



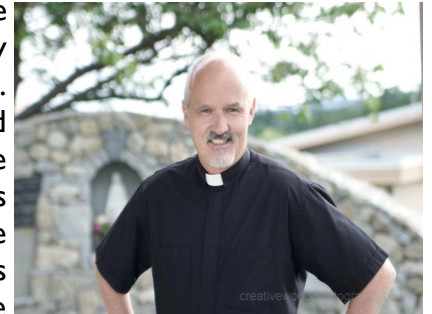
Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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 October 13, 2019
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings are about gratitude. In this time of harvest, we have much to be thankful for and in the scheme of our lives, too, we have many reasons to be grateful—though we don't always focus on them. The poet e. e. Cummings brings thanks and praise together when he says: "I thank You God for most this amazing / day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees / and a blue dream of sky; and for everything / which is natural which is infinite which is yes." Happy Thanksgiving! On this feast, as a community of believers, we participate in Eucharist ("Eucharist" means "give thanks") as thanksgiving, as our thanksgiving. I am sure that everyone here has something for which to be thankful. Let's be honest, most of us have fought the storms, banished the threats, overcome the fears, and made covenants of friendship with God and each other.



In a somewhat unscientific survey, Jesus noted that nine out of 10 people fail to be grateful even in circumstances of wonderful fortune. In the gospel story nine lepers went out, perhaps not fully aware it was Jesus who even healed them. But one does know, and comes back, and this faith saves him. It's the *outsider who seeks and finds healing and gives thanks*. Naaman, triply an alien—foreigner, enemy, and Gentile, and a leper—doubly excluded because of illness and nationality (Samaritan)—show how important it is to know *who did the healing and who deserves the gratitude*. Naaman recognized the source—"now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel"—and Elisha made sure the thanks went to God, not him. The leper who returned to Jesus to say "thanks" enters into a relationship with God.

We come together to the Eucharistic community for celebration of our encounters with Jesus. We share in the creative words and food/nourishment with which we live transformed. What does this transformation look like? It is most helpful to recall the observations of non-Christians in the first century. As they observed Christians, they said to one another, "See how they love one another!" This is what makes us different; this is what transforms us; this is how we transform all creation. One sure path to deepening your faith is to see everything as gift—good as well as bad. To trace all that happens back to God. To be accepting of everything as grace. Choose thankfulness.

Happy thanksgiving to all! Thanks to everyone who gives of their time, treasure and talents to make Holy Cross a community of joy and love.

A grateful heart goes along way

Fr. William Hann

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.

BLING WANTED!

BLING Wanted for African Aids Angels!! Your lonely unwanted brooches, pendants, big earrings would make beautiful adornments for the angels that are crafted and sold to raise money for an orphanage in South Africa. If you have any of these items please drop them in the labelled box on the foyer. Thank you!

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPECIAL LITURGIES

SEEKING: Volunteers to fill all of the usual Ministry positions for the **Friday, November 1, 2019** All Souls/All Saints Day Mass to be held at 7pm at Holy Cross Parish, and for the **Monday, November 11, 2019** Remembrance Day Mass, also at 7pm at Holy Cross Parish. (Veterans and family members of Veterans, are you available? It would be so very special to have you involved!) If you plan to attend either/both of these Masses and are willing to be a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Gift Bearer, Greeter or Sacristan please let Sheila Wall know either by phone (250-686-5996) or by email (asheilawall@gmail.com).

HOLY CROSS BAZAAR

We are trying something new this year! Holy Cross will be having a parish Bazaar on **Saturday, November 2nd** in the parish hall. At this time we are collecting new or gently used donations of jewelry, near new items for our White Elephant table, Christmas items, children's items, or anything else of good quality you would like to donate. We also need bakers who can contribute to the baking table. Please note we will *not be accepting donations of clothing*. Items can be brought to the office for donation. The proceeds of this sale will all go to John Paul II school in Port Alberni. If you have any questions about donations or the sale itself please call the coordinator of the bazaar Linda Boomars at 250-881-8124.

ANAWIM HOUSE THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Through the month of October we will be collecting non-perishable food items for Anawim House. If you are able to contribute please leave your offerings in the grocery cart in the foyer of the church. Items that Anawim is always in need of include: pasta, whole grain cereals, meat alternatives (nut butters, nuts, soy product), canned soups, beans and pasta sauces, canned vegetables and fruit, canned meat and fish, personal hygiene products, etc. Remember that the odd "treat" never goes amiss—coffee, hot chocolate powder, cookies, etc. This simple generosity goes a long way for the people who come to Anawim House.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect and share the abundance and blessings we have now and throughout the year. The Parishioner's generosity has enabled the St. Vincent de Paul Society to continue its support of marginalized people and families. Assistance is given to an inner school's breakfast/lunch program where a need to provide weekend meals for these young students is dearly needed. You are supporting a 10 year old girl, who has serious health issues and requires transportation to and from Vancouver's Children's Hospital and other family expenses and to Rosalie's Village, where a single parent is taking courses to improve her education, so she can become available for work. A monthly donation is also given to the St. Vincent de Paul Social Concern's food bank for the needy and homeless. Finally, a portion of your donations are given to a Colombian daycare education centre for children of single mothers and to Zambian school children, who could not enter into a nursing or teaching profession without your help. With your kind donations, we are able to assist these two missions; where the need is so great. *We appreciate the Parishioner's sharing their generosity and prayers, which gives hope and joy to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.*

PRAYER REFLECTION

In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give Him thanks.
—Saint Teresa of Ávila

Just when I recognize myself in the thoughtless covetousness of these nine [lepers] who pocket the healing, who lay hold of grace as something owed to them, and disappear from the gospel . . . here comes the new people of God, this Samaritan who praises God with his whole body . . . this man fresh and excited in the face of the word, this stranger to the gospel who is transformed by it.
—Georges Casalis

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **HOLY RELICS OF ST. ANOTHONY OF PADUA:** Two first class relics will travel from Padua, Italy to Western Canada at the invitation of Bishop Gary Gordon. The relics will visit 15 churches in our Diocese including St. Patrick's parish on Sunday, October 31st from 9:30am-11:30pm. More info on the relics and other locations of the tour available on the bulletin board.
- **EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH:** Pope Francis is calling us to an Extraordinary Missionary Month! This is an hour of prayer and reflection to help us grow as missionary disciples. Attend one or both sessions. *No sign up necessary!* **St. Joseph the Worker**, Sunday, October 20 & 29 following 6pm Mass. For more info please email: gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org
- **HOST FAMILIES NEEDED:** The **St. Andrew's International Student Program** is seeking English speaking families to host international students mid- January – end June 2020. Remuneration \$975 per month. For more information please contact the Host Family Coordinator: Hilary Parker E-mail: hparker@cisdv.bc.ca Tel: 250-886-5596
- **NIGHTFEVER:** During Extraordinary Mission Month Catholic Christian Outreach is excited to invite you to **Nightfever**, an evening of adoration, praise and worship, and street evangelization at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Saturday, October 19th. Pope Francis has said "I ask the whole Church to live an extraordinary time of missionary activity" for the month of October. We invite everyone to participate in our outreach efforts in inviting the people walking by the Cathedral to come inside, light a candle, and experience the love of God. You may also light a candle and offer up your personal intentions before the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions will be available. The evening begins at 6:30pm and will conclude at 9:30 pm. Come for ten minutes, or stay for a couple hours! Nightfever is an open house event. All are welcome. :) For more information, or to sign up to volunteer, please email maria.arsenault@cco.ca.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, October 13th
9:00am Mass: **Margaret Kovacs+**
MONDAY, October 14th
7:00pm Thanksgiving mass at
St. Patrick's parish
TUESDAY, October 15th
9:00am Mass: **Anna Cheung +**
11:30 Uvic mass at Interfaith chapel
WEDNESDAY, October 16th
9:00am Mass: **Sophie & Francis Zhang (int)**
THURSDAY, October 17th
9:00am Mass: **Peter Zhang (int)**
FRIDAY, October 18th
9:00am Mass: **Nuwan, Imasha & Nishawn (int)**
SATURDAY, October 19th
4:00pm Mass: **Rosaria Blassa +**
SUNDAY, October 20th
9:00am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**

THANK YOU

Thank you to Grett Ribeiro who not only helped out a lot in the office last week, but also came early and stayed late at the Small Glories concert prepping the coffee and tea and helping with clean up!

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— Thurs. Oct. 17th.



"LAST" ANNUAL SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS SALE

Saturday, October 19th at Holy Cross Parish, 9:30 – 2:30pm. Sale includes fine jewellery, scarves, handbags, and silver jewelry from Nepal. Items for children, babies and much more. Fantastic prices! Proceeds go to benefit children in Canadian Families Orphanages in South India and Bangladesh. Cash/Cheques only. For more information: www.familiesforchildren.ca or call Judy Begg at 250-658-0870. Thanks for your past support for this sale!

CONTACTS

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COLLECTION for October 6, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3,896.00
Loose	\$ 400.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,095.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,391.00

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