

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - October 15, 2023
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's gospel parable focuses on those who, for a variety of reasons, chose to ignore or reject the invitation to a wedding banquet. In today's gospel Jesus taps into the powerful symbol of clothing as revealer of our interior disposition when he talks about the wedding guests who uninvite themselves by showing up in the wrong clothes—that is, unprepared to join the celebration. Today's gospel reading, like last Sunday's, is addressed to the religious leaders of the people. But the parables are told publicly. There is a message in them for us. Jesus emphasizes that this wedding-banquet is open to all people indeed, that God sends his messengers out to scour the highways and byways to fill his house with guests. It is a comforting thought that God wants us to be saved, even more than we do ourselves. On the other hand, there is a special regalia or wedding-garment that must be worn. This is the level of personal commitment required, to accept our place at the wedding feast. I like to think that this refers primarily to community spirit, an ability to share our well-being with other people, in the presence of God. Though founded on faith in God's creative love, Christian hope retains a strong ethical dimension. Our wedding-garment is therefore being woven daily, by the quality of our interaction with others. In this sense, we hold tomorrow in our own hands, as with the help of God's grace we build our own eternal future.

That is why we are invited this week in the readings to raise our sights, and our hearts, when thinking of the future. Beyond this present life, God has planned a great future for all of us. Isaiah's prophecy of the heavenly banquet is an invitation to think of our eternal destiny. There is more to live for than what we see in this present world, interesting and challenging though it is. What really counts, indeed, is whether we succeed in reaching our eternal happiness with God. In our Eucharist today, we are united with Christ and with one another. And beyond this place we are united with more than a billion people all over the world. And beyond this time, we are united with the billions of people who have gone before us marked with the Sign of Faith. And into the Future we are united with the billions of people who will follow in our own footsteps of faith. Let us pray that all of us may find and respond to our own invitation to the fullness of life.

Dear friends, if we look deep into our hearts, we will discover that among our many longings there is one for good relationships with other people. We long to be at peace with them, to be at home with them, to live in peace and harmony, to get on well with them, to cooperate with them, to be, to support them, and to enjoy their company. Rebecca Davis writes...*we are all of us from birth to death guests at a table which we did not spread. The sun, the Earth, love, friends, our very breath are parts of the banquet. . . . Shall we think of the day as a chance to come nearer to our Host, and to find out something of him who has fed us so long?*

Living thanks

Father William



OFFICE HOURS

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

Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, visit [RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](https://www.rcd-victoria.org/Responsible-Ministry) or call 1-800-968-3146
To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](https://www.bishopreportingsystem.ca) or call 1-866-892-3737

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>

Baptismal Prep

Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a registration form and complete a Baptismal Preparation course. Please note that the next session for Baptismal Preparation is Saturday, October 21st (10:00 am – 12 noon). Please email hcsppbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will email you a registration form.

Sacramental Preparation Classes for Children (7+ yrs old)

Registration forms available online:

<https://stpatsvictoria.com/religious-education>

<https://www.holycrossvictoria.org/education.php>

Please attend the Parent Info Session to be held on Sunday Oct 15, 10:15 am (30 min) at St Patrick's. First Reconciliation session begins on Oct 22 and Confirmation & First Eucharist in January. All classes take place at St Patrick's on Sundays.

The Bishop's Appeal 2023

This week we kick off the Bishop's Appeal along with all other parishes and missions throughout our Diocese. The 2023 Appeal theme, *Tapestry of Faith*, provides opportunities for parishioners to build faith relationships, support Local Mission Parishes, and support our Clergy, Sisters, Seminarians and Vocations as together we weave a *Tapestry of Faith* for our Diocese. Please pledge to the Bishop's Appeal: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>

Parish Goal: \$49,000. Our parish project this year is to support a refugee sponsorship.

Please note that the **office will be closed on Wednesday, October 18th** as staff will be attending a Parish Support Staff meeting in Duncan that day. The Church and Chapel will also remain closed on Wednesday.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The **Children's Liturgy of the Word** program is starting up at Holy Cross this Sunday, **October 15th at the 9am Mass**. Children aged 5-11 are welcome to join.

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:

- Administrative Assistant - Queen of Angels School
- Educational Assistants - Queen of Angels School
- One-on-One Support Worker - Queen of Angels School
- After School Care Worker - Queen of Angels School
- 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 visit: <https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/>



Fundraiser for Ukrainian Refugees on Vancouver Island

In an effort to raise funds for Ukrainian refugees on Vancouver Island the Ukrainian Society is holding a concert on October 15th at the Oak Bay Concert Hall. Please follow this link to get more information and to purchase tickets:

<https://uccsvi.ca/product/sunflowers-for-ukraine-concert/>

Prayer Reflection

To accept the invitation . . . is to be taken into Christ's living Body, finding there a company of unlikely people who have received and answered the same invitation.

—Rowan Williams

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—Rebecca Harding Davis

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 15, 2023 How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. David Hogman or Fr. Harrison Ayre, Directors of Vocations in the Diocese of Victoria.

Fr. David Hogman: dhogman@rcdvictoria.org

Fr. Harrison Ayre: hayre@rcdvictoria.org



40th Anniversary Parish Directory!!!

An idea for a parish directory to celebrate 40 years of Holy Cross was brought forward to Parish Council. We were in favour of pursuing this! We are looking for anyone interested in taking the lead on this project. It will take a team to make this happen! And we are looking for a volunteer photographer. Please contact the office if you are interested! Thank you!

Catherine Davis, Parish Council Chair

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, October 14th

4PM Mass: Salvatore Cicconi+

SUNDAY, October 15th, 2023

9AM Mass: Carmel Loader+

MONDAY, October 16th

NO MASS

TUESDAY, October 17th

9AM Mass: Florencia Perea+

WEDNESDAY, October 18th

NO MASS

THURSDAY, October 19th

9AM Mass: Marta Ygua+

FRIDAY, October 20th

NO MASS

The Chapel will be open for private prayers this week on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9am—noon

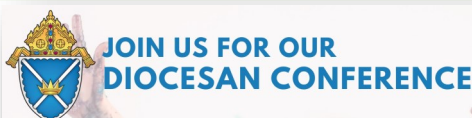
RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 Mercy Chapel

ADORATION

9am First Friday of the Month in the Chapel

Masks are no longer mandatory indoors. We do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. If you are feeling unwell please stay home.



Redeeming CONFLICT

ONE MESSY SITUATION AT A TIME

with Ann Garrido

As Christians we tend to associate conflict with sin, but how we handle our tensions with one another can be one of the most profound witnesses we offer in the world. Speaking out of her own experience as a part-time theology nerd and part-time conflict mediator, author Ann Garrido will share insights into how we can make our tensions part of our spiritual journey.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4, 2023

8:30 AM - 3:30PM

(FOLLOWED BY 4PM MASS)

HOLY CROSS PARISH

4049 GORDON HEAD ROAD, VICTORIA

TO REGISTER:

[HTTPS://DOFVREDEEMINGCONFLICT.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://DOFVREDEEMINGCONFLICT.EVENTBRITE.COM)

A great BIG 'Thank you'

Thank you to the members of the Holy Cross and St. Patrick parishes for their donations to the Tenant Starter Kit. The household items will soon be delivered to Our Place for the use of someone moving into safe housing to enjoy, knowing that there are caring people in the community who came together for them.



COLLECTIONS October 8, 2023

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 2,213.00
Loose	\$ 325.00
Social Eco Justice	\$ 595.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,370.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,503.00

All Souls' Day Mass

The Mass for All Souls' Day will be celebrated at Holy Cross Parish at 7pm on Thursday, November 2. You are invited to bring pictures of your loved ones who have died so as to remember them in a special way during this All Souls' Day Mass.

News from the Chancery

1) This week, all parishes and missions throughout our Diocese kick off the Bishop's Appeal. The 2023 Appeal theme, *Tapestry of Faith*, provides opportunities for parishioners to build faith relationships, support Local Mission Parishes, and support our Clergy, Religious Sisters, Seminarians, and vocations, as together we weave a Tapestry of Faith for our Diocese. For more information and to pledge, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>

2) On Tuesday, October 17, Star of the North Retreat Centre is hosting an online talk by Noah MacDonald, who is a Canon Lawyer with the Archdiocese of Toronto, a proud Anishinaabe member of Michipicoten First Nation, and an advocate for the rights and leadership of Indigenous Catholics. Noah will speak on "Rite Relations: Developments in Indigenous Catholic Leadership and Unity". The talk will be offered via Zoom from 6 – 7:30 pm PDT. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.starofthenorth.ca/register/event-calendar/?id=734>.

3) On Saturday, November 4, Catholic speaker and author Ann Garrido will present our Diocesan Conference "Redeeming Conflict: One Messy Situation at a Time". As Christians, we tend to associate conflict with sin, but how we handle our tensions with one another can be one of the most profound witnesses we offer in the world. Speaking out of her own experience as a part-time theology nerd and part-time conflict mediator, Ann will share insights into how we can make our tensions part of our spiritual journey. The conference will be held at Holy Cross Parish in Victoria from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, followed by Mass with the Holy Cross community at 4:00 pm. For more information and to register please visit <https://DofVRedeemingConflict.eventbrite.com>; any questions can be directed to Margaret Gwyn at mgwyn@rcdvictoria.org or 250-479-1331 ext 227.

4) On Tuesday, November 7, The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop's Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will begin a webinar series on "The Four Constitutions of Vatican II". Pope Francis has invited us to begin preparing for the Jubilee year in 2025 by taking time to study Vatican II; in particular, the Holy Father hopes that young people will experience the richness of the documents and grow in their appreciation of their importance to the Church today. The series will be offered over four Tuesdays in November from 10 – 11:30 am PT each day. All sessions will be recorded and packaged with a reflection guide for later release. If you wish to attend any of the sessions or to be notified when recordings are made available, please visit https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/3016939203502/WN_Xf09Vsi_SjiilwdLPzWMdQ##registration.

5) All children and youth are invited to participate in the Secular Franciscans of Western Canada's Fine Arts & Poster Contest. The theme for this year's contest is "The Greccio Nativity Scene", to celebrate the story of St Francis of Assisi creating the first nativity scene 800 years ago in a cave near Greccio, Italy. Entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, November 15th. For more information and the contest entry form, please visit <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PFMWIT3uUKV1yoGmOBPcGYx0JoCdmsPo>

Monthly Sunday Bridge at Holy Cross

A warm welcome is extended to all Bridge players to join this friendly group as we prepare for the start of our 42nd year of Social Bridge which begins Sunday, November 5th @7:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Please contact Tony Southwell at (250) 477-5738 or via e-mail at tony_southwell@hotmail.com for more information.



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Plant Containers Return Requested

If you purchased a hanging basket or plants from Ellis Achtem this past year, please return the empty hanging baskets and pots (exclusively those supplied by Ellis) to the office as they can be reused next year. Thank you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 62nd ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL RAFFLE

15 prizes totalling \$100,000

Grand Prize is a Toyota RAV4

Tickets are \$5 each, 10 for \$25 or 50 for \$50 !

Two \$1,000 Early Bird draws every two weeks starting Oct. 9

Get your tickets at our KofC Website at: kofcBCraffle

[Main Draw Dec 16, 2023 : BC Gaming

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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.