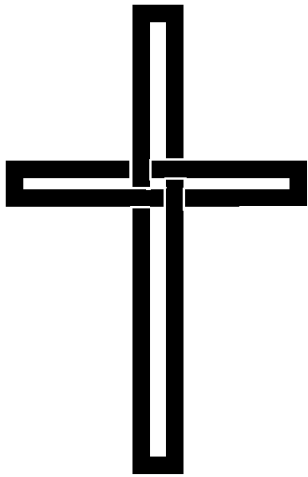


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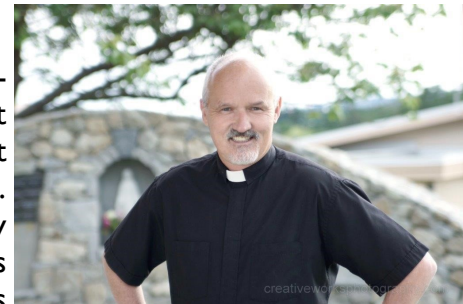
Our Vision

Holy Cross Parish strives to be a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, and inclusive Catholic community that gathers in unity and reaches out to attend to the needs of others.

SUNDAY October 1st, 2017 Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

From Fr. William's Desk

This weekend we are back in the vineyard - though this time we are not with the workers, but with the owner's family. One lad agrees to work but doesn't, while the other refused to work, yet does. The basic message, so familiar from the life of any family, is simple and clear: when words and deeds do not match, it is the deeds which matter. Words are important, deeds more so. We might win an argument, yet convince no one. The most persuasive argument will always be our example. We can tell our children to be honest, but if they see us being dishonest, then they will learn the example, not the words. We can gather together each week and profess our faith, but if that does not make a difference to our lives, who will ever think it is something worth sharing.



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Most families aim to be happy. While we may argue and accuse, take offense, assign blame, and carry grudges, our deeper goal is to celebrate that "complete joy" Saint Paul talks about. Our sovereign need to be personally right and to affix fault to others, however, is a serious obstacle to comprehensive happiness. Whose fault is it, anyway, and how does the assignment of blame help a situation along to final resolution? Which brings us back to our quarrelsome families, our divided nation, our fractured church, or our shattered global community, as you prefer. Which is the more vital task: to bury all opponents in the assignment of unassailable blame, or to seek the healing, peace, and reconciliation we all desperately require? One thing is sure. Our joy will not be complete until it is COMPLETE—that is, until everyone gets a share in it and has a reason to be happy. Each and every member of the people of God can know what God expects of them directly. And there's something more: God has already put the ability to know the ways of God "in your hearts."

This weekend, we celebrate Commitment Sunday in our parish for all of us who love and serve the Lord. Thank you for your generous witness to making Jesus known and for all you do to build up the Body Of Christ. All God's creatures got a place in the choir. Join me on the feast of St. Francis as we bless our beloved pets after mass on Tuesday.

Let our yes be yes,

Father William

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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	11:00am
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.

CONDOLENCES

Last Sunday morning we lost a dear friend and parishioner Ralph Pengelly. Please keep his wife, Carol, and their children in your prayers at this time. The Funeral Mass for Ralph Pengelly will be on **Tuesday, October 3rd at 11:00am**. A reception will follow in the church hall. Please come and support this parish family during this difficult time. **9:00am mass is cancelled on this day.*

ANAWIM THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

It is that time of year again to think about our friends at Anawim House as they prepare to feed the needy in the colder months. Food donations are being accepted next weekend in the Anawim shopping cart in the foyer of the church. Items that are particularly useful include: pasta, and canned/jarred pasta sauces, canned meats/fish, peanut butter, canned beans, soups and stews, whole grain cereals, canned vegetables and fruit, instant coffee.

“You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”
— John Bunyan

BLESSING OF PETS



The blessing of pets, in commemoration of the Feast of St. Francis, will be following morning mass at 9:30am on Wednesday, October 4th. Please bring your pet cats, dogs, hamsters, snakes, fish, etc., and Fr. William will give them a special blessing. Office pets, Marcus Mendonca and Noelle Boyd will be present. Unfortunately, their cousin Ben Hann is still on holidays.

SERVING BREAKFAST AT OUR PLACE

Serving Breakfast at Our Place II – Sat. Oct. 14. Ever wondered how Our Place Society can serve 1600 meals/day (400 at breakfast alone . . . in little over an hour’s time)? Come find out on Oct. 14, when Holy Cross returns to sponsor a breakfast there. Join the team of volunteer servers representing our parish. The setup, service and cleanup will take place between 8 and 10:15 am. (No heavy work is involved.) Anyone interested can stay on for a 20-minute guided tour of Our Place, and discover the variety of services offered to help the homeless and the working poor of Victoria. The 14 of us who went in March found it an unforgettable experience. For more information, contact Yvonne Hsieh (yhsieh@uvic.ca, 250-385-8322).

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY CROSS PARISH

- ***Cries from the Ark:*** October 20th, Friday at 7:30pm. Poetry reading by Dan MacIsaac, 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 St. Joseph the Worker Parish, as well as the January sessions by Fr. William at Holy Cross. Copies of this inspirational and deeply relevant book are still available at the office for \$18.95.

PRAYER REFLECTION

The fundamental thing for the member is to be united with all the other members of the Mystical Body; the essential Christian virtue is, then, the virtue which unites all members in Christ, that is, charity.

—Émile Mersch, S.J.

The gate of heaven is very low; only the humble can enter it.

—Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821)

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **AN EVENING WITH SR. NUALA KENNY:** Celebrated author and speaker, Sr. Nuala Kenny S.C., will speak about ***Rediscovering the Art of Dying: The Challenge for Christians***, exploring attitudes and practical health decisions from a Christian perspective that are of central and critical concern in serious illness, care at the end of life, and dying. **Thurs., Nov. 9th 7:00 pm - St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Victoria**
- **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** You are invited to **Development and Peace's** 50th anniversary multicultural dinner and awards evening. **Fri., Oct. 20 at St. Patrick's Lourdes Hall, 2060 Haultain St. Dinner at 6:00**, doors open at 5:30. **Tickets: \$10 per person**, available from Sheila Wall: [250-686-5996](tel:250-686-5996), asheilawall@gmail.com; Nancy Stuart: [250-477-6952](tel:250-477-6952), nancy-stuart@shaw.ca; Christine O'Leary: [250-370-7471](tel:250-370-7471), caoleary54@gmail.com. No tickets at the door.
- **CENTENNIAL OF MARIAN APPARITIONS:** October marks the end of the Centennial Year Celebrations at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. This month we honour the anniversary of the last apparition of Mary and of the Miracle of the Sun. Please join us on **October 13th, 2017** at 6pm for the International Rosary (various languages represented from our community and throughout the Diocese) and 7pm Mass, including reverencing of a holy relic, and Candlelit Procession with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima following Mass. (Reminder to bring your white handkerchiefs to wave goodbye or 'adeus' to Our Lady. By popular demand, more commemorative handkerchiefs will be available by donation.) Light reception in the hall will follow.
- **RETIREMENT PARTY FOR FR. BENOIT:** The Knights of Columbus are hosting a retirement party for Father Benoit at Seghers Hall in the basement of Saint Andrews Cathedral on October 7 at 6:30 PM. There will also be a Cash Bar. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased with a check payable to Knights of Columbus Council 1256 at the Parish office at Saint Andrews Cathedral or by contacting Roy Redford [250-882-4423](tel:250-882-4423) or Joe Cavin [250-533-0405](tel:250-533-0405)

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, October 1st

8:30 am Mass: **Sean O'Donnell +**
10:30 am Mass: **John De Rosa +**
4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, October 2nd

9:00 am Mass

TUESDAY, October 3rd

11:00 am Funeral Mass for Ralph Pengelly
4:00 pm Island Catholic Schools Board Meeting (Diocese)

WEDNESDAY, October 4th **Feast of St. Francis**

9:00 am Mass: **Winnifred Lachman Johnson +**
9:30 am Blessing of Pets

THURSDAY, October 5th

9:00 am Mass
11am -3pm General Clergy Meeting, Duncan, BC
6:30 pm Rosary Group

FRIDAY, October 6th

9:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, October 7th

11:00am Memorial Mass for Tom Browne
3:45—4:30 Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass: **Trixie Kramer +**

SUNDAY, October 8th

8:30 am Mass: **Sean O'Donnell +**
10:30 am Mass: **Bradley Graham +**
4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

To the many hands that made the rectory beautiful upon my return from Newfoundland. I look forward to many years of living there. Thank you to Brendan and Trudy Holden, Anna and Joe Mendonca, Bob Francis, Ed Boomars, David and Judy Begg.

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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
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.	Ann Francis	250-477-8650
Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Darlene Southwell	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	Loretta MacDonald	250-477-6682
Annual Shed Clean	Jack Ponsioen	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 September 24th, 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3, 930.25
Loose	\$ 557.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 140.00
TOTAL	\$ 5, 627.25
Needs of the Church in Canada	\$ 385.00

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