



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

Mission Statement: 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 - October 10, 2021
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Sunday the gospel addressed how Christians should view marriage and divorce. Today we look at the Christian attitude to wealth and possessions. Those readings and the readings from the next two Sunday's Gospel all come from chapter 10 of Mark, in which Jesus reveals to the disciples some important challenges that they must face if they want to continue to follow him. Season in, season out, spring, summer, fall and especially during Thanksgiving... it is always about a God who looks at us with love and invites us to follow him always. Mercy is the language God speaks to us.

Today, there is a scene in Scripture that moves me deeply. Jesus, looking at him, that rich young man *loved him* and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' I could imagine that moment of deep intimacy when the Lord invited that young man to a deeper relationship. He looks at us and says to us: "I love you." Do we hear what he is saying to us?

Jean Allen in her Mana Gathering blog said similar words. She too was struck by the fact that Jesus looked at the man with love. She wrote...*within that look, and that love, was an invitation much deeper than a simple invitation to sell all his material possessions. Jesus told him he was lacking one thing. Was this 'one thing' the action of selling all the man owned? Perhaps not. Perhaps the one thing lacking was a relationship with Jesus himself. The man went away shocked. He failed to look at the love in Jesus' eyes and he didn't understand that love and desire for a relationship with Jesus was the one thing he lacked. All he could hear was "sell all". He was jarred to the core of his being because all Jews assumed that wealth indicated God's approval. The rich man completely missed what was in the eyes of Jesus, which was what he really needed: Jesus' unconditional love. Had he looked into Jesus' eyes and seen the love there, he would have done everything possible to follow and be with Jesus.*

This poignant scene goes to the heart of what the readings invite us to reflect on this week. We need Jesus because he loves us and longs for us to be in relation with him. If the call that the Lord is addressing to us seems daunting, we can find reassurance in the Lord's words to his disciples in the gospel, 'everything is possible for God.' What we cannot do on our own, we can do with the Lord's help. The Lord's grace at work within us can empower us to live as he is calling us to live.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Father William



OFFICE HOURS

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

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this Saturday! Mass is livestreamed this week from *St. Patrick's Parish on Saturday at 6pm*: Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

TENANT STARTER KITS



Tenant Starter Kits: Last Spring the Social Ecological Justice Committee responded to a plea from Our Place to collect 50 tenant starter kits for the unhoused moving into tiny homes. That quota has been filled. Our Place works in cooperation with Victoria Cool Aid Society which operates the same program. Cool Aid offers services to Victoria's most vulnerable. These include accessible, affordable housing, emergency shelter, health and dental care and employment assistance. Please see the list of items needed to complete a starter kit in the foyer. Once you have checked off a box please bring the item (s) to the parish hall or drop them off in the specified bin the in the Church foyer. New or gently used items are best (some items are specified as New Only). For further information or pick up contact Barb McKrow: bmckrow@shaw.ca 250-477-8322 or Sonja Ruffell: sonjaruffell@gmail.com 250 472-0033.

SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE - SPECIAL ENVELOPE

Friends! This Sunday your **special envelope** is for the **Social and Ecological Justice Committee** at Holy Cross. We are a robust committee, working towards "greening" our church as well as the gardens, responding to social justice issues in our community such as poverty and Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. We look forward to the day when we can have events with you in the church, we have plans! Your donations will be spent responsibly. (link to 2020-2021 SEJC yearly report here).

VOLUNTEER CHEFS NEEDED FOR UNIVERSITY SUPPER

The first of this year's UVic/Camosun student suppers last Sunday was a great success, with 30 students participating. Fr. William celebrated Mass beforehand. We are planning another supper for **Sunday November 7th** at 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We need volunteers to drop off home-made lasagna, or salad by 4:30 pm on that day. I will put a sign-up sheet in the church foyer this Sunday with details, but if you are not attending Mass in person and wish to help, just e-mail me. This outreach has been very popular with university students in past years, prior to the hiatus caused by the pandemic, and it is a good way for our parishioners to show community with them. We are planning suppers for December and January as well, details to follow in a subsequent Bulletin. Many thanks! John Oleson (jpoleson@uvic.ca).

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2021

The 2021 Appeal theme, **Spirit of Hope – Healing & Reconciliation**, invites us to trust that the Holy Spirit is working in us and through us. The goal of this years' Appeal focuses on the healing work of the Diocese with the Indigenous peoples. Your pledge will also benefit our parish by [sponsoring a refugee family](#). Please give prayerful consideration towards our Appeal and know that you are making a significant difference right here at home. www.rcdvictoria.org/spirit-of-hope-2021

Parish Goal: **\$60,000.00** Actual to Date: **\$1, 260.00** Number of Gifts: **5**

PRAYER REFLECTION

All through our life Christ is calling us. He called us first in Baptism, but afterwards also, whether we obey his voice or not, he graciously calls us still. If we fall from our Baptism, he calls us to repent; if we are striving to fulfill our calling, he calls us on from grace to grace, and from holiness to holiness, while life is given us.

—John Henry Newman

It is asked of Christians that they let go of riches and many other things, but this is only a gesture of welcome, a preliminary condition to a rebirth that makes us over, renders us able to receive the salvation coming from God alone.

—J. Delorme

A sacrifice can change someone's life today, a country tomorrow, and even change a history forever.

—Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters

A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

To access the live stream link from the Diocese of Victoria website simply google: Diocese of Victoria or go to www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream. Celebrate Mass on-line with Bishop Gary.

SUNDAY 10 AM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY 7 PM

The National Liturgy Office of the CCCB is offering a free three-part webinar on November 8, 9, and 10 from 11 am – 1 pm each day. The aim of this webinar is to reflect more deeply on the meaning of the Eucharist in order to invigorate how we celebrate, live out, and give witness to what the Eucharist means. Registration is open to clergy, religious, liturgy committee members, pastoral council members, chaplains, and any interested parishioners. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/national-liturgy-webinar/>.

NOTE FROM THE UVIC CHAPLAIN

UVic students: Theology on Tap, Thursday October 14th at Maude Hunter's Pub from 5-7:30pm. Join us for discussion over shared nacho plates provided. Limited seating. Please RSVP to Lydia Foch: lfoch@victoriadiocese.org. Stay tuned for more events!

RECONCILIATION CORNER

This Thanksgiving, read the traditional [Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address](#). Let us truly give thanks for all we receive from Mother Earth and the Creator, and let us focus on peace and unity as we repeat the beautiful refrain: "Now our minds are one." To learn more about the purpose and uses of this Thanksgiving Address, which has been translated into over 40 languages, watch this 4-minute [video](#). Robin Wall Kimmerer has a chapter devoted to this "invocation of gratitude" (p. 108) in her best-selling book *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*. We have this book in our circulating Indigenous Collection.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, October 9th

4pm Mass: Ron Tinney +

SUNDAY, October 10th

9am Mass: Clive Loader+

MONDAY, October 11th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, October 12th

9am Mass: Ming Ming Jian (int)

WEDNESDAY, October 13th

9am Mass: Xue Gui Zhang (int)

THURSDAY, October 14th

9am Mass: Edgardo & Melanie Dapat +

FRIDAY, October 15th

9am Mass: Dan Estioko +

In-person Masses have resumed now with no restrictions on numbers. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact the Office (250-477-5321.)

Masks are now mandatory for everyone in the Church and the parish centre.



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COLLECTION for October 3, 2021

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

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| Envelopes | \$ 5,005.00 |
| Loose | \$ 395.00 |
| Pre-Authorized Debit | \$ 1,677.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 7,077.00 |

Needs of the Church in Canada
\$1,000.00



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ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

First Friday adoration in the mercy chapel will be next held on Friday, November 5th from 1-2pm in the Mercy Chapel. Any questions? Please call Trish Westwood 250-477-6032.

MORNING ROSARY AT HOLY CROSS

Please join the rosary group that gathers in the Church every **Tuesday to Friday morning at 8:30** (before morning Mass) to pray the rosary together. All are welcome. It's a great way to start off your day!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT THE DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

The Diocese of Victoria is seeking a **full-time Computer Technician** to assist and support Island Catholic Schools and the Roman Catholic Diocese by installing, maintaining and repairing computers and networks. **detailed info available from parish office on request.*

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria is also seeking an **Administrative Assistant (part-time 15 hours per week)** to act on behalf of the Judicial Vicar and the Marriage Tribunal (in all matters pertaining to marriage) in a confidential and professional manner. **detailed info available from parish office on request.*

LIBRARY CORNER

The first couple weeks of October honour the feast-day memory of two kindred spirits --- kindred in their simplicity and humility: St. Francis, who founded the mendicant Franciscan Order in 1210, and Pope St. John XXIII, who initiated and guided within our own lifetime, the Second Vatican Council 1962-65 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis_of_Assisi

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/what-humans-can-learn-dogs-feast-st-francis>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_XXIII and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpeZm3DWIcU>

NB SKIP ADS

The Parish Hall Suggestion Bookshelf has biographies: A Man Named John 23 by A Hatch and The Road to Assisi by P Sabatier

PS: Several new books have been donated this week to our Indigenous Collection in the Church foyer

SEEDS OF RECONCILIATION

A program by Returning to Spirit, an Indigenous-led non-profit organization delivering experiential reconciliation workshops since 2001.

Saturday, November 27, 2021 from 8:30am-4:30pm at Queen of Angels School in Duncan. Participants must commit to a full day and bring a bagged lunch.

Free, limited space, registration is required. Register using this link: <https://forms.gle/pFFIULyAYn3hj7D37>

Or email Gwen Jahelka at gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org for more information.

