



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Vision Statement

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 21st, 2018
Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Reflections from the Gospel Gals

“Learn to understand more by not understanding than by understanding.” John of the Cross

In today’s Gospel, poor James and John have no clue what they are asking of Jesus.

They say, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” Their focus is on what Jesus can do for them. I can’t imagine saying those words to Jesus; but really, am I any different? What do I ask of Jesus? I ask Jesus to watch over my family and keep them safe ...and I have my expectations of what I need Jesus to do for me. Isn’t that all about what I want? But, what about what Jesus wants from me?

We are told Jesus wants a relationship with us, and in a relationship, there are two sides, there is dialogue. It’s not all about us. We need to sit in silence, so we can listen to what Jesus is saying to us ... if we are always asking, we will miss His whisper. I pray with faith and trust that we are open to listening for his voice and when we hear it, to have the courage to honor Him in our daily lives.

In the Gospel, James and John then go on to tell Jesus, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” I can imagine Jesus shaking his head on hearing this, knowing they still didn’t understand that the way to His glory would involve suffering, sacrifice and a cross.

James and John loved Jesus, but they weren’t thinking of Jesus, Peter, or any of the other disciples when they made their request. They wanted to follow Jesus, but they believed that Jesus would hold a royal position in Jerusalem and they wanted to sit next to Him, so the world could see them in positions of honor and power. But Jesus’ way is not the way of the world and once again Jesus teaches the disciples, and us, what it means to follow him. Jesus asks, “Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” James and John answered yes; they didn’t understand what was involved in their promise or what was to come; all they knew was that they wanted to be with Jesus and share the cup and baptism Jesus was talking about. But, following Jesus is not easy. It wasn’t for the disciples and it’s harder and harder for us in this world where power and money rule.

Like the disciples when we drink of the cup and share in Jesus’ baptism we are joined and grafted to Jesus. We become one. Jesus speaks to our heart and if we listen His love changes us ... when we open our hearts and trust Jesus, God’s grace transforms us ... a little at a time ... and our world as we know it is turned upside down.

In our world the greater someone is the more they are served. In Jesus’ world the greater someone is the more they serve. Jesus teaches us that those who are great in God’s eye are not the ones we expect. We would never guess who they are by looking at them.

So, as St. Theresa of Calcutta once said, “Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier. Be the living expression of God’s kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting Give them not only your care, but also your heart.”

Sitting in silence,
Anna Mendonca

OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:00pm

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PASTORAL CARE VISITS WHILE IN HOSPITAL

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**.

ALL SOULS MASS

We will be having our All Souls mass on **Friday, November 2nd at 7:00pm**. This is a very special and solemn mass commemorating the loved ones we have lost, especially those we have lost this year. Please bring a framed photograph of your loved ones to this mass, as all the photographs will be displayed.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: _The month of November is a time to remember our beloved dead. The Book of Remembrance will be located at entrance of the church beginning October 31st.

KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE

Kairos Blanket Exercise – Sat. Nov. 3, 1:30 – 4:30 pm, Holy Cross Parish Hall
The Holy Cross Social & Eco Justice Committee invites all parishioners to participate in the Kairos Blanket Exercise. This is a deeply moving, participatory history lesson – developed in collaboration with indigenous Elders and educators – that fosters truth, understanding, respect, and reconciliation among indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. For more information: <https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org/>. **Limited to 60 participants. Sign-up sheet** in the lobby from Oct. 13 onwards.

COME TOGETHER WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

We invite you to join us for this wonderful opportunity to participate in the Ecumenical mini-retreats. Four consecutive Saturdays in November from 9:30 AM – 12 Noon.

Nov. 3 – Holy Cross; **Mona Goodman** “Filled with the Fire of Love.” How do we live the fruits of the Spirit?

Nov. 10 – Knox Presbyterian Church; Rev. Laura Kavanagh “A buffet of Spiritual Practise.” How do we satisfy our Spiritual Hunger?

Nov. 17 – Lutheran Church of the Cross; Nathan McDonald and Brian Wismath “Singing together; a song for everyone.”

Nov. 24 – St. Luke Anglican Church; More information to come.

Sign up sheets are in the foyer.

RCIA

WISH TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? Also suitable for adult Catholics seeking Confirmation. Are you searching for a Church to call your own? Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that begins to explore these and other faith issues for those who may be considering following the Catholic Christian way of life. If interested, please contact the parish office at 250-477-5321, contact Phil or Sheila Wall by phone at 250-385-7007 or by email walls_in_holland@hotmail.com or email Father Karam rev.karam@gmail.com.

SOCIAL BRIDGE

The 36th year of this once a month social gathering at Holy Cross commences **Sunday, November 4th** in the Parish Centre. The evening starts at 7:00 p.m. with social bridge followed by refreshments. All levels of Bridge are most welcome! Please contact Tony Southwell for more information at (250) 477-5738 or via e-mail: tsouthwell@shaw.ca or Mike Neal at (250) 477-1309 or via e-mail: mneal49@shaw.ca

PRAYER REFLECTION

The evangelizing mission of the church is essentially the announcement of God's love, mercy, and forgiveness revealed to humanity through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. It is the proclamation of the good news that God loves us and wants all people united in God's loving mercy. God forgives us and asks us to forgive others even for the greatest offences.

—Pope John Paul II, Message for Mission Sunday, 2002

Jesus is subversive, because he invites us to continually overturn the image we have formed of him. Through his whole life, as much as through his words, he directs us toward a God who became the servant of those to whom he gave birth through love.

—Gérard Bessière

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

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE:** "By His Wounds We Are Healed" Sr. Nuala Kenny SC, OC, BA, MD, FRCP(C) In light of the clergy sexual abuse, Sr. Nuala Kenny SC reminds us that we are called to be agents of healing. The conference will begin with Mass at 8:45am on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at St. Edward the Confessor Parish, Duncan. To register, and for more information go to: <http://www.rcdvictoria.org>.
- **AN EVENING WITH ANDRE REGNIER:** Spend an evening with André Regnier, Co-Founder of the Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) and author of *Clear and Simple: Conversations that lead to Conversion*. Sunday, November 4, 7:00 pm – Holy Cross Parish in the Church. **All are welcome.**
- **JOB OPPORTUNITY:** The Diocese of Victoria and Island Catholic Schools is seeking a **full-time accounting clerk**. Candidates should have an accounting diploma or equivalent and have at least two year's practical experience. This position would suit an individual with prior experience in maintaining Accounts Receivable & Payable ledgers and account reconciliations. More information on the bulletin board.
- **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** "Divorce and The Catholic Church" Saturday, November 3, 8:00am- Men's Faith and Fellowship Breakfast (\$12.00 at V H Club) - Presentation by Mr. Louis Melendez, M.Ed., assistant to the Judicial Vicar, Diocese of Victoria. Louis will guide us through the little-known processes of the Marriage Tribunal. **Email to Info@maff.org to Register by October 29th.**
- **2nd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR:** St. Joseph Church McKenzie & Burnside **Saturday, Nov 17 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM** 753 Burnside Rd. **PLENTY of FREE PARKING** Decorations, Crafts, Food, Beverages & Much More! Admission \$1 per person \$2 per family

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, October 21st

8:30 am Mass: **Bradley Graham +**
10:30 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**
4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, October 22nd

No Mass

TUESDAY, October 23rd

9:00 am Mass: **Manuel & Maria
Medeiros +**

WEDNESDAY, October 24th **NO MASS**

THURSDAY, October 25th

9:00 am Mass: **Jerome Carrerky +**

FRIDAY, October 26th **NO MASS**

SATURDAY, October 27th

3:45pm to 4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass: **Luciana & Liberio
Medeiros +**

SUNDAY, October 28th

8:30 am Mass: **Settimio (Tony)
Colistro +**
10:30 am Mass: **Mary & John Doyle +**
4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to the coffee crew who make coffee for us after 8:30 and 10:30 masses week in and week out. Your time and service lends so much to our fellowship and community on Sundays.

SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS

Joint Wellness—Monday and Thursday 10am

Wednesday Social group—1-3pm: cards, tea and cookies!

Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm.

Social Bridge—First Sunday of every month. Starting November 4.

CONTACTS

Administrator: Fr. Karam Alraban

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Administrative Assistant: Valentina Boyd

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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
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, 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	John Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891

SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY

Responsible Min.	Martha Oleson	250-477-6455
	Janita McHugh	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.	Anna Mendonca	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 October 14, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3,349.50
Loose	\$ 562.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,107.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,018.50
Anawim House	\$ 735.80



Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar/ Valentina Boyd	250-995-1891 250-813-0230
Catholicism	Fr. Karam Alraban	250-477-5321
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	250-385-7007
RCIC	Dan Taft Jr.	250-721-0821
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	Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
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