



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

**SUNDAY - October 22, 2023**  
**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**World Mission Sunday**

Pope Francis reminds us on this World Mission Sunday that sharing the Good News is the horizon for all church activity. Our aim is not just to save our souls but to share in the rescue of the world God so loves. "Everyone has the right to receive the gospel. Christians have the duty to announce it without excluding anyone ... as one who shares a joy, signals a beautiful horizon, offers a desirable banquet" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 14). Embrace the mission! And embracing the mission will be challenging! Jesus experienced that!

*The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. Jesus snares the Pharisees in their own trap in today's gospel with his brilliant teaching to "render unto Caesar . . ." In today's gospel he is beset by two groups who did not usually see eye-to-eye, the Pharisees and the Herodians, to put him in a double bind. Whichever way he answered, he would lose face: If he said to pay the tax, he would become a collaborator, while saying no would make him a criminal. In the end, Jesus turned the honor tables on all of them, both by questioning their motives as well their very faithfulness.*

It is not with kind words that Jesus responds to the attempt of the Pharisees to trap him. The core line of the response: "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God," is often quoted. We may wonder what Jesus is referring to. But we really do not have to look that far. If the coin is to be given to the emperor because it bears the emperor's face, then the reality which bears God's face is of necessity to be given to God. We could still avoid the issue by pretending not to know what bears God's image. It is us! We, human beings are created in God's image, we carry God's face. That is the one source of our dignity, but it is also the basis of the immense 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; it is not a church building; it is not primarily beautiful liturgies and endless prayers. All that is good, of course. All that can help, and we should not give up on it. And yet, what God really wants us to give him is a well-organized, a well-cared for human life for all. And this is because humanity, all of us individually and all of us together, are created in God's image. What God wants back from us, 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. On this World Mission Sunday, we pay for the missions with Caesar's coin. We reap the harvest in Spirit and truth.

Joy and peace  
Father William



## OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed  
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:00pm  
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:30pm  
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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](https://www.rcd.victoria.ca/Responsible-Ministry) or call 1-800-968-3146  
To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](https://www.bishopreporting.ca) or call 1-866-892-3737

### LIVESTREAM MASSES

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

### 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. Please note that the next sessions to choose from for Baptismal Preparation are:

Sat, Nov 18 (10:00 am – 12 noon)

Sat, Dec 9 (10:00 am – 12 noon)

Please email [hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org) with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism.

### The Bishop's Appeal 2023

The 2023 Appeal theme, *Tapestry of Faith*, invites us to trust that the Holy Spirit is working in us and through us. This year's Appeal encourages us all to bring our unique gifts, challenges and perspectives to our faith community and create a welcoming Church that brings people together in faith. Your pledge will also benefit our parish by allowing us to give financial support toward a refugee sponsorship.

Please give prayerful consideration towards our Appeal and know that you are making a significant difference right here at home: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>

Parish Goal: \$49,000

### **WE'RE HIRING!**

Are you looking for a work environment that makes for a great day? Look no further ~ **Island Catholic Schools** is recruiting! We are in search of enthusiastic people who are certified, talented, love what they do and wish to work in vibrant school environments! We are currently searching for:

- Administrative Assistant - Queen of Angels School
- Educational Assistants - Queen of Angels School
- One-on-One Support Worker - Queen of Angels School
- After School Care Worker - Queen of Angels School
- After School Care Worker - St. Joseph's School
- After School Care Worker - St. Patrick's School
- Teachers on Call
- Educational Assistants on Call
- Casual Bus Drivers



If you are interested in joining one of our teams, please visit: <https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/>

### **Note of Thanks**

We are deeply grateful for the messages of support as our family deals with the recent heart attack of our youngest daughter. Marianne feels the warmth as do we". Darlene and Tony

### Request for Volunteers

On Saturday, November 4th, the Diocesan Conference will be held at Holy Cross Parish. As we are hosting, there will be a need for volunteers to prepare coffee in time for the 8:30 start, as well as set up beverages and a mid-morning snack. Participants will be asked to bring a bag lunch, but we will be providing coffee/tea/water during the lunch hour break in the hall. If you can help with these preparations, please call the office at 250-477-5321 or sign up on the list in the foyer.



**Prayer Reflection**

He has a right to criticize, who has a heart to help.  
—Abraham Lincoln

You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life.  
—Winston Churchill

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

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“Give ... to God the things that are God’s.” That includes you! Is God calling you to service as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Fr. David Hogman or Fr. Harrison Ayre, Directors of Vocations in the Diocese of Victoria. **Fr. David Hogman:** [dhogman@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:dhogman@rcdvictoria.org)  
**Fr. Harrison Ayre:** [hayre@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hayre@rcdvictoria.org)

**All Souls’ Day Mass**

The Mass for All Souls’ Day will be celebrated at Holy Cross Parish at 7pm on Thursday, November 2. You are invited to bring pictures of your loved ones who have died so as to remember them in a special way during this All Souls’ Day Mass.

**Like to Cook? The Soup Kitchen Needs You!**

**The Soup Kitchen**, operating in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria, is looking for a Wednesday morning cook to prepare our nutritious soup, in a 70 litre commercial kettle for up to 150 diners. This can be a one or two person job. Hours are 4:00 am to 6:00 am. Duties include making the soup with precut ingredients and clean-up. Onsite training is provided. A current Food Safe certificate is needed, which will be paid for by **The Soup Kitchen**.

**Keen to learn more?** Please contact Sheila Connelly at (250) 216-7249. For over 40 years, **The Soup Kitchen** has been a comfort, and in some instances a lifeline, for the downtown community. Please consider joining our dedicated team of volunteers - you will find it both personally and spiritually rewarding.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**62nd ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL RAFFLE**

**15 prizes totalling \$100,000**

**Grand Prize is a Toyota RAV4**

Tickets are \$5 each, 10 for \$25 or **50 for \$50 !**

Two \$1,000 Early Bird draws every two weeks

**Get your tickets at our KofC Website at: [kofcBCraffle](http://kofcBCraffle)  
[ Main Draw Dec 16, 2023 : BC Gaming Licence #144568 ]**



**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE**

**SATURDAY, October 21st**

4PM Mass: Hilary Ribeiro+

**SUNDAY, October 22nd, 2023**

9AM Mass: Ben Perri+

**MONDAY, October 23rd**

NO MASS

**TUESDAY, October 24th**

9AM Mass: Sussex Davis+

**WEDNESDAY, October 25th**

9AM Funeral Mass for Rosa Salvati

**THURSDAY, October 26th**

9AM Mass: Guillermo Feliciano+  
1PM Funeral Liturgy Ashley Cornwell

**FRIDAY, October 27th**

NO MASS

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**The Chapel will be open for private prayers this week from Tuesday to Friday, 9am—noon via the side door.**

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 Mercy Chapel

**ADORATION**

9am First Friday of the Month in the Chapel

**Masks are no longer mandatory indoors. We do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. If you are feeling unwell please stay home.**

**COLLECTIONS October 15, 2023**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 2,790.00
Loose	\$ 490.00
Social Eco Justice	\$ 45.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,370.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,695.00</b>

**Thank You Corner**

Thank you to Debra Prior and Joan Gagnon for helping distribute birthday cake after Mass last Saturday evening!



### **News from the Chancery**

1) The 2023 Appeal theme, Tapestry of Faith, invites us to trust that the Holy Spirit is working in us and through us. This year's Appeal encourages us all to bring our unique gifts, challenges and perspectives to our faith community and create a welcoming Church that brings people together in faith. Your pledge will also benefit your parish by supporting its chosen parish project. Please give prayerful consideration towards our Appeal and know that you are making a significant difference right here at home. For more information and to donate, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>

2) On Wednesday, October 25, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is hosting an online national multilingual Rosary for Peace in the Holy Land at 4:30 p.m. PT. For more information and to register, please visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84411224944>

3) For the past two weeks, over 300 delegates from around the world have been meeting in Rome, participating in the first session of the Universal Phase of Synod 2021-2024. There are many opportunities to learn more about the Synod:

(i) On Thursday, October 26th, the Serra Club Victoria (in formation) will be hosting a talk about the Synod's meaning, process, and expectations with guest speaker Fr. Eduardo Da Silva Santos. The talk will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Victoria (4635 Elk Lake Drive) at 7:00 pm; all are invited to come early and participate in Adoration at 6 pm and Mass at 6:30 pm. For more information please email [victoria@serrainternational.org](mailto:victoria@serrainternational.org)

(ii) The Vatican News YouTube channel is sharing Masses, prayers, briefings and presentations from the Synod at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC9tK3JlRlaYQkeP7SncFikqNe-gD7u2A>

4) Two opportunities are coming up in November for all people of the Diocese to deepen and develop in their faith:

(i) On Saturday, November 4, Catholic speaker and author Ann Garrido will present our Diocesan Conference "Redeeming Conflict: One Messy Situation at a Time". As Christians, we tend to associate conflict with sin, but how we handle our tensions with one another can be one of the most profound witnesses we offer in the world. Speaking out of her own experience as a part-time theology nerd and part-time conflict mediator, Ann will share insights into how we can make our tensions part of our spiritual journey. The conference will be held at Holy Cross Parish in Victoria from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, followed by Mass with the Holy Cross community at 4:00 pm. For more information and to register please visit <https://DofVRedeemingConflict.eventbrite.com>. For questions about these two events, or assistance in registering, please contact Margaret Gwyn at [mgwyn@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:mgwyn@rcdvictoria.org) or 250-479-1331 ext 227.

(ii) On Saturday, November 25, all are invited to our Diocesan Faith Day "Serving with Spirit: Transformation from the Inside out" with Catholic speaker and author, Leah Perault. Join us for a day of learning in community, as we consider how the Holy Spirit leads us within a changing church and world. The Faith Day will be held from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm at St. Edward's Church in Duncan. For more information and to register please visit <https://DioConferenceServewithSpirit.eventbrite.com>

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#### **Plant Containers Return Requested**

If you purchased a hanging basket or plants from Ellis Achtem this past year, please return the empty hanging baskets and pots (exclusively those supplied by Ellis) to the office as they can be reused next year. Thank you!

#### **Monthly Sunday Bridge at Holy Cross**

A warm welcome is extended to all Bridge players to join this friendly group as we prepare for the start of our 42nd year of Social Bridge which begins Sunday, November 5th @7:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Please contact Tony Southwell at (250) 477-5738 or via e-mail at [tony\\_southwell@hotmail.com](mailto:tony_southwell@hotmail.com) for more information.



#### **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.