

# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## Core Values

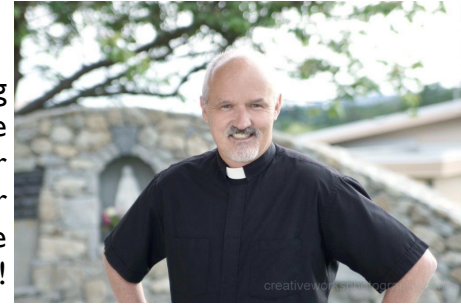
The people of Holy Cross Parish believe it is important:  
to *welcome* all who come through its' doors.  
to *socially engage* the people of the parish  
to *serve* the parish and broader community

## SUNDAY October 15th, 2017 Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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### From Fr. William's Desk

This week, we hear the story of another wedding banquet. It's the invitation of a lifetime: to sit at the king's table for a royal celebration! Whether your aim is ultimate networking, gluttonous dining, or simply advertising allegiance to your king, this is the one offer you can't refuse this season. Yet many do! Folks go out of their way to rebuff the invitation with an air of self-importance.



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**This parable is about being called and knowing how to respond.** It's about responding and recognizing the gravity of what you do. Religion isn't a bill to be paid, or a game played to win a prize. Faith involves irrevocable allegiance to an ultimate authority. It's about recognizing the sacred summons when it comes and responding without hesitation, holding nothing back. Faith requires that we're serious about this, not sloppy or self-deceived about slipping one by past the Almighty. The stakes are high, and of all the aspects of our life that require a genuine personal investment, we really don't want to get this one wrong. Isaiah puts it another way.

On the one hand, rich food and choice wines await those of us who invest our confidence in God. In addition, the terrible web of death that hangs precipitously over us with grim foreshadowing all our lives will be cut loose to liberate those who attend this feast. Is there any good reason to deny yourself the fullness of life you were born for? Some invitations just shouldn't be passed up. Your invitation is already in the mail. Pope Francis reminds us *...when a society lacks God, even prosperity is joined by a terrible spiritual poverty.*

Dear friends, "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!" God provides. A few questions to ponder this week... When have you been fed and comforted by God? What do you bring in your heart to the Eucharist, God's feast? Love and gratitude? Or something else? What do you take away from Mass? When have you looked to the Lord? How do you respond to the salvation God offers you?

Come to the feast,

**Father William Hann**

### 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 4:00pm
MONDAY	9:00am
TUESDAY	9:00am
WEDNESDAY	9:00am
THURSDAY	9:00am
FRIDAY	9:00am

**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**

- ***Cries from the Ark:*** October 20th, Friday at 7:30pm. Poetry reading by Dan Maclsaac, music by The Lake Man, followed by coffee and treats. Entrance is by donation. All donations and half the sales of book purchases will go to Our Place Society.
- ***RCIA:*** The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults has started. Anyone who is interested please contact Fr. William or Sheila Wall (contact information on the back of the bulletin).
- ***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. Five copies of this inspirational and deeply relevant book are still available at the office for \$18.95.

**ANNUAL SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS SALE**

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross Parish, 9:30 – 2:30pm. Sale includes fine jewellery (pearls and semi-precious stones) costume jewellery, scarves, handbags, silk laptop, mini and iPad bags. Items for children, babies and much more. Fantastic prices! Proceeds go to benefit children in Canadian Families Orphanages in S. India and Bangladesh. Cash/Cheques only. Free coffee, tea and goodies. For more information: [www.familiesforchildren.ca](http://www.familiesforchildren.ca) or call Judy Begg at 250-658-0870

**COLUMBARIUM AT HOLY CROSS**

We as a parish community researched the possibility of building a columbarium. After gathering the survey input, reflection and dialogue with key stakeholders (parishioners, Saanich Council, etc.) parish council decided to not pursue this project at Holy Cross.

**AT THE LIBRARY**

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

*A great start to October: the Memorials of St Francis on the 4<sup>th</sup> (whose name our present Pope chose); and on the 11<sup>th</sup>, of St John XXIII, the Pope who in 1965 gave us Vatican II — the renewal of the Church — the Mass in our own language.*

*-Pope John XXIII: A Life, by T Cahill*

*-Pope John XXIII: Journal of a Soul (his daily diaries)*

*-A Man Named John by A Hatch*

*-The Road to Assisi: Biography of S Francis by J Sweeney*

**SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS**

**Joint Wellness**—Thursday 10am

**Wednesday Social group**— 1-3pm

**Duplicate Bridge**—Wednesday 7pm.

**Social Bridge**—First Sunday of every month.

**HC Walking Group**—Every Saturday morning at 10am for one hour.

**MONTHLY GREEN TIPS!**

The October Green Tip can now be found on our parish website: [www.holycrossvictoria.org](http://www.holycrossvictoria.org). The Social & Eco. Justice Committee is preparing a new series of social justice action tips. Stay tuned!

### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

How can we profess faith in God's word, and then refuse to let it inspire and direct our thinking, our activity, our decisions, and our responsibilities toward one another? Faith is always demanding, because faith leads us beyond ourselves.

—Pope John Paul II (1920-2011)

### **AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE**

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **JOB POSTING:** The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria is seeking an Administrative Assistant 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 posting on bulletin board.
- **SACRED HEART FALL SALE:** Sacred Heart Parish invites you to their Fall Used Clothing and Attic Treasures Sale. Sat, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am to 2:00pm in the Parish Hall, 4040 Nelthorpe St.
- **DIOCESAN CONFERENCE: Faith, Science and the Wonders of Creation** - Saturday, November 25, 2017, at St. Edward the Confessor Parish, Duncan. Explore the nature of the relationship between Faith and Science, and how that has changed from the time of Galileo. Presented by Bro. Guy Consolmagno SJ, Vatican Astronomer and Director of the Vatican Observatory. Bishop Gary will celebrate Mass at 8:45 am. To register please visit the Diocesan website: <http://www.rcdvictoria.org>.
- **VOCATION LIVE-IN:** On the weekend of November 3 - 5, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.
- **POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO HEAR FROM OUR YOUTH!** In preparation for the 2018 October Synod on *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*, Pope Francis is inviting **all youth** (16-29) to give him important feedback by completing an online survey. The survey takes about 12 minutes to complete. Please access through our Diocesan website: [www.rcdvictoria.org](http://www.rcdvictoria.org) Contact Glen Palahicky at [gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org) if questions.
- **PARENTS AND TOTS:** St. Patrick's Parish invites PARENTS at home with children under 5 to join our Parents and Tots group which normally meet on a Wed. morning. If you are interested in attending, please contact Nancy Stuart at [nancy-stuart@shaw.ca](mailto:nancy-stuart@shaw.ca) or 250-477-6952. A Tuesday or Thursday meeting day could also be a possibility.

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

#### **SUNDAY, October 15th**

8:30 am Mass: **Jose Pacheco +**  
10:30 am Mass: **Mary & John Doyle +**  
4:00 pm Mass

#### **MONDAY, October 16th**

9:00 am Mass

#### **TUESDAY, October 17th**

9:00 am Mass:

#### **WEDNESDAY, October 18th**

9:00 am Mass: **In Thanksgiving**

#### **THURSDAY, October 19th**

9:00 am Mass  
6:30 pm Rosary Group

#### **FRIDAY, October 20th**

9:00 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**  
7:00 pm "Cries from the Ark" poetry /  
music coffee house evening

#### **SATURDAY, October 21st**

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation  
5:00 pm Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**

#### **SUNDAY, October 22nd**

8:30 am Mass: **Ralph Pengelly +**  
10:30 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**  
4:00 pm Mass

### **THANK YOU CORNER!**

Thank you to the Appeal Team, for putting in the extra time and commitment to kicking off the 2017 Diocesan Appeal Journey of Hearts and Hands "Grateful to God ... Generous to Neighbour."!

We have welcome packages available in the foyer of the church for all parishioners who are new to our wonderful parish community. Please pick one up the next time you are at Holy Cross. We joyfully welcome you!

## **CONTACTS**

### **Pastor: Fr. William Hann**

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### **Pastoral Assistant: Anna Mendonca**

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### **Administrative Assistant: Valentina Boyd**

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### **Parish Council: Esther Sangster-Gormley**

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### **University Chaplain: Fr. Dean Henderson**

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### **Refugees: refugees@holycrossvictoria.org**

## **HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
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. Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Ann Francis Darlene Southwell	250-477-8650 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 Annual Shed Clean	Loretta MacDonald Jack Ponsioen	250-477-6682 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 8th 2017**

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 3,020.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 600.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 1,140.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,760.00</b>
Anawim House	\$ 655.00

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