

# 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 18, 2020 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

On Fraternity and Social Friendship, Pope Francis' most recent encyclical, he writes about shadows over the closed world are spreading everywhere, leaving injured people by the roadside, cast out and discarded. The shadows plunge humanity into confusion, loneliness, and desolation. Pope Francis is reminding us, politicians that there is no others, no them, ...there is only us and we must have an open heart and an open world where we live as one, and he reminds leaders of the world we need a better kind of politics for the common and universal good. We are brothers and sisters all, and we must walk the paths or re-encounter ...brothers...sisters all! Shadows over the closed world is an ominous image of what is and what could be! We must share the suffering, ease the burden!

Both sides may actually claim today's gospel with Jesus' concluding statement, "*Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God*," as an argument in favor of their position, up against the position of the other side. Well, Jesus' answer shows that he doesn't see the question as "either...or": "*Repay to Caesar...and to God...*" Jesus does not discredit or discard political authorities but simply puts them into perspective. **For him, politics and religion have their own autonomy.** It is not with kind words, however, that Jesus responds to the attempt of the Pharisees to trap him. The core line of the response: "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God", is often quoted. In some circles you hear it quoted to discredit those who mix religion and politics or economics. But the answer of Jesus is much more nuanced, and also more challenging than it is often given credit for. We may get a sense of that when we take a closer look at the argument of Jesus. He asked them to produce a coin. So they did, and Jesus took the coin, tossed it head-side up and asked, "Whose face is that?" They answered, "It is the emperor's" That was enough for Jesus, who said, "If that is the emperor's face, give to the emperor what is his."

But Jesus does not leave it at that. On the contrary, now he is ready to give his real answer, an overall ruling answer: "Give to God what is God's". We may wonder what Jesus is referring to. But we really do not have to look that far. If the coin is to be given to the emperor, because it bears the emperor's face, then the reality which bears God's face is of necessity to be given to God. We could still avoid the issue by pretending not to know what bears God's image. It is we! We, human beings, we are created in God's image, we carry God's face. That is the one source of our dignity, but it is also the basis of the immense task that is ours.

What follows is that we give ourselves back to God. What we owe God is not just an hour a week in church; it is not a church building; it is not primarily beautiful liturgies and endless prayers. All that is good, of course. All that can help and we should not give up on it. And yet, what God really wants us to give him is a well-organized, a well-cared for human life for all. And this is because humanity, all of us individually and all of us together, are created in God's image. What God wants back from us, the kind of worship God expects from us is a society in which all human beings can live in freedom, in dignity, in justice, and in peace. That is the tax we owe to God.

People in love behave differently. They "never stand still," Pope Francis declares. "They're drawn out of themselves; they're attracted and attract others in turn." Believers are lovers in this way, feeling the irresistible urge to share the blessings of faith. That is why, the Pope concludes, we must all be missionaries. On this World Mission Sunday, we embrace the call to be lovers of our suffering world. The Rosary's Sorrowful Mysteries hold the keys: Bring global suffering to prayer, be willing to suffer for the truth, bear wrongs patiently, share the burdens of others, and know what's worth sacrificing for.

Cast love on the shadows of the world  
Father William

### 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 pastor or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Sean Flynn** to make this request.

### **OUR VIRTUAL COMMUNITY**

Father William has created a **YouTube** page and a **Facebook** page for the combined St. Patrick's and Holy Cross families! Please visit the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StPatsHolyCross/>  
**Like and follow the page and please do send photos of the church for posting!**

**Live Mass broadcast this Saturday!** Mass will be broadcast from **Holy Cross Parish on Saturday, October 17th at 4pm on the YouTube page.**

Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

### **KEEPING BUSY WITH OUR SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**Interested in Canadian history? Interested in knowing more about how Canada became Canada?** In the spirit of Reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters, the Social & Eco Justice Committee encourages all parishioners to take the **free on-line "Indigenous Canada"** course offered by the University of Alberta: <https://www.coursera.org/learn/indigenous-canada>  
SEJC co-chairs Yvonne Hsieh and Linda Leone are among the almost 200,000 people who have taken this 12-lesson course. Start any time and complete it at your own pace. No exams or assignments!

### **MAID (BILL C-7)**

**"We Can and Must do Much Better - Religious Leaders in Canada denounce Bill C-7, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)".** This ecumenical and interfaith document has been endorsed by over 50 religious leaders and organizations from across Canada. As Canadians we are obliged to express our strong concern and opposition to Bill C-7 which, among other things, expands access to euthanasia and assisted suicide to those who are not dying. The Canadian Religious Leaders urge a more complete consultation with all Canadians on this grave matter as we seek to be a society of care and compassion. You can read the full document through the Diocesan website: [https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/we-can-and-must-do-much-better?hs\\_preview=bdKkoDFh-36028878642](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/we-can-and-must-do-much-better?hs_preview=bdKkoDFh-36028878642)

### **WARM CLOTHING DRIVE AT ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY**

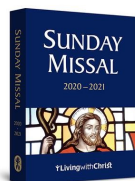


Ms. Jeanette Redchurch and her Grade 2 class at St. Patrick's elementary school are kicking off their annual outreach clothing drive! Between October 19th-30th they are hoping to collect as many **NEW adult winter socks (work socks), adult toques and gloves, and children's toques and gloves** as they can, which they will then donate to Anawim House and the St. Vincent De Paul Society. **Donations are needed now more than ever!** Please remember that these items are meant to provide warmth, and must be **NEW**.

Items can be dropped off at the parish office during office hours, or left in the Anawim shopping cart in the church foyer. They will safely be delivered to the school by one of the Gr. 2 students. Thank you in advance for your support for this valuable outreach project. Any questions? please email Jeanette Redchurch: [jredchurch@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:jredchurch@cisdv.bc.ca)

### **2020-2021 SUNDAY MISSALS**

Our Sunday Missals have arrived! Drop by the office during office hours Tuesday to Friday to pick yours up. **Cost \$5.00**



Fr. William would like to thank all of you for the many cards, flowers, gifts and well wishes he received for his birthday this past week. He felt very loved and blessed by you all.



**PRAYER REFLECTION**

When the church goes to a people who has not yet received the faith, it goes to meet a grace from God. For grace is at work in every human group and, within each human group, in every individual; it produces there first effects that can come to fruition only through the church and in it.

—Yves de Montcheuil

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

—1 Corinthians 13:13

**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).

**SUNDAY ..... 10 AM**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY ..... 7 PM**

**DIOCESAN BLOG:** On Friday, October 16, 2020 we will mark **World Food Day**, which provides an opportunity to reflect on the essentials we cherish, and our most basic needs, as well as the needs of others. The theme this year is “grow, nourish, sustain. Our actions are our future.” We remain grateful for the efforts of the volunteers of St. Joseph’s school and parish in Victoria who continue to harvest potatoes to support the local food needs in the community. In the midst of the global pandemic, we remember that our collective efforts and all our actions are interconnected. In thanksgiving for God’s abundant harvest, may we continue to work together to better respond in service to the needs of others in our communities and our Diocese. Please click on the link below for the blog post:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/st.-josephs-potato-patch>



**Horizon of Hope – 2020 Bishop’s Appeal**

The 2020 Bishop’s Appeal, Horizon of Hope, is now underway. The work of the Church carries on, even through the pandemic, and the needs of our smaller parishes has never been more acute. Funds raised by Holy Cross support diocesan programs, retired priests, capital improvement programs, and this year the four north island parishes who have seen a significant decrease in income while still having expenses (priest salary, maintenance, utilities etc). As in the past, and so hopefully today, Holy Cross will be a strong supporter of the appeal. Donations can be mailed in, dropped off at the parish office, or submitted electronically. Many thanks to those who have already participated.

**Our Parish goal: \$65,000**

**Our Parish project this year: Supporting the North Island parishes.**

**To view Fr. William’s video: <https://youtu.be/KvWvij2zgTA>**

**To view the Bishop’s video: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/horizonofhope2020>**

**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

**SATURDAY, October 17th**

2:30-3:15pm Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass: **Virgillio Family int.**

**SUNDAY, October 18th**

9:00am Mass: **John Gile +**

**MONDAY, October 19th**

Office Closed/No Mass

**TUESDAY, October 20th**

9:00 am Mass: **Mr. Kim Marshall +**

**WEDNESDAY, October 21st**

9:00am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**

7:00pm Mass: **Mary Agnes +**

**THURSDAY, October 22nd**

9:00am Mass: **Coral Dawson +**

**FRIDAY, October 23rd**

9:00 am Mass: **Adeesh & family int.**

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**At Holy Cross Parish you must now register for which day of the week you would like to attend Mass. You can register by emailing Joanie Bidlake at:**

**officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org**

**Our Mass schedule remains the same for now:**

**Tuesday – Friday: 9am Mass**

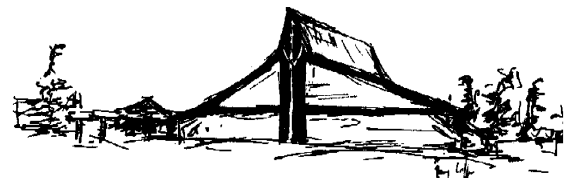
**Wednesday: 7pm**

**Saturday: 4pm Mass (full)**

**Sunday: 9am Mass (full)**

*\*please note that you may select a Mass time from St. Patrick’s Parish Mass schedule. To do this please call Deborah Mackay at St. Pat’s at:*

**250-592-7391.**



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**COLLECTION for October 11, 2020**

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:**

Envelopes/Canada Helps	\$ 1,891.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,372.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3, 263.00</b>