



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

**SUNDAY - November 6th 2022**  
***Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time***

Have you ever noticed how God tries to raise us up...our eyes, our thoughts, our hearts...every day? Each day the beauty of creation envelops us and offers a feast for our senses; each day the joy and delight of children, those young at heart, and the antics of animals shows us how to be in the moment; each day the urgings of the Spirit reminds us of someone or thoughts float through our hearts to call or reach out. Do we see God's love...hear God whisper...feel God's kisses? What are we focused on? How do we respond?

Jesus lived His life fully here on earth. He knew scripture, he knew the laws that governed life, He knew the burdens, the heaviness, the suffering of all of creation, AND he constantly, consciously, and faithfully took time to *be* with God, to *deepen* his relationship with God, to empty himself and be filled with God's mercy and love. He said yes to the transformative love of God and became God's compassion and truth here, now. Jesus shows us the way, the truth and the life, so let *"the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ"*.

We are resurrection people that live a covenantal relationship! Do we live in that truth here, right now? We know scripture, we know the Paschal story and the resurrection stories. Let us *"cherish the hope God gives of being raised by Him"* now and at the hour of our death. We are not put on earth to tick boxes and 'wait' until we die so we can have eternal life with God. Jesus shows us how to live, how to be in relationship with God, how to treat one another, to be Christ-like here, now. Jesus calls for a conversion of heart, a circumcised heart, 'a broken and contrite heart,' a heart placed in the Potter's hands to be molded and fashioned into the heart of Christ.

Life is not terminated by our physical death. Our death is a transition into eternal life. All those who have gone before us are waiting for us. The saints, the martyrs, our family and friends, *all my relations* are witnesses to the truth of our living God, to the truth of eternal life. We pray with conviction for the repose of the souls of all who have gone before us; we pray to the saints and martyrs to help us put one foot in front of the other; we pray to the Spirit to direct and guide us to rise each day in Christ's light so we live in anticipation of the final rise in glory to eternal life. Like the martyrs before us, we are part of something so much greater than ourselves!

Do we believe in our own personal resurrection? When we do, we live our lives differently here. Each day we ask God to raise us up; each day we say yes to God; each day we surrender and flow into God. We trust, hope, and believe in God's promise that *"the King of the universe will raise us up to an everlasting renewal of life."* Jesus took on our humanity to carry us beyond death to a new place in heaven where we become *one*, as we fall deeper and deeper in LOVE!

God's abundance, Mona

#### OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed  
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:00pm  
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:30pm  
Fr. William Hann, Pastor

**We acknowledge and respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory Holy Cross Parish stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.**

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## LIVESTREAM MASSES

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend!** Mass is livestreamed this week from St. Patrick's Parish at 11am Sunday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

### **WE'RE HIRING!**

Are you looking for a work environment that makes for a great day? Look no further ~ **Island Catholic Schools** is recruiting! We are in search of enthusiastic people who are certified, talented, love what they do and wish to work in vibrant school environments! We are currently searching for:

- After School Care Worker - St. Joseph's School
- After School Care Worker - St. Patrick's School
- Teachers on call
- Educational Assistants on call



Casual Bus Drivers

If **YOU** are interested in joining one of our teams, please use this link: <https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/>  
Please help spread the word! Share this ad with your friends, acquaintances and even post it to your Facebook page!

### **Social and Eco Justice Committee Event**

The Holy Cross Social & Eco Justice Committee invites Holy Cross and St. Patrick's parishioners to view the one-hour documentary ***In the Spirit of Reconciliation (2017)***, at the Holy Cross Parish Hall on **Wednesday Nov. 16 (7 - 9 pm)**. This film from cinematographer-priest Fr. Larry Lynn features the personal accounts of residential school survivors in the Northwest Territories and their experience addressing their trauma. The event will include discussion of truth and reconciliation in the present context. **If you are planning to come, please contact Leslie Saxon ([saxon.leslie@gmail.com](mailto:saxon.leslie@gmail.com) or 250-857-0401)** so that the committee can plan for refreshments.

### **Missals for the New Liturgical Year**

Missals will be sold before and after the Masses this weekend, and for the next two weekends. The price remains unchanged from previous years at \$5.00. If you have exact change, it would be most appreciated.

### **A Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop**

A funeral pre-planning workshop will be presented by Fr. William in the hall at Holy Cross Parish on Saturday, November 12, 2022 from 10am until noon. Please call the office to register. 250-477-5321

### **Advent Mission Opportunity**

**Sacred Heart Parish** is happy to invite you to an **Advent Mission led by Bishop Gary**. As we begin our Advent journey, come and share the Hope, heralded by the promise of the birth of our Lord in our hearts and lives this Christmas. Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent with a Mass at 9 a.m. on Sunday 27 November, the three-day Mission continues with a 7 p.m. Mass on Monday, 28 November, and will end with a Penitential Service at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 29 November 2022.



**The Holy Cross Sunday 9 am choir** is happily accepting new members. No experience is necessary, just a love of song! We sing for the 9am mass every first and third Sunday of the month and rehearse at 7:30 pm the preceding Thursday evenings. Please email Choir Director Janet Seale for more information at [dpseale@hotmail.com](mailto:dpseale@hotmail.com).

**Prayer Reflection**

I am not dying, I am beginning to live.  
—Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-97), at her death

Resurrection does not simply spell the survival of the soul but requires the transformation of the world as we know it.

—Elisabeth Schüssler-Fiorenza

The question of death is really a question about life.

—Pope Francis

**The Bishop's Appeal 2022 - Growing Together**

The 2022 Appeal theme, **Growing Together**, is dedicated nurturing the growth of faith communities through providing opportunities for community and relationship building within our parishes and Diocese. In addition, it helps support our schools, our retired clergy and ongoing Indigenous community and relationship-building initiatives. Reaching our parish goal also means that the parish will retain \$28,000 for our own projects. Please give prayerful consideration towards donating to the Annual Appeal. To learn about specific projects see: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/growing-together-2022>

**2022 Diocesan Faith Day**

Join us on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> as we journey together “Seeking Truth, Healing & Reconciliation” featuring keynote speaker, Most Reverend Donald Bolen, Archbishop of Regina.

We are a Church that is wounded and hurting, needing to search out our Pascal bearings and tell our story in a new way – to go deeper into the Pascal Mystery! How are we to be a Church (poor and for the poor) that reaches out in dialogue, seeking healing paths by walking together?

More information and to register go to

<https://Diocesanfaithday2022.eventbrite.com>

OR email [gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org) OR Phone 250.479.1331 ext 230

Free bus transportation will be available from Victoria. Contact the office to be added to the bus transportation list.

**Office Closed**

Please note that the Office will be closed to mark Remembrance Day, Friday, November 11th.

A special Liturgy will be held at St. Patrick's Parish at 12:10 pm that day.



**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE  
SATURDAY, November 5th**

3-3:45pm: Confession

4pm Mass: Barry Clarke+

**SUNDAY, November 6th**

9am Mass: Stan Prince+

**MONDAY, November 7th**

NO MASS

**TUESDAY, November 8th**

9am Mass: Don Schemanski+

**WEDNESDAY, November 9th**

NO MASS

**THURSDAY, November 10th**

9am: Marta Churchill+

**FRIDAY, November 11th**

NO MASS

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**The Church will be open for private prayers from Tuesday to Friday 9am - noon**

*Masks are no longer mandatory indoors, though we do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. As always, if you are feeling unwell or symptomatic please stay home.*

**COLLECTION for Oct 30th**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes \$ 1,335.00

Loose \$ 361.00

Pre-Authorized Debit \$ 1,331.00

**TOTAL \$ 3,027.00**

**HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS:**

If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from our VGH/RJH hospital chaplain, please call the emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Sean Flynn** to make this request.

**Thank You Corner!**

It got pretty nippy this week - yet, the dedicated gardeners could be seen from the Office window working hard to keep the gardens clean and neat. Thank you Ann, Bob, John and Russell!

### **NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE**

There have been some changes to the upcoming Diocesan livestreaming schedule. These changes are posted at the following websites: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>.

The **Knights of Columbus** have officially launched their 61st Annual Charity Appeal campaign. Tickets this year are \$5.00 each and the grand prize is a Toyota Rav4 along with several cash prizes. The main draw is Jan 28th but there are several early bird draws. Proceeds go to several charities within BC and also supports the Knights of Columbus. Please go to <http://kofcdraw.net/C7934> to purchase your tickets.

### **REMINDERS from Barb Shenton for St. Pat's and Holy Cross parishioners!**

**Welcome back! We are off and running with a new year of growing in faith and learning here at St. Patrick's & Holy Cross.**

**Baptismal Prep** – Our course is now offered on the first Saturday of the month in person or on-line. Contact Barb Shenton at [bshenton@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:bshenton@rcdvictoria.org) for the baptismal registration form for your child and to book a preparation session.

#### **SACRAMENTAL PREP for First Confession & Confirmation/First Eucharist**

Children must be in Grade Two for First Confession and in Grade Three for Confirmation/First Eucharist preparation.

Children who are in Grade Four and above are welcome to complete the RCIC program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) which is modeled on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Please note: Lessons for BOTH First Confession & Confirmation/First Eucharist will not begin until January 2023. Please submit a new/updated registration form for either of these sacraments to [bshenton@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:bshenton@rcdvictoria.org) Forms are also available on the parish website.

### **AFRICAN AIDS ANGELS - BLING NEEDED!**

Do you have any old costume jewelry you don't need anymore? Fake pearls? Old earrings? Declutter your jewelry box and help charity organizations in Africa while you do it! We have a group of volunteers who hand make angels that are sold at Christmas time to raise funds for various charities in Africa. They use bits and pieces from old jewelry to decorate the angels. Old ribbon pieces make excellent Angel wings. If you have anything to donate please drop them off at the office during office hours or in the box provided in the Church foyer. Thank you!

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**Sacred Heart CWL Garage Sale 2022** will be held on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm at the Parish Hall of Sacred Heart Parish.

40 Days for Life is ongoing in Victoria till November 6, holding a daily prayer vigil near the General Hospital. Please join with us and thousands around the world defending unborn babies from abortion in a prayerful, peaceful and positive fellowship, either in prayer or in person. If interested, contact Glenda at 250 661 2613

#### **Coming in November!**

On November 5/6, 12/13 and 19/20 - Missals for the new Liturgical Year will be available for purchase in the foyer.

The weekend of November 26/27 - Birthright fudge will be sold. Ordering Info to follow.