



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - October 20, 2024

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings today take us into a strange world where everything seems upside down. The disciples also do not seem to understand that the path to greatness goes through following Jesus' example of suffering and sacrifice before they get to the glory. Two brothers, who belong to the innermost circle of Jesus' disciples, do not get it! Jesus must have really wondered; do they really get me? Jesus, in today's Gospel reminds us that the cup we drink is not always going to be a cake walk? It is never going to be perfect; it is very grey and sometimes messy, very very messy. In fact, the space between Master, we want something from you, and could you drink the cup I am about to drink is fraught with ambiguity and pain.

"Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?" True power: James and John think it comes from status—how close you are to the head of the table. They are like those who lord it over others or think they can save themselves. For one thing, only God assigns the seats at the messianic banquet. Real power comes from being one who serves, a *diakonos*: the one who serves as at a table, not sits in the places of honor. The disciples also do not seem to understand that the path to greatness goes through following Jesus' example of suffering and sacrifice before they get to the glory. The discipleship of Jesus that characterizes us as baptized men and women equals servant hood; servant of God and servant of every human life that touches ours. It is a perilous and treacherous path because servant hood in the style of Jesus is always a threat to the established order, both in the world and in the Church. In God's kingdom there is no room for lording it over others.

To participate in the coming of God's kingdom is not to rule, but to serve; so, to serve that God in his own unique way might rule. If this frightens us when we begin to see its implications in our own lives, then there is no need for panic or despair. One of the reasons why we come together as a baptized servant community on Sunday is precisely to receive the strength, to be fed with the bread of life and to be put anew on the servant path of Jesus. For we know that on our own we can never succeed in staying on the path. As the church observes World Mission Sunday, we recall the great commission we share to bring good news to all the earth. Together, we can bring light to all the dark places. On this World Mission Sunday, we are reminded where true greatness lies. On this World Mission Sunday, we recall what we often forget: that even today, missionaries around the world are tramping through forests and deserts and mountains of self-denial for the sake of the gospel and in the name of the church. They do this on our behalf, and with our prayers and our funds. Their "pain" is gain for everyone.

The principles of Catholic Social Teaching establish that faithful citizens have a "right and duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable." Pope Benedict echoed this sentiment when he wrote: "To desire the common good and strive towards it, is a requirement of justice and charity . . ." (*Caritas Veritate* #7). On this World Mission Sunday, we share our treasure to maintain the work of the church. But we do so with the clear understanding that faithful citizenship also requires us to pay the taxes that support society's efforts to promote the common good.

Together in Mission

Father William

OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Friday: 8:30am-3:30pm

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***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.***

Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, visit RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry or call 1-800-968-3146
To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit BishopReportingSystem.ca or call 1-866-892-3737

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from Holy Cross Parish, on Saturday, October 19, at 4pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

Bishop's Appeal Update

The *Sharing God's Gifts* Appeal is very active in all parishes throughout the Diocese of Victoria and I am happy to announce that 25 families of Holy Cross have contributed thus far and we have raised \$10,595 towards our goal. This is an encouraging start and we are asking you to join your fellow parishioners in supporting this Appeal with a gift. We need your support because your contribution will make a difference! Our parish project is supporting Anawim House and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (locally & internationally). Parish Goal: \$ 70,000

Holy Cross Weekday Mass Changes

Daily Services and Mass schedule will change as of October 15, 2024. Masses will be scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9am. No services will be held at Holy Cross Parish on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays regularly. We encourage parishioners to attend St. Patrick's Parish for daily mass on Wednesdays and Fridays at 12.10pm.

***Please note all services and Masses will be cancelled from Tuesday October 22 to Friday, October 25th for Fire Safety Maintenance and Testing. The Office will be closed on Thursday, October 24th.**



Make your own cleaning products. Avoid potential toxins by creating your own cleaning products.

All purpose cleaner

½ cup Vinegar
Some citrus peel for fragrance
1 litre warm water

Combine and use on counter tops, walls, floors and upholstery.

Oven cleaner

Baking soda
Salt

Mix together in equal parts. Add enough water to make a paste. Apply to surface and scrub with a scouring pad.

**Silent Auction for Our Lady of the Rosary**

Building Together! Save the date! Friday, November 29th from 6 to 9pm at Royal Colwood Golf Course 629 Goldstream Avenue. This silent and live auction will raise funds to build our church. For admission, tickets cost \$50 each. Contact Cynthia at 250 478 3482 or email her at olorchurch@rcdvtoria.org.

St. Patrick's Parish Weekday Masses

Starting Tuesday, October 22nd, weekday Masses will be held Tuesday through Friday at 12:10pm. Each Wednesday starting at 11:30am there will be the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Praying of the Rosary. Come Join Us for Devotion, Reflection and Prayer."

Rosemary by Donation

On the weekend of November 2nd and 3rd, we will be selling dried Rosemary for \$1 a package or by donation, the proceeds going to church florals. Thank you to the parishioner who donated her time and efforts to this initiative.



WORD OF THE WEEK

Mission

From Latin *missio*, “to send,” the act of continuing Christ’s work in bringing the Good News to all the Earth. The purpose for which Christ commissioned his church: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (see Matt 28:19). The Christian **mission** is now! Each one of us is called to become a witness of the Lord, here and now.

—*Pope Francis* “The church does not have **missions**, it is **mission**,” so says Catholic scholar Father Robert Schreiter, C.P.P.S., offering the best word on the subject. **Mission** is the reason the church exists, if we’ve heard Jesus’ command to go, preach, and baptize correctly. Understanding that **mission** is for all of us, and not just for professional missionaries, is vital to fulfilling our baptismal call.

Boundless love

God’s domain knows no boundaries, no puny distinctions between race and nations. All belong to God; all are beloved of God. On this World Mission Sunday, we who are baptized into Christ are reminded to see a border-free world: Everything and everyone belongs to God. It is our **mission** to love and cherish all persons, no matter what side of the border or the tracks they reside.

Faith in Action

Share the Good News of Christ Jesus to even those you deem unworthy. And pray they do the same.

Baptismal Prep

Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a registration form and complete a Baptismal Preparation course. The next session to choose from will be held on Saturday, November 16 from 10 - 12. Please email hcspbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details and forward you the baptism registration form.

The Soup Kitchen, Seeking New Board Of Directors

The Soup Kitchen, operating out of St. Andrew’s Cathedral, is currently looking for additional members for our Board of Directors. Please refer to the Poster on the Bulletin Board for more information or contact info@thesoupkitchen.ca

Volunteers Wanted: MOUNT SAINT MARY HOSPITAL

Several volunteer positions available. Please see the poster on the Bulletin board or contact the volunteer coordinator for more information. Please contact Tara Fedosoff for more details **T: 250-480-4180 / tfedosoff@mountstmary.ca**

Please do not alter the setting on the thermostat in the church. They have been programmed for specific purposes.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, October 19, 2024

4PM MASS: Pro Populo

SUNDAY, October 20, 2024

9AM MASS: Hilario Riberio+

MONDAY, October 21, 2024

NO MASS

TUESDAY, October 22, 2024

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, October 23, 2024

NO MASS

THURSDAY, October 24, 2024

NO MASS

FRIDAY, October 25, 2024

NO MASS

The Chapel will be open this week Tuesday to Friday 9 - 12

Masks are optional at this time

The Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the 4pm Mass

COLLECTIONS, Oct. 13, 2024

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$	4325.00
Loose	\$	320.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$	1184.80
Social and Ecological Justice	\$	290.00
Total	\$	6119.80

Thank you Sheila and Phil for all that you both have done while Administrative Assistants at Holy Cross Parish these past two years! We appreciate you!



News from the Chancery

1) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has released “*Called to Witness and Proclaim: A Pastoral Letter on Evangelization and Catechesis in the Family*”. Framed around the story of Jesus healing the daughter of Jairus, the bishops hope that this letter will give families support and encouragement. To read the letter, please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Called-to-Witness-EN-2024-09-09-FINAL.pdf>

2) Aid to the Church in Need Canada, the Catholic Near East Welfare Association Canada, and Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, with the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, are launching an appeal for prayers and generosity to support the most urgent needs of people in Lebanon. To learn more, please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/urgent-appeal-for-support-in-lebanon-joint-call-for-help-and-prayers/>

3) Saturday, October 26th will be this year’s final work party for our diocesan Garry Oak ecosystem restoration project. From 1 – 4 pm, all are invited to come and help remove invasive species from the properties of St. Andrew’s High School, Sacred Heart Parish, and the Pastoral Centre. Please meet in the parking lot at 4044 Nelthorpe and bring your own gloves, safety glasses, and water – other tools will be provided. If it rains heavily, the work party will be rescheduled to Sunday, October 27 from 1 – 4 pm. For more information, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/garry-oak-ecosystem-restoration-project-tickets-867898697367>

4) Job Posting: Senior Accountant The Diocese is now accepting applications for the position of Senior Accountant. The job posting may be viewed at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment> The posting will be open until the position is filled.

Upcoming Election for the CISDV Board of Directors

CISDV – AGM: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Victoria (CISDV) Society will be held on **Wednesday, November 13, 2024**. There will be a private ballot election for two positions to the CISDV Board of Directors at this meeting. Each position is for a three-year term. Nomination forms may be requested from schools@cisdv.bc.ca and must be completed and sent to the Nomination Committee at schools@cisdv.bc.ca **no later than Wednesday, November 6th**. Potential Board Members must meet the following requirements for nomination:

1. Be a practising Catholic and an active member of a Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Victoria.
2. Not be an employee of the CISDV, an immediate relative of an employee of the CISDV, nor a student of a school under the jurisdiction of CISDV.
3. Read and understand the constitution and bylaws, policies 200 and 201 and the method of election.
4. Have a signed nomination form which includes two sponsors and Parish Priest.

For further information, contact the Island Catholic Schools office at 250-727-6893 ext. 240.

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.

Pastor: Vacant

Executive Team:

Catherine Davis, John Bartle-Clar, David Begg

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University Chaplain: Vacant

Parish Council Chair: Catherine Davis

Sacramental Preparation: Michele Bristow
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Baptismal Preparation: Beverly Pulyk
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REGULAR MASS TIMES

Mass times - Holy Cross Parish:

4pm Saturday,
9am Sunday;
9am Tuesday and Thursday

Mass times - St. Patrick’s Parish:

11am Sunday, 4pm Sunday;
12:10pm Tuesday-Friday

Confessions: Available prior to the 4pm Saturday mass.