

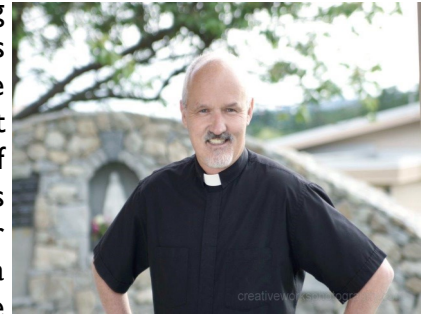
Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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 20, 2019
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Persistence in prayer is not always easy. We may lose heart during efforts that do not always yield short-term results. Prayer is not easy, but it is also not optional. With some support over the generations, our efforts can be built as living stones into something greater than we can imagine. Given that this is World Mission Sunday, it is good for us to reflect on the words of today's Gospel, *we must pray always and not lose heart*. 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; it can even be a tear-filled groaning under the incomprehensible silence of God. It is the kind of praying that came over the lips of Jesus himself when he cried out: "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?"



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.

At times in your life when you experience fear, anxiety, and doubt, you pray for the strength to move forward through these difficult periods. Saint Teresa, a 16th-century Carmelite nun (whose feast we celebrated this week), knew that path well, and in her prayer, she offers companionship and consolation on life's journey with God. As you go about your week, pray these words and allow your heart to rest in God: "*Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things pass away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things, whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices!*"

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

So, pray always and never lose heart!

Fr. William Hann

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

HOLY CROSS BAZAAR

Holy Cross will be having a parish Bazaar on **Saturday, November 2nd from 10am-3pm** in the parish hall. At this time we are collecting new or gently used donations of jewelry, near new items for our White Elephant table, Christmas items, children's items, or anything else of good quality you would like to donate. We also need bakers who can contribute to the baking table—sign up sheet is in the foyer of the church. Please note we will *not be accepting donations of clothing*. Items can be brought to the office for donation. The proceeds of this sale will all go to John Paul II school in Port Alberni. If you have any questions about donations or the sale itself please call the coordinator of the bazaar Linda Boomars at 250-881-8124.

Help us advertise for the bazaar! Pick up posters in the office to hand out to friends and family, or others in your neighbourhood or community who might be interested in attending this event.

BLING WANTED!

BLING Wanted for African Aids Angels!! Your lonely unwanted brooches, pendants, big earrings would make beautiful adornments for the angels that are crafted and sold to raise money for an orphanage in South Africa. If you have any of these items please drop them in the labelled box on the foyer. Thank you!

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPECIAL LITURGIES

SEEKING: Volunteers to fill all of the usual Liturgical Ministry positions for the **Friday, November 1, 2019** All Souls Mass. If you are planning on attending this mass and are willing to be a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Gift Bearer, Greeter or Sacristan please let Trudy Holden know by email tholden@telus.net or by phone 250-472-1079.

ANAWIM HOUSE THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Through the month of October we will be collecting non-perishable food items for Anawim House. If you are able to contribute please leave your offerings in the grocery cart in the foyer of the church. Items that Anawim is always in need of include: pasta, whole grain cereals, meat alternatives (nut butters, nuts, soy product), canned soups, beans and pasta sauces, canned vegetables and fruit, canned meat and fish, personal hygiene products, etc. Remember that the odd "treat" never goes amiss—coffee, hot chocolate powder, cookies, etc. This simple generosity goes a long way for the people who come to Anawim House.

**IN THE LIBRARY (Tues-Fri. 9am-2pm)**

The Parish Bulletins of this and last week provide a schedule of the BBC-TV series on Christianity by the acclaimed Oxford historian Prof. Diarmaid MacCulloch. One of these six presentations will be held in our parish on Sept 21 from 9:00 to noon. His great book and others on Christ's story are on the Suggestion Shelf in our parish library.

- *Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years* by Diarmaid MacCulloch
- *Jesus Through the Centuries (his place in the History of Culture)* by Jaroslav Pelikan
- *The History of the Church (a history of the Church from Christ to Constantine)* by Eusebius (who lived 260-339)
- *The People of Faith; The Story Behind the Church of the Middle Ages* by A Gilles
- *The Unintended Reformation: How a Religious Revolution Secularized Society (a revisionist history)* by Brad Gregory

PRAYER REFLECTION

Going often to prayer is an act of faith. . . . Trying to be attentive in your prayers is an act of faith. . . . These are acts of faith, because they are acts that you would accomplish if you saw and understood that God is present, though your eyes and ears neither see nor hear him.

—John Henry Newman

The secret of the constancy of grace and virtue lies in the perseverance in prayer.

—John Cassian

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **HOLY RELICS OF ST. ANOTHONY OF PADUA:** Two first class relics will travel from Padua, Italy to Western Canada at the invitation of Bishop Gary Gordon. The relics will visit 15 churches in our Diocese including St. Patrick’s parish on Thursday, October 31st from 9:30am-11:30pm. More info on the available on the bulletin board.
- **EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH:** Pope Francis is calling us to an Extraordinary Missionary Month! This is an hour of prayer and reflection to help us grow as missionary disciples. Attend one or both sessions. *No sign up necessary!* **St. Joseph the Worker**, Sunday, October 20 & 29 following 6pm Mass. For more info please email: gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org
- **HOST FAMILIES NEEDED:** The **St. Andrew’s International Student Program** is seeking English speaking families to host international students mid- January – end June 2020. Remuneration \$975 per month. For more information please contact the Host Family Coordinator: Hilary Parker E-mail: hparker@cisdv.bc.ca Tel: 250-886-5596
- **DIOCESAN MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:** Mass, with Bishop Gary Gordon presiding, will be celebrated at Church of the Ascension in French Creek on Tuesday, November 5th, at 5 pm for all deceased priests, bishops and religious of the diocese. This Mass is being held during the Clergy Study Days in Parksville. Remember in your prayers those who have laboured for the Church in the Diocese of Victoria and pray that the Lord will send dedicated men and women to continue their work.



ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

The 2019 Appeal theme, *Imagine*, invites us to unite in the mission to serve the Lord through acts of charity and love as a way of giving back for the blessings we have received from God. The Appeal provides a practical means to offer help. Your pledge to the Appeal will assist us to reach our parish goal of \$44, 000, which will truly benefit our parish by supporting our local Shelbourne Community Kitchen, as well as our international project of supporting a pre- k school in Columbia in honour of our late parishioner Ivor Williams. When you have made your decision, please return your PLEDGE FORM to the parish or mail it directly to the Diocese. Please give prayerful consideration towards our Appeal and know that you can truly make a difference.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, October 20th

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

MONDAY, October 21st

Office Closed /election day

TUESDAY, October 22nd

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

11:30 Uvic mass at Interfaith chapel

WEDNESDAY, October 23rd

9:00am Mass: **Bill MacNutt +**

THURSDAY, October 24th

9:00am Mass: **Corazon Valentin +**

FRIDAY, October 25th

9:00am Mass: **Angela Speller +**

SATURDAY, October 26th

4:00pm Mass: **Michele Caputo +**

SUNDAY, October 27th

9:00am Mass: **Gerry Klitsie +**

THANK YOU

Thank you all for thinking of me as I celebrated my birthday last week. I am so blessed and privileged to journey with the People of God at both Holy Cross and Saint Pat's. In this time of thanksgiving, we all have so much to be grateful for, Be assured of my prayers today and always. Thank you for supporting the ongoing needs of our parishes and the diocesan appeal.

Reminder that Monday, October 21st is our Federal election day. Holy Cross is a polling station so be mindful of increased traffic in our parking lot on this day.

PARISH SOCIAL LIFE

Wednesday Social group— 1pm on Wednesdays.

Duplicate Bridge—Start up October 16th at 7pm.

Social Bridge—First Sunday of the month at 7pm.

Joint Wellness— Monday and Thursday 10-11am

CONTACTS

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250-477-5321

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Children's Religious Education: Barbara Shenton

bjeens958@gmail.com



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COLLECTION for October 13, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,044.00
Loose	\$ 540.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,095.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,679.00

Anawim \$ 757.50

HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy	Debby Pietraszek	250-477-7375
Liturgical Ministries:		
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Music	Various Choirs	250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir.	Ann Francis	250-477-8650
Sun. Coffee, 9:00	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
Bulletin Folders	Vicki Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Sacramental Wine	John Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891

SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY

Responsible Min.	Martha Oleson Muna Haddad	250-477-6455 1-778-881-5843
Parish Council	Debra Prior	250-661-0252
Finance	David Begg	250-658-0870
Maintenance/Bldg.	Ed Boomars	250-881-8124
Annual Shed Clean	Jack Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Parish Grounds	Joe Mendonca	250-888-8930
Social/Comm. Life		
Baptism Prep.	Call office	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Children's Rel. Ed.	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Valentina Boyd	250-813-0230
Catholicism		
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Sheridan Cooper	250-598-0248
Bereavement / Funeral / Follow-Up	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Funeral Reception	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322

SERVING COMMUNITIES BEYOND OUR DOORS

Diocesan Appeal	John Bartle Clar	250-995-1891
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
RCIA	Glenn Palahicky Phil / Sheila Wall	250-479-1331 250-385-7007
RCIC	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391
Ecumenism	Terry Marner	250-380-0157
Social & Eco. Justice	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Anawim	Parish Office	250-477-5321
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322
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