



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

**SUNDAY - October 16th 2022**  
**Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

The theme of food continues in this time of harvest as we celebrate World Food Day. Most of us are glad to sit down and dig in. Yet for 800 million people worldwide, there isn't enough to eat. Nearly 40 percent of the world community can only afford nutrient-poor diets. The medical costs associated with unhealthy diets will soon exceed \$1.3 trillion annually. The problem isn't growing enough food. Fourteen percent of each harvest is lost to bad handling, storage, and transit methods. Another 17 percent is lost at the consumer end; it simply goes bad or gets thrown away. World hunger is solvable with willingness, work, and prayer!

Fitting advice from Jesus in today's Gospel where he encourages his disciples to *pray always and not to lose heart*. I wonder what it is that prompted Jesus to exhort us along those lines. I think it stems from a very realistic look at the world in which we live. Food insecurity, inflation is taking a bite out of pocketbook and favorite foods. Where are you God? The praying that Jesus exhorts us to in these circumstances is the obstinate desire and longing for God's righteousness in our world; it is a passionate crying and searching for a world of justice, of peace, of unity, of love; it is a clinging to God against all the evidence to the contrary.

There are two aspects to this kind of praying that we must not lose sight of. We must stand by and support each other in that pleading to God. That is beautifully expressed in the image of the first reading, where Moses is described as growing exhausted in his pleading to God. It is only with the support of Aaron and Hur that Moses can hang on to and persevere in his dogged faith that God will vindicate his people. There is a second aspect to the kind of praying that Jesus exhorts us to. God will answer our prayer through us. He will, in the words of the second reading, equipped us fully and ready us for any good work.

When Jesus comes again, will he find faith on earth? That is a haunting question. Where would any of us go to seek faith—that is, to seek the people who put their trust radically in God's promises? Would we go to houses of prayer and worship? Would we go to monasteries and cloisters? Would we seek out those who have taken vows and sworn their lives over to the work of the church? Would we journey to the ends of the earth to where missionaries risk everything for the love of God? Jesus will find faith on earth in the same places and in the same proportions that the church takes it mission seriously—that we take *our* mission seriously as the people of God: to love each other, to be peacemakers, to care for our least brothers and sisters, to show God's mercy, and to represent God's justice. The annoying widow in today's gospel exemplifies that spirit of mission. She will not give up, she will not desert her cause, no matter how long it takes, how exhausting the process, or how unlikely the results.

Abundant blessings

Father William



#### 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 Holy Cross Parish at 4pm Saturday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

**Parish Council News:** Our Parish Council met this week and there is news! Catherine Davis will be the new Parish Council Chair. Terri Siemens will be taking on the role of Secretary. Welcome to all the members of the council - Russ Delaney, Betty Leitch, Zofia Porter, Nick Pouliot and Glen Soares. Best wishes for a great year ahead!

**St. Patrick's School Welcomes You to our Kindergarten Open House**

Would you like your child, grandchild, great grandchild, or niece/nephew to attend a well-rounded, affordable faith-based Catholic elementary school? **St. Patrick's School** is hosting a **Kindergarten Open House** for children ages 3-4 years old on **Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6 pm**. Come see what we are all about! We are located at **2368 Trent Street**, right behind the Royal Jubilee Hospital. Call us at **250-592-6713** for more information.

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 [KofCdraw.net/C7934](http://KofCdraw.net/C7934) to purchase your tickets.



The preparations have been made! We look forward to seeing you at the Harvest Celebration on Sunday! Thanks to all who have signed up to bring a salad or a dessert, and thanks to the Knights for doing the barbequing!



**Save the Date! A Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop** presented by Fr. William will be held at Holy Cross Parish on Saturday, November 12, 2022 from 10am until noon. Please call the office to register. 250-477-5321

**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.

**THANK YOU TO THE PARISHIONERS OF HOLY CROSS PARISH!**

On behalf of everyone at Anawim House we thank you for your continued generosity and support. You help make it possible for those that need help to make positive changes in their lives find a safe and supportive environment. We would also like to say a "special" thank you to Harry for the donations made from the sale of his "Red Russian Garlic".

### Prayer Reflection

The existence of the Bible, as a book for the people, is the greatest benefit which the human race has ever experienced.

—Immanuel Kant

All saints began their conversion by prayer, and through prayer they persevered.

—Saint John Vianney

Parishioners are still receiving fraudulent emails supposedly from Fr. William. Please verify the sender's email address. Legitimate emails are from whann@rcdvictoria.org. This is an example of an email that one Parishioner received:

Hello! Are you less busy at the moment? I got a request for you to manage discreetly. I will be going into a meeting soon, no calls so kindly respond back via mail. Thanks

Please do not respond to such an email!



### Message from the Social & Eco Justice Committee

As we celebrate Thanksgiving during this beautiful season, let's not forget the less fortunate in our city. For the first time since the pandemic, Holy Cross will be sponsoring and serving another **breakfast at Our Place** (919 Pandora, 7 – 9:15 am) on **Saturday Oct. 22**. We are looking for **volunteers** to constitute a team of only **5 people**. No heavy work is involved; arrival time is at **6:45 am**. Filling 400+ plates in 2 hours is a truly rewarding and unforgettable experience! Please contact Zofia Porter at 250 -595-1304 or at [ztplaw@gmail.com](mailto:ztplaw@gmail.com).

**With Arms Open Wide: Welcoming God's People**  
**October 21 - Oct 22**  
**St. Edward's the Confessor, Duncan.**  
**KEYNOTE: Mona Goodman**  
**MASS with Bishop Gary Gordon**

Keynote Speaker Mona Goodman, will ground us in hospitality in the liturgical ministries in which we serve. We will have an opportunity for fellowship at our Wine and Cheese social (Friday evening). We will celebrate beautiful liturgy and engage in workshops specific to various liturgical ministries.

There will be something for everyone – Hospitality Ministers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Leaders of Prayer, Music Ministers, Coordinators of Altar Servers, Family Faith, Environment, Liturgy of the Word for Children, and more!

To register, please visit <https://armsopenwideliturgymatters.eventbrite.com/>

Fr. William has arranged a bus for those who do not want to drive up and back and up and back.

Leaving St. Andrew's High School at 5 pm on Friday October 21 Arriving at St. Edwards. Leaving St. Edwards at 8:30 pm

Saturday October 22 leaving St Andrew's High School at 7:15 am to St. Edwards then departing from there at 3:30 pm.

Please register with Fr. William for bus bookings.

### OUR LITURGICAL LIFE SATURDAY, October 15th

3-3:45pm: Confession

4pm Mass: Beth Gaffney+

### SUNDAY, October 16th

9am Mass: Jose and Maria Mendonca+

### MONDAY, October 17th

NO MASS

### TUESDAY, October 18th

9am Mass: Pat Garrett+

### WEDNESDAY, October 19th

NO MASS

### THURSDAY, October 20th

9am Mass: Hilary Ribeiro+

### FRIDAY, October 21st

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 10th

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS	
Envelopes	\$ 1,820.00
Loose	\$ 560.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,402.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,782.50</b>
Social & Eco Justice	\$345.00

### 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!

Special thanks go out this week to the team of folks that made the move-in of our Newcomer family possible: Joe Mendonca, Carol and Bruce Tyshynski, Ed and Debby Pietraszek, Trudy Holden and Phil Wall. Amazingly accomplished!

### **NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE**

The Catholic Bishops of Canada have issued a Pastoral Letter to Young People. It responds to the CCCB's virtual conversations with over 200 young people between the ages 12 to 25 from across Canada, and is meant to inspire young Catholics to live their faith in an extraordinary way. More information has been posted on the Diocesan website at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/a-pastoral-letter-from-the-catholic-bishops-of-canada-to-young-people>.

Please see all the recent news from the Diocese at their website, [rcdvictoria.org](http://rcdvictoria.org), including information regarding the Worldwide Marriage Encounter virtual weekend, October 28-30. Registration deadline is October 20th.

### **A message to students from your Catholic Students Association**

Students, come out for another evening of Bored? Games enjoying laughter and snack foods while making new friends. Date and location: Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>, Multifaith Centre from 6:30-8:30pm. Make sure you mark your calendars for October 21<sup>st</sup>. Together in Catholic Campus Ministry, both CSA (Catholic Students' Association) and CCO (Catholic Christian Outreach) invite you to Summit. Hosted at St. Patrick's on Haultain Street, 12 minutes from UVic. Summit is a night of encounter, music, prayer, and community. Doors open at 6:30 pm. The evening runs from 7-9pm. Everyone is welcome.

### **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!

### **Volunteers needed**

The Refugee Sponsorship Committee is looking for parishioners to assist the team with transportation of the New-comer family to various appointments and to Mass. If you have an up-to-date Criminal Record Check for working with vulnerable populations, as well as current Diocesan Covenant of Care paperwork completed and are interested in helping out please call the office for more information. 250-477-5321

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

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The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Committee of the Diocese of Victoria is pleased to announce they are now accepting applications from groups in the Diocese who wish to access the CCCB's Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. More information is available at [www.rcdvictoria.org/irf](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/irf), or at [irf@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:irf@rcdvictoria.org) or 250-800-3167.

