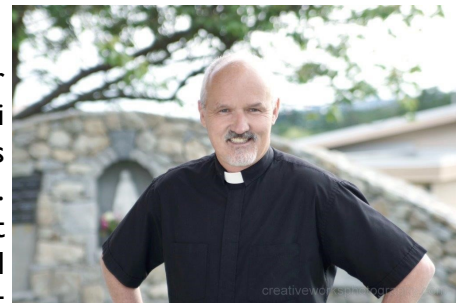
Vision Statement

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 5th, 2017 Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

From Fr. William's Desk

The readings for this weekend are most apt for our times. Leaders of all stripes need to listen to Malachi (a name which means my messenger). Malachi has strong words for the religious leaders for his time. The perils of being a leader are many and played out daily in our media savvy world. Politicians, civil servants, and business and religious leaders get themselves into trouble when they hold themselves above accepted and expected moral and ethical standards. Not a day goes by where we don't read in the newspaper or hear on the nightly news the sorry story of someone abusing their authority or taking unfair advantage of their position.



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What should we expect of our leaders? I think we should expect from our leaders what we expect from ourselves. Every leader starts by leading themselves. How do we lead ourselves? I have reflected much on the question of leadership in recent months, and on my own leadership under the watchful eye of my Lord and my God.

In times of tension, I always focus on trying to do the right thing? I see my role as pastor as a leader at the service of mission. This is my worldview and underscores my pastoral approach as I lead the people of God at this parish. I try to make good judgments (which I think is a good definition of a leader) and live with the tension of those decisions as they are lived out in community. I listen to the culture and narrative of the community and try to make decisions for the common good as a leader at the service of mission. Is it always easy? No! As someone once said, you can never be a good leader unless you are comfortable in your own shoes. My shoes are a snug fit!

Dear friends, we are inside-out people as human beings. We are in contradiction when we go outside-in. The question is not about "do I wear a cross", but rather "Do I bear the cross?" It is not whether I go to mass or celebrate the liturgy, but do I get sent out to live what I have received. We don't have to hide! I know we wear costumes this time of year and it is fun and deeply reflective of our innate shadow souls. But it is only a day!

Love this community of leaders

Father William

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Closed

Tuesday/Wednesday:

9am—2:30pm

Thursday/Friday:

9am—2:00pm

Saturday—Closed

Sunday—Closed

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY	5:00pm
SUNDAY	8:30am 10:30am
MONDAY	9:00am
TUESDAY	No Mass
WEDNESDAY	No Mass
THURSDAY	9:00am
FRIDAY	7:00pm

Mercy Chapel: Tues—Fri during office hours

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.

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 in January 2018. Fr. William encourages everyone to attend both her session on November 9th at 7:00pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, as well as the January sessions by Fr. William at Holy Cross. We have also ordered 20 more books so if you would like to reserve one please call the office.
- **Caring for those with Dementia:** This Timely Talks seminar will be held at 9:45am in the parish centre on Friday, December 1st. Please contact Anna to register: pastoralassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK

Nov. 19 to 26 is Restorative Justice Week. **What is restorative justice?** "Just lock him up and throw away the key!" That's retributive justice. Restorative justice shifts the focus from punishing the wrongdoer to mediating a restitution agreement involving the victim, the wrongdoer and the community, aimed at healing of all involved. It was practiced in the early church and is a traditional practice among some First Nations peoples. Curious to know how this works? Come attend **Sr. Judi Morin's** interactive presentation on her experience with Restorative Justice Victoria, after 30 years as a prison chaplain. **Sat. Nov. 18, Holy Cross Parish Hall, 3 – 4:45 pm.**

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The month of November is a time to remember our beloved dead. The Book of Remembrance will be located next to the votive candle stand, where you can write the names of your loved ones.



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Those who are humbled will be raised up. Instead of imposing ourselves on others, let us live in Christ unassumingly. This past year, thanks to your support of Development and Peace, you have empowered a local partner in Ecuador by providing over \$230, 000 to implement food sovereignty projects. This has helped residents become more self-sufficient through rural indigenous women's work, and to set up small family gardens. May Peace be with Her!

AT THE LIBRARY

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

Enjoy the long tradition of Jewish wisdom, knowledge, warmth and compassion

- *Christian Faith and the Bible of Judaism: The Jewish tradition for Christians* by J Neusner
- *My Grandfather's Blessings: A message to the heart* by Rachael Remen M.D. (Kitchen Table Wisdom)
- *Overcoming Life's Disappointments: Coping with Frustrations* by H. Kushner
- *The God of Old: How the Ancient Israelites understood God* by J Kugel
- *Seek My Face: A Jewish Mystical Theology (A roadmap of meaning)* by Arthur Green

PRAYER REFLECTION

God favors the humble. Scripture tells us that he resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. In fact he gives them everything He cannot refuse it. He gives himself entirely to humility.

—Cardinal Jean Verdier (1864-1940)

Priesthood is not about power, prestige, or privilege. The pedestal has been struck down. The status lost. The Lord cautioned his disciples not to be seeking places of honor.

—Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **JOB POSTING:** Diocese of Victoria Job Posting: Assistant Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization – please see the bulletin board and website for a list of the responsibilities and position requirements. Please note that only those shortlisted for an interview will be contacted. *Deadline for applications is November 27, 2017.* Also see details in Narthex or Parish Centre of the Cathedral.
- **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** All men are invited to a breakfast (\$12) at the Horseshoe Club 620 Kenneth St on **November 18th at 8 am.** Be inspired to be men of compassion by L.A. street-gang pastor Fr. Greg Boyle SJ. (video format) RSVP to info@mfaff.org by Monday Nov 12.
- **DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES:** Galileo to Laudate Si': Why Science needs Faith Bro. Guy Consolmagno SJ, Vatican Astronomer and Director of the Vatican Observatory will speak at UVIC Bob Wright Centre B150 Flory Hall, Parking Lot 1 on **Thursday, Nov. 23rd at 7:30 pm.** No charge for admission and all welcome.

Social Justice Action Tip for November

Already fretting over your Christmas gift list? Offer gifts of hope in the name of family and friends (eg. from the **Chalice Christmas catalogue**, www.chalice.ca). You could also buy gifts that support artisans and small producers around the world at **Ten Thousand Villages** (1009 Government St.), or at **Victoria VIDEA's Fair Trade Fair**, Sat. Nov. 25 (10am to 4pm, First Metropolitan United Church Hall, 932 Balmoral).

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 5th

8:30 am Mass: **Maria Mendonca (+)**

10:30 am Mass: **Stan Prince**

4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, November 6th

9:00 am Mass

TUESDAY, November 7th

9:00 am No Mass

WEDNESDAY, November 8th

9:00 am No Mass

THURSDAY, November 9th

9:00 am Mass: **Leonard Ferre (+)**

FRIDAY, November 10th

7:00 pm Mass: Remembrance Day Mass
Souls In purgatory

SATURDAY, November 11th **Remembrance Day**

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass: **Mary & Patrick Hann (+)**

SUNDAY, November 12th

8:30 am Mass: **George & Eduardo Garcia (+)**

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Betsy Immink for knitting a bag full of scarves for Anawin House and for her tea towels that she gave the parish and staff. Betsy you are the best!

All veterans in our community are invited to wear their medals at our Remembrance Day service on Friday November 10th at 7:00pm.



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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 October 29th 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3,080.00
Loose	\$ 515.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,140.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,735.00

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