



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

Mission Statement: Rooted in the community of Gordon Head and the University, in communion with the Roman Catholic Church, Holy Cross Parish serves the people of God by sharing, teaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY - October 24, 2021
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

On World Mission Sunday, we are invited to adopt an attitude of gratitude. Here's an intriguing take on a familiar commission: Thankful people become missionaries. "To be 'in a state of mission' is a reflection of gratitude," Pope Francis declares on this World Mission Sunday. Yet this "state of mission" belongs to the whole church, not just to those brave souls who pack up and go off to foreign lands. Jesus commissions his friends to take the Good News wherever we go. Grateful folks do this cheerfully. How can we keep from singing when a song's been placed in our hearts? It is said Helen Keller was once asked if there was anything worse than being blind. She replied, 'Having no vision.'

After a month of listening to stories about the folks around Jesus getting it terribly wrong, isn't it a relief to contemplate the story of one who got it right? Who is the model disciple who gave it all? If it is the Gospel of Mark, chances are it is not "the disciples." They are too busy deciding who can and cannot talk with Jesus. They may be walking with him out of Jericho, but they are not necessarily *following*. No, that role goes to Bartimaeus, who though "blind" is the only one who sees the Messiah in Jesus. And he is willing to get up and follow not his "own way" but the way of Jesus—even though that road goes to Jerusalem.

Mark is so committed to showing us how blind the generation of Jesus was—and how blind disciples of every age may well continue to be—that the onslaught of foolishness, arrogance, cowardice, and stupidity seems to have no bounds. It is positively a cause for celebration, then, to encounter a person like Bartimaeus. Bartimaeus is fascinating for many reasons, not just his stellar discipleship performance in a gospel glutted with ignorance and half-hearted attempts. The fact that we know his name alone makes him significant. How many needy souls in the gospel were helped by Jesus out of desperate situations and then vanished back into total anonymity?

Bartimaeus' story is the story of every Christian. As Christians, we must have our eyes wide open to the meaning of life, and we are called to walk into a new direction. How can we be healed of our blindness? We do as Bartimaeus did. We must run after Jesus, call his name, acknowledge our blindness, and ask to see. Be forewarned: Clear sight does not always feel like a gift. Opening our eyes to the truth about our world and ourselves makes negotiating our place in this society a whole lot messier. Bartimaeus could be our times patron saint. Though physically blind, Bartimaeus had the ability to see—namely that Jesus was the Son of David, the Messiah—and his insistence on contact with Christ gave him not only his sight but also the discernment to follow Jesus' way.

Let us see again dear Lord
Father William

OFFICE HOURS

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

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this Saturday! Mass is livestreamed this week from *St. Patrick's Parish on Saturday at 6pm*: Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

TENANT STARTER KITS



Thank you to everyone who took part in the Tenant Starter Kit Project! This was an overwhelmingly successful endeavor and all of the support was greatly appreciated. The Social Eco Justice team is now busy organizing all the items that have come in. There are still a few items that have not yet been brought in; **if you have signed up for an item on the list please bring it into the office by Friday October 29th.** If this deadline is not possible for you please do not hesitate to contact the office to make alternate arrangements. Thank you again to everyone who supported this project! For further information or pick up requests please contact Barb McKrow: bmckrow@shaw.ca 250-477-8322 or Sonja Ruffell: sonjaruffell@gmail.com 250-472-0033.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: SPECIAL MASS

Sacred Heart Council invites you to attend the celebration of the anniversary of the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, at a special Mass on Saturday, Oct. 30th at 4pm. at Sacred Heart Parish Church. 4th Degree Knights are invited to wear their tuxedos with social balderic.

The annual K of C Charity Appeal ticket sales opened on Monday, Oct. 18. Ticket prices are only \$3, with a 1st Prize of \$60,000, all cash prizes, and even early bird prizes drawn on Dec. 4. Tickets can only be bought online with a credit card, by going to the same address as last year. By using the link with St. Patrick's Council number 7934, our council will be credited with a portion of the proceeds to distribute to local charities: www.KofCDraw.net/C7934

WARM CLOTHING DRIVE AT ST. PARTICK'S ELEMENTARY

Ms. Jeanette Redchurch and her Grade 2 class at St. Patrick's Elementary School have kicked off their annual outreach clothing drive! Between October 18th-28th they are hoping to collect as many **NEW adult winter socks (work socks), adult toques and gloves, and children's toques and gloves** as they can, which they will then donate to Anawim House and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Items can be dropped off at the parish office during office hours, or left in the Anawim shopping cart in the Church foyer. Thank you in advance for your support for this valuable outreach project. Deadline for donations: **Thursday October 28th.**



BISHOP'S APPEAL 2021



Please consider making a financial commitment to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Not only are you helping your own parish but you are making a real difference to healing & reconciliation initiatives for Indigenous peoples in our Diocese. It is through your commitment and efforts that we will be able to continue to build relationships in the **"Spirit of Hope – Healing and Reconciliation"**. Donations may be made on-line www.rcdvictoria.org/spirit-of-hope-2021

Our parish project is: **Sponsoring a refugee family**

Parish Goal: **\$60,000** Actual to Date: **\$35,896.01** Number of Gifts: **60**

PRAYER REFLECTION

It is said Helen Keller was once asked if there was anything worse than being blind. She replied, "Having no vision."

—Stephen Kendrick, Holy Clues

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.

—Julian of Norwich (c. 1342-1417)

A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

To access the live stream link from the Diocese of Victoria website simply google: Diocese of Victoria or go to www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream. Celebrate Mass on-line with Bishop Gary.

SUNDAY 10 AM

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 7 PM

The National Liturgy Office of the CCCB is offering a free three-part webinar on November 8, 9, and 10 from 11 am – 1 pm each day. The aim of this webinar is to reflect more deeply on the meaning of the Eucharist in order to invigorate how we celebrate, live out, and give witness to what the Eucharist means. Registration is open to clergy, religious, liturgy committee members, pastoral council members, chaplains, and any interested parishioners. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/national-liturgy-webinar/>.

NOTE FROM THE UVIC/CAMOSUN CHAPLAIN

Gamers Flock to God! Come Pray and Play! Let's celebrate an Awesome God; His miracles through the lives of the Saints and Our's. Bring your favourite Board Games. Snacks are provided. **Tuesday, October 26th, from 7-9pm at UVic's Multifaith Centre, Parking Lot #6.** Please RSVP to lfoch@rcdvictoria.org



RECONCILIATION CORNER

How do you talk to your children or grandchildren about the history of residential schools? In this 9-minute video, **Monique Gray Smith** (a Cree author based in Victoria) offers some ideas, one of which is to read to them. She suggests authors and titles for readers of all ages. We have in our Indigenous Collection some of the authors mentioned (eg. Thomas King, Richard Wagamese, Carey Newman, Michelle Good), but there are so many more who deserve our attention. See also the list of **48 books for readers of all ages**, curated by **David A. Robertson** (a Cree author based in Winnipeg), to help us understand the residential school experience.



OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, October 23rd

4pm Mass: Les McAdams +

SUNDAY, October 24th

9am Mass: Ivor Williams+

MONDAY, October 25th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, October 26th

9am Mass: Ming Ming Jian (int)

WEDNESDAY, October 27th

9am Mass: Xui Gui Zhang (int)

THURSDAY, October 28th

9am Mass: Bernice Kobylanski +

FRIDAY, October 29th

9am Mass: Lizabeth Mullan (int)

In-person Masses have resumed now with no restrictions on numbers. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact the Office (250-477-5321.)

Masks are now mandatory for everyone in the Church and the parish centre.



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COLLECTION for October 17, 2021

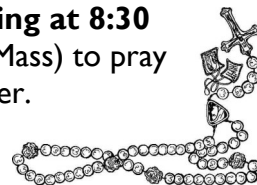
WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 1,985.00
Loose	\$ 140.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,802.00

MORNING ROSARY

Please join the rosary group that gathers in the Church every **Tuesday to Friday morning at 8:30** (before morning Mass) to pray the rosary together.

All are welcome.



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A Reason to Smile from St. Patrick's Elementary School

The students at St. Patrick's Elementary participated in World Food Day on October 15th. They supported this important day by collecting food donations, taking part in a neighbourhood awareness walk and having virtual Mass with Fr. William, the school chaplain. A photo of the day is attached [here](#).



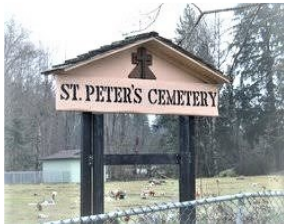
ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

First Friday adoration in the mercy chapel will be next held on **Friday, November 5th** from 1-2pm in the Mercy Chapel.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Please note that **Rachel's Vineyard** will be coming to our Diocese in the near future. This ministry is a safe place for people to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For information please contact Nicola at nicolamgallagher0123@gmail.com

ST. PETER'S CEMETERY



Attention all those with a plot reserved, or with family members interred, at St. Peter's Cemetery in Port Alberni!

We are currently verifying and updating the names and contact information of our interment rights holders, as part of a digitization of permanent cemetery records. If you or a family member purchased a plot prior to 2019, or if you intend to be interred in a plot purchased by someone else, we need you to contact us **prior to November**

6, 2021! Please call 250-723-8912, or email rc-portalberni@shaw.ca.

SEEDS OF RECONCILIATION

A program by Returning to Spirit, an Indigenous-led non-profit organization delivering experiential reconciliation workshops since 2001.

Saturday, November 27, 2021 from 8:30am-4:30pm at Queen of Angels School in Duncan. Participants must commit to a full day and bring a bagged lunch.

Free, limited space, registration is required. Register using this link: <https://forms.gle/pFFIULyAYn3hj7D37>

Or email Gwen Jahelka at gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org for more information.

Register

VOLUNTEER CHEFS NEEDED FOR UNIVERSITY SUPPER

The first of this year's UVic/Camosun student suppers last Sunday was a great success, with 30 students participating. Fr. William celebrated Mass beforehand. We are planning another supper for **Sunday November 7th** at 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We need volunteers to drop off home-made lasagna, or salad by 4:30 pm on that day. I will put a sign-up sheet in the church foyer this Sunday with details, but if you are not attending Mass in person and wish to help, just e-mail me. We are planning suppers for December and January as well, details to follow in a subsequent Bulletin. Many thanks!

John Oleson (jpoleson@uvic.ca).



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Bishop of Victoria Annual Appeal Commitment Weekend: October 23-October 24, 2021

How will the Diocese of Victoria satisfy its commitment to the \$30 million pledged by the Canadian Bishops for healing and reconciliation? Will there be another collection or campaign?

There will NOT be a separate collection nor another campaign to satisfy the \$30 million financial commitment in the Diocese of Victoria. Every diocese across Canada will make their own decisions regarding how best to fulfill their commitment to the \$30 million pledge. The Diocese of Victoria would like to take tangible and concrete action to satisfy the financial commitment and not burden individual parishioners with additional special collections or financial requests. ***The Diocese of Victoria does not have many surplus properties; however, after appropriate consultation, Bishop Gary Gordon has determined that the Diocese of Victoria will sell a residential property that was being held to build a bishop's residence. This sale will help fund the Diocese of Victoria's portion (yet to be confirmed) of the amount pledged by the Canadian Bishops.***

How is the Diocese of Victoria's Bishop's Annual Appeal different from the BC Bishop's Appeal announced on July 26, 2021?

The BC Bishops' Appeal was announced in response to the discovery of the unmarked graves by Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc in Kamloops and the need for the Catholic dioceses in BC to take immediate action to improve Indigenous relationships. The BC Bishops recognized the need for a province wide initiative to raise funds to support healing and reconciliation and show solidarity in action by all five dioceses in BC. All funds raised for the BC Bishops' Appeal collected and disbursed are to be used within each diocese to fund local programs and initiatives in consultation with Indigenous peoples.

The Diocese of Victoria had already refocused our Annual Appeal – *Spirit of Hope - Healing & Reconciliation*. Therefore, ***our Diocesan Appeal is our local plan to fulfill the BC Bishops' Appeal initiative. All funds received over the summer, during the initial BC Bishops' Appeal, will be used for the same goals, projects and initiatives stated in our Annual Appeal literature.*** The difference between the two appeals are that 100% of donations to the BC Bishops' Appeal will be allocated to healing and reconciliation initiatives, whereas donations to our Annual Appeal will have 80% allocated to healing & reconciliation and 20% retained by the parish for their goals and needs.

If you already donated to the initial BC Bishops' Appeal and would like your gift redirected towards your parish Annual Appeal total, we would be pleased to make that adjustment. Please contact Catherine Minvielle at 250-479-1331 or via email at cminvielle@rcdvictoria.org.

How will past Appeal projects continue to be funded if 100% of the proceeds of the 2021 Appeal are going to healing & reconciliation projects and initiatives?

Over the past eleven years the Appeal has supported a variety of programs and needs. During Covid some of the Appeal funds were kept in reserve for emergency requests. ***The remaining unspent Appeal funds from prior years will be used to help support past Appeal commitments***, including: Catholic Schools' capital needs, faith formation programs and support for missions and rural parishes for the next fiscal year.