

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - October 23rd 2022

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

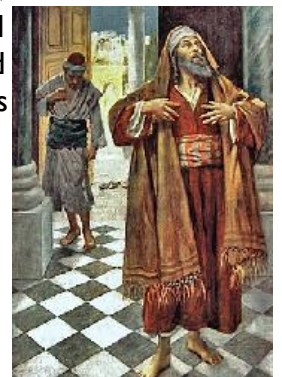
Jesus surprised and upset his listeners when he told the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. Today's version would be, "The leading contributor to the parish finances and daily Mass attendee and drug addict went into church to pray." The Pharisee thanked God he was not like the tax collector. But in fact, he was like the tax collector. We all are. We all have the capacity to sin; we all have selfish impulses that run counter to our actual best interests. Because the tax collector was willing to acknowledge that and ask forgiveness, he went home justified in the eyes of God. That is something the Pharisee just could not see.

So, what is the difference between these men in the Gospel today? It is not their faith, because both are found at prayer in Temple. It is not their poverty or riches, because both would have been quite wealthy people. It is not age or education either. No. The difference is that one knows his need of God, and the other does not. One is aware of his failings, while the other is aware only of the failings of others. One can name his sins, while the other can name only sinners. One is full of contrition, while the other is blinded by pride. The Pharisee believes his goodness comes from his own efforts, while the tax collector knows that it is only the grace of God which can send him home in peace. Within these two characters lie you and I and may I suggest, all of humanity. We all need to take an honest look at ourselves. Both the Pharisee and the tax collector in the temple were sinners. But the tax collector, by admitting it, is the one upon whom Jesus will show mercy. We are all sinners. We need to place our sins honestly before our God, who loves us and treats us with mercy. God knows no favorites, Sirach tells us. He judges justly and affirms the right.

In these two figures of the Pharisee and the tax-collector, Jesus has characterized all of us. He does not put the Pharisee down, nor does he put the tax-collector on a pedestal. But he makes a judgment that goes contrary to our religious expectations. Because, humanly speaking, the Pharisee lives honestly and very conscientiously, while the tax-collector clearly has chosen the wrong path and breaks the religious code. And yet Jesus overturns our judgment and in doing so he forces us to take a good look at ourselves: are we intent on making ourselves perfect or do we acknowledge the correct relationship with God? "God be merciful to me, a sinner." God has mercy on repentant sinners. The New Testament does not make that guarantee for the self-proclaimed righteous. Cornel West said it best...*never forget that justice is what love looks like in public.* On World Mission Sunday we need to remember that the world needs to see Christians burning, not with self-righteous fury and judgement, but with passion for God.

I want to thank you all for your Birthday wishes, cards and gifts .
Have mercy on me a sinner.

Father William



OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:00pm
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:30pm
Fr. William Hann, Pastor

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.

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LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from St. Patrick's Parish at 4pm Sunday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

St. Patrick's School Welcomes You to our Kindergarten Open House

Would you like your child, grandchild, great grandchild, or niece/nephew to attend a well-rounded, affordable faith-based Catholic elementary school? **St. Patrick's School** is hosting a **Kindergarten Open House** for children ages 3-4 years old on **Wednesday, October 26th from 4:30 to 6 pm**. Come see what we are all about! We are located at **2368 Trent Street**, right behind the Royal Jubilee Hospital. Call us at **250-592-6713** for more information.

The **Knights of Columbus** have officially launched their 61st Annual Charity Appeal campaign. Tickets this year are \$5.00 each and the grand prize is a Toyota Rav4 along with several cash prizes. The main draw is Jan 28th but there are several early bird draws. Proceeds go to several charities within BC and also supports the Knights of Columbus. Please go to <http://kofcdraw.net/C7934> to purchase your tickets.

Father William will be away next week. There will be Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Tuesday and Thursday. Fr. Roy Laudenorio will preside at weekend Masses October 29th and 30th.

All Souls' Day Masses will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 7pm at Holy Cross Parish and at 12:10pm at St. Patrick's Parish. You are invited to bring pictures of your loved ones who have passed away for this special Mass of remembrance.

Save the Date! A Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop presented by Fr. William will be held at Holy Cross Parish on Saturday, November 12, 2022 from 10am until noon. Please call the office to register. 250-477-5321

**REMINDERS from Barb Shenton for St. Pat's and Holy Cross parishioners!**

Welcome back! We are off and running with a new year of growing in faith and learning here at St. Patrick's & Holy Cross.

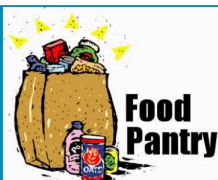
Baptismal Prep – Our course is now offered on the first Saturday of the month in person or on-line. Contact Barb Shenton at bshenton@rcdvictoria.org for the baptismal registration form for your child and to book a preparation session.

SACRAMENTAL PREP for First Confession & Confirmation/First Eucharist

Children must be in Grade Two for First Confession and in Grade Three for Confirmation/First Eucharist preparation.

Children who are in Grade Four and above are welcome to complete the RCIC program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) which is modeled on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Please note: Lessons for BOTH First Confession & Confirmation/First Eucharist will not begin until January 2023. Please submit a new/updated registration form for either of these sacraments to bshenton@rcdvictoria.org Forms are also available on the parish website.



Anawim House Thank you for your continued generosity providing items for Anawim House. If you wonder what items are always in need, here are some suggestions: Jam, peanut butter, Tuna, Pasta Sauce, Pasta noodles, ketchup, mustard, relish, coffee, sugar and cereal. Toilet paper, Kleenex and paper towels. Blessings and thanks!

Prayer Reflection

Never forget that justice is what love looks like in public.
—Cornel West

Justice cannot be for one side alone, but must be for both.
—Eleanor Roosevelt

Parishioners are still receiving fraudulent emails supposedly from Fr. William. Please verify the sender's email address. Legitimate emails are from whann@rcdvictoria.org. This is an example of an email that one Parishioner received:

Hello! Are you less busy at the moment? I got a request for you to manage discreetly. I will be going into a meeting soon, no calls so kindly respond back via mail. Thanks

Please do not respond to such an email!



The Bishop's Appeal 2022 - Growing Together

This week we kick off the Bishop's Appeal along with all other parishes and missions throughout our Diocese. The 2022 Appeal theme, **Growing Together**, provides opportunities for parishioners of all generations to come together in faith while striving to heal and grow the church. Please pledge to the Bishop's Appeal: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/growing-together-2022>
Parish Goal: \$80,000 Our parish projects this year are GVAT (Greater Victoria Acting Together) and Anawim House for Women.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

St. Patrick's & Holy Cross Parish invite enquiries for the position of Religious Education Coordinator for our Sacramental Preparation Programs. Please contact Fr. William Hann at stpat190@telus.net or office@holycrossvictoria.org

Library Corner



The Holy Cross Justice Committee has secured an informative collection of books on the necessity of taking care of the precious earth we are given --- the need to have a Sustainable Environment. Pope Francis has encouraged us with his Laudato Si encyclical included in the collection. They are displayed on the entrance foyer table. Please peruse and borrow using the sign-out book.

Sincere thanks to Barb McKrow, Pete Vijandre, Florrie and Ben Legaspi for all their help in setting up for the final gathering of the Joint Wellness Class. Also thanks to Catherine Hawkins for preparing the coffee and tea. Everyone was so glad to greet each other; smiles and laughter abounded. Happy Memories. Thank you also to Fr. William for dropping by and giving a blessing, everyone thought that was so special. Thank you, Julia

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE SATURDAY, October 22nd

3-3:45pm: Confession
4pm Mass: Salvatore Ciccone+

SUNDAY, October 23rd
9am Mass: Caitlin Mary Callahan+

MONDAY, October 24th
NO MASS

TUESDAY, October 25th
9am Liturgy of the Word
Edward Barnett+

WEDNESDAY, October 26th
NO MASS

THURSDAY, October 27th
9am Mass: Liturgy of the Word
Laurie Chan+

FRIDAY, October 28th
NO MASS

The Church will be open for private prayers from Tuesday to Friday
9am - noon

Masks are no longer mandatory indoors, though we do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. As always, if you are feeling unwell or symptomatic please stay home.

COLLECTION for Oct 16th

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS	
Envelopes	\$ 3,530.00
Loose	\$ 360.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,402.50
TOTAL	\$ 5,292.50

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.

Thank You Corner!

Thank you to Anna Mendonca for meticulously organizing the Harvest Celebration and to each and everyone who contributed to the success of this special event. We are blessed!

NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

The Ukrainian Rite Catholic Bishops of Canada have written a pastoral letter to the faithful of Canada and to all people of good will. It is an invitation to a response of faith to the war currently taking place in Ukraine. The letter may be read online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/the-war-in-ukraine-a-call-to-prayer-fasting-and-action>.

Note from the Catholic Students Association

The students are ever so grateful to the dedicated Holy Cross parishioners who continue to feed them in abundance. Our next mass and lasagna meal event will be November 19th. Sit back and relax, the show's about to begin. Movie Night on October 26th at Multifaith from 6:30-8:30pm. The movie chosen is a heart-affecting, comedy drama parable about spiritual transformation. Snacks and popcorn refills are always provided. All are welcome!

The Holy Cross Sunday 9 am choir is happily accepting new members. No experience is necessary, just a love of song! We sing for the 9am mass every first and third Sunday of the month and rehearse at 7:30 pm the preceding Thursday evenings. Please email Choir Director Janet Seale for more information at dpseale@hotmail.com.

Volunteers needed

The Refugee Sponsorship Committee is looking for parishioners to assist the team with transportation of the New-comer family to various appointments and to Mass. If you have an up-to-date Criminal Record Check for working with vulnerable populations, as well as current Diocesan Covenant of Care paperwork completed and are interested in helping out please call the office for more information. 250-477-5321

40 Days for Life is ongoing in Victoria till November 6, holding a daily prayer vigil near the General Hospital. Please join with us and thousands around the world defending unborn babies from abortion in a prayerful, peaceful and positive fellowship, either in prayer or in person. If interested, contact Glenda at 250 661 2613

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, October 26th as staff will be attending a Diocesan day-long retreat.

The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Committee of the Diocese of Victoria is pleased to announce they are now accepting applications from groups in the Diocese who wish to access the CCCB's Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. More information is available at www.rcdvictoria.org/irf, or at irf@rcdvictoria.org or 250-800-3167.

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Dishes, Dishes, Dishes!

There are dishes in the Parish Hall kitchen washed and ready to retrieve. Thank you to those who brought salads and desserts to both the UVic supper and the Harvest Celebration. There is one plain glass bowl that has gone astray - if you've picked it up in error, please return it to the office. "Lena F"'s name on the bottom.

Coming in November!

On November 12/13 and 19/20 - Missals for the new Liturgical Year will be available for purchase in the foyer.

The weekend of November 26/27 - Birthright fudge will be sold. Ordering Info to follow.