

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

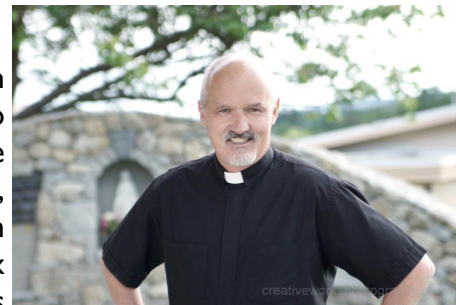
Vision Statement

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

SUNDAY October 22nd, 2017 Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

From Fr. William's Desk

In today's Gospel Jesus snares the Pharisees in their own trap: their hypocrisy is revealed for all to see. The core line of Jesus' response: "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's", is often quoted. Some use it to discredit those who mix religion and politics or economics. Others take this line of Jesus to mean that there is a clear distinction between our civic and political responsibilities on the



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one hand, and our religious duties on the other. In other words, what we are about in this place on Sunday should have nothing to do with the political choice we make in life, and should be kept out of what we are about once we leave this place. Jesus' answer is nuanced, and challenging. We get a sense of that when we take a closer look at the argument of Jesus. When Jesus says "and to God the things that are God's", we may wonder what he is referring to. If the coin is to be given to the emperor, because it bears the emperor's face, then that which bears God's face is to be given to God. **What bears God's image?** It is us! We are created in God's image; we carry God's face. That is the source of our dignity, and the basis of the 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, not beautiful liturgies and endless prayers. All that is good, of course. What God really wants from us is a well organized, a well cared for human life because all of us are created in God's image. 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.**

But how do you suppose such a society comes about? Is such a society not built and shaped by the political and economic choices we make? Jesus wants to place our civic responsibilities in a religious context. When with our economic and political choices we provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, health care facilities for the sick, education for the underprivileged, then we are indeed given to God what belongs to God. It is all part of being our brothers and our sisters keepers. That means as well that as long as our economic and political choices support insane agenda's, protect our own self interests, and keep adding to the relative affluence- at the expense of those in need, then our worship of God is not yet complete and we have not yet paid our tax to him.

Pay your tax to God!
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	9:00am
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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY CROSS PARISH

- **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 7:00pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, as well as the January sessions by Fr. William at Holy Cross. Five copies of this inspirational and deeply relevant book are still available at the office for \$18.95.
- **Caring for those with Dementia:** This Timely Talks seminar will be held at 9:45am in the parish centre on Friday, December 1st. Please contact Anna to register: pastoralassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

ANNUAL "SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS" SALE

Saturday, October 28th at Holy Cross Parish, 9:30 – 2:30pm. Sale includes fine jewellery (pearls and semi-precious stones) costume jewellery, scarves, handbags, silk laptop, mini and iPad bags. Items for children, babies and much more. Fantastic prices! Proceeds go to benefit children in Canadian Families Orphanages in S. India and Bangladesh. Cash/Cheques only. Free coffee, tea and goodies. For more information: www.familiesforchildren.ca or call Judy Begg at 250-658-0870

THANK YOU FROM ANAWIM TO HOLY CROSS PARISHIONERS

Your very generous donation of food and clothing for the people of Anawim House was overwhelming. This wonderful act of charity will help those that need our love and support. You have demonstrated by your giving that you have heard and answered "the cry of the poor". Blessings and thanks.

ALL SOULS MASS AT HOLY CROSS

We will be having our All Souls mass on **Thursday, 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 placed communally in front of the votive candle stand.

SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS

Joint Wellness—Monday and Thursday 10am
Wednesday Social group— 1-3pm
Men's Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm.
Social Bridge—First Sunday of every month.
HC Walking Group—Every Saturday morning at 10am for one hour.

MONTHLY GREEN TIPS!

The October Green Tip can now be found on our parish website: www.holycrossvictoria.org. The Social & Eco. Justice Committee is preparing a new series of social justice action tips. Stay tuned!

PRAYER REFLECTION

Any day, any minute we bless God for our being or for anything, for food, for sunlight, we do and are what we were meant for, made for—things that give and mean to give God glory.

—Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844–1889)

From ancient times down to the present, there is found among various peoples a certain perception of that hidden power which hovers over the course of things and over the events of human history; at times some indeed have come to the recognition of a Supreme Being, or even of a Father.

—Nostra Aetate (1965)

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **JOB POSTING:** The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria is seeking an Administrative Assistant to act on behalf of the Judicial Vicar and the Marriage Tribunal (in all matters pertaining to marriage) in a confidential and professional manner. Detailed posting on bulletin board.
- **DIOCESAN MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:** A Diocesan Mass, with Bishop Gary Gordon presiding, will be celebrated at the Cathedral on **Thursday, November 16th at 12 noon** for all deceased priests, bishops and religious of the diocese. A reception will follow. Kindly 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.
- **VOCATION LIVE-IN:** On the weekend of **November 3 - 5**, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.
- **GOLD MASS:** A Gold Mass for scientists will be celebrated in Vancouver at St. Mark's Parish at UBC on **Friday, November 17 at 5:30pm** with Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB as main celebrant. Light refreshments will be served after Mass. All are welcome to attend. The Gold Mass began as an initiative of the Society of Catholic Scientists (<https://www.catholicscientists.org>) which exists to “witness to the harmony between the vocation of scientist and the life of faith.” The patron saint of scientists is St. Albert the Great – bishop, theologian and alchemist. The colour gold reflects the colour of the hoods worn by those graduating with a Ph.D. in science and because St. Albert the Great was an alchemist who worked to turn base metals into gold. If you are interested in going and if you want to participate in a car pool, or if you simply want to express your interest in this initiative and want to hear more about faith and science, please contact Father Joachim Ostermann, OFM, at joachim.ostermann@gmail.com

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, October 22nd

8:30 am Mass: **Ralph Pengelly +**
10:30 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**
4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, October 23rd

9:00 am Mass

TUESDAY, October 24th

9:00 am Mass: **Mary H. Gormley (+)**

WEDNESDAY, October 25th

9:00 am Mass

THURSDAY, October 26th

9:00 am Mass
6:30 pm Rosary Group

FRIDAY, October 27th

9:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, October 28th

9:30am-2:30pm *Families For Children
Christmas Sale*
3:45—4:30 Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass: **Trixie Kramer +**

SUNDAY, October 29th

8:30 am Mass: **Pat Sexton (int.)**
10:30 am Mass: **Theresa Fox (+)**
4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to the dedicated team of Kitchen Clean Up members who spent their Friday morning cleaning, scrubbing and Windex-ing the kitchen in the parish center. “Cleanliness is next to Godliness” indeed.

We have welcome packages available in the foyer of the church for all parishioners who are new to our wonderful parish community. Please pick one up the next time you are at Holy Cross. We joyfully welcome you!

CONTACTS

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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. Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Ann Francis Darlene Southwell	250-477-8650 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 Annual Shed Clean	Loretta MacDonald Jack Ponsioen	250-477-6682 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 October 15th 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 4, 075.00
Loose	\$ 395.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 140.00
TOTAL	\$ 5, 610.00

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 RCIA	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky Phil / Sheila Wall	250-477-5321 250-479-1331 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 Out- reach	John Oleson	250-477-6455