



# 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 17, 2021**  
**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We want you to do for us whatever we ask. Nice conversation starter! In the Gospel we hear today – as we have been hearing these past few weeks – we get yet another story of Disciples behaving badly, of Disciples not getting it, of Disciples missing the point that seems so obvious to us who listen with well-trained ears. Jesus has a different concept of "greatness" than "the world" does, than his disciples did... This is a recurring theme in the Gospels. In this chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel Jesus is fielding some pretty hard questions. That's what we've been listening to for the past three weeks. Jesus put on the spot with hard questions. Do you remember them? Pharisees, Rich young Man, his own disciples. But notice the dynamic in all three instances: Jesus listens to the question, better listens to the one who asks the questions, and then invites them to go beneath the surface to a much deeper reality.

Jesus listens to the question, or the questioner, reads the heart of the person and takes them to a deeper place: What's the question you would like to ask Jesus? The question I am asking is Jesus, why do things in life so often "unravel"? Relationships between good people, the things in life that we invest ourselves in, our work, our church, our society. This unraveling question is coming from my own heart this week, my pastoral realities this week has led to asking Jesus some deep questions: how do I respond? I don't always; I listen because I am called to listen. I just listen ... as Jesus listens.... And takes me to a deeper place. Imagine our lord and our God so attentive to others who don't get it. Jesus own life is unraveling. His hopes and dreams, everything he has invested in, save God. Ultimately God will be the thread that binds. Jesus speaks to us of his solidarity with the worlds' suffering, and our suffering. Jesus takes us to a place where he asks us to bind up wounds and be there as servants. What is that place? LOVE!!!! Love is the space where God and I live together in one being.

That is the question Jesus puts to James and John; that is the question he puts to all of us, however we come to God and whatever we end up asking. "What do you wish?" is the question God asks us. Not "what have others taught you to want?" or "what do you think you ought to ask for?" but "what do you wish?" God asks that question because – hard as it may sometimes be to believe – that is what God wants so much to give to each of us: what will truly bring us happiness and wholeness, healing and a sense of purpose. We do not know at the beginning what following Christ will mean for us, and the way you do it will be different from the way I do. But however our lives become shaped, we trust ourselves to the promise: if we truly give of ourselves, God will not disappoint but the world will. Gandhi said it best...the things that will destroy us are politics without principle; pleasure without conscience; wealth without work; knowledge without character; business without morality; science without humanity; and worship without sacrifice.

Blessings as we ponder the mystery,

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 *Holy Cross Parish on Saturday at 4pm*: 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 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](mailto:bmckrow@shaw.ca) 250-477-8322 or Sonja Ruffell: [sonjaruffell@gmail.com](mailto:sonjaruffell@gmail.com) 250 472-0033.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: SPECIAL MASS

Sacred Heart Council invites you to attend the celebration of the anniversary of the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, at a special Mass on Saturday, Oct. 30th at 4pm. at Sacred Heart Parish Church. 4th Degree Knights are invited to wear their tuxedos with social balderic.

### 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](mailto:jpoleson@uvic.ca)).

### BISHOP'S APPEAL 2021



The 2021 Appeal theme, ***Spirit of Hope – Healing & Reconciliation***, is dedicated to Indigenous projects and reconciliation initiatives. Working together we can make a significant impact to support local Indigenous lead projects. In addition, it helps support the ongoing work of Religious Sisters in First Nations communities within the Diocese. Reaching our parish goal also means that the parish will retain **\$20,000** for our own project.

Please give prayerful consideration towards donating to the Annual Appeal. To learn about specific reconciliation projects see [www.rcdvictoria.org/spirit-of-hope-2021](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/spirit-of-hope-2021)

Parish Goal: **\$60,000** Actual to Date: **\$26,456.01** Number of Gifts: **29**

**PRAYER REFLECTION**

I personally measure success in terms of the contributions an individual makes to her or his fellow human beings.  
—Margaret Mead

The things that will destroy us are: politics without principle; pleasure without conscience; wealth without work; knowledge without character; business without morality; science without humanity; and worship without sacrifice.  
—Mohandas Gandhi

**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](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream). Celebrate Mass on-line with Bishop Gary.

**SUNDAY OCT. 17 ..... 9 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/>.

**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](mailto:gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org) for more information.

**RECONCILIATION CORNER**

In this age when climate change (droughts, forest fires, floods, heat waves) poses a real threat to our food security, scientists are turning to the **traditional agricultural knowledge** of Indigenous peoples for solutions. Swewépepenc land and seed steward Tiffany Traverse partners with local food growers in the Peace River region and students in the UBC Faculty of Land and Food Systems to identify more resilient and adaptable food sources in the face of a warming planet. Read this *Globe and Mail* [article](#) on “**How Indigenous-led agriculture in B.C.’s Peace River region is a beacon of hope amid an uncertain future.**”

**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

**SATURDAY, October 16th**

4pm Mass: Salvatore Ciccone +

**SUNDAY, October 17th**

9am Mass: Angela Murphy +

**MONDAY, October 18th**

Office Closed/No Mass

**TUESDAY, October 19th**

9am Mass: Patricia Paul (int)

**WEDNESDAY, October 20th**

9am Mass: John Davis +

**THURSDAY, October 21st**

9am Mass: Hilary Ribeiro +

**FRIDAY, October 22nd**

9am Mass: Pat Malcomson (int)

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*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 10, 2021**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 840.00
Loose	\$ 205.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,686.00</b>

**Social and Ecological Justice: \$515.00**

**MORNING ROSARY**

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.

