



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

**SUNDAY - October 27, 2024**  
***Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

This Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, is the 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel according to Mark tells the story of Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, and his encounter with Jesus. Sitting by the roadside, Bartimaeus called out to Jesus and Jesus invited him to come closer. When the blind beggar reached him, Jesus asked him what he wanted and Bartimaeus replied: *My teacher, let me see again.* Jesus responded with compassion, healed him, and said, *Go; your faith has made you well.* Bartimaeus must have been filled with wonder and joy and the scripture states that he *followed Jesus on the way.* There had been a crowd of people walking with Jesus. Initially, people in the crowd told the blind man to stop shouting, but when asked by Jesus, they helped Bartimaeus. Thus, they witnessed the healing and must have also been filled with wonder and joy. It had not been just one man that was blind. Many of the people in the crowd were blind as well, though not physically. Bartimaeus was blind but saw with his heart of faith and his heart recognized Jesus. Many in the crowd did not truly understand Jesus and were blind to the needs of the beggar. They were surprised that Jesus wanted to speak to him and were amazed at the healing, now able to see what they had not seen before.

All of us experience times of blindness. We do not recognize the needs of our neighbors. We do not see Jesus in the stranger. We become paralyzed by fear. We forget that we are the beloved. How can we see? Today's Gospel teaches us that our sight will improve if we follow Jesus. When Jesus said to the crowd: *Call him here;* the people did not understand. But they did not argue. They trusted and helped Bartimaeus reach Jesus. We must try to do the same! Jesus' words to all of us are: *Love one another as I have loved you.* (John 13:34) Trusting and following these words will help us be healed of blindness.

There is another important point in the account in Mark's Gospel. When Bartimaeus stood in front of Jesus, Jesus asked him: *What do you want me to do for you?* Jesus did not assume that Bartimaeus wanted to regain his sight but instead asked him what he wanted. Jesus did not force healing on the blind man. In the same way, Jesus invites us to follow him, but never forces himself on us. We live in uncertain times and cannot see into the future. With wars, acrimonious elections, climate change, and housing concerns, we have difficulty seeing our way forward. But we know that if we choose to follow Jesus, even if circumstances and future are enveloped by an impenetrable fog, our blindness will diminish. If we try to follow the words: *Love one another as I have loved you,* we will regain our sight. Therefore, let us in all situations, in all challenges, in all joys and sorrows, choose Jesus.

Tanya Taft

## OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed  
Tuesday-Friday: 8:30am-3:30pm

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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](http://RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry) or call 1-800-968-3146  
To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit [BishopReportingSystem.ca](http://BishopReportingSystem.ca) or call 1-866-892-3737

**LIVESTREAM MASSES**

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend!** Mass is livestreamed this week from St. Patrick's Parish on Sunday at 11am. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

**Bishop's Appeal Update**

The *Sharing God's Gifts* Appeal is very active in all parishes throughout the Diocese of Victoria and I am happy to announce that 48 families of Holy Cross have contributed thus far and we have raised \$17,205 towards our goal. This is an encouraging start and we are asking you to join your fellow parishioners in supporting this Appeal with a gift. We need your support because your contribution will make a difference! Our parish project is supporting Anawim House and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (locally & internationally). Parish Goal: \$ 70,000

**Silent Auction for Our Lady of the Rosary**

Building Together! Save the date! Friday, November 29th from 6 to 9pm at Royal Colwood Golf Course 629 Goldstream Avenue. This silent and live auction will raise funds to build our church. For admission, tickets cost \$50 each. Contact Cynthia at 250 478 3482 or email her at [olorchurch@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:olorchurch@rcdvictoria.org).

**Rosemary by Donation**

On the weekend of November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be selling dried Rosemary for \$1 a package or by donation, the proceeds going to church florals. Please remember to bring cash or change. Also, thank you to the parishioner who donated her time and efforts to this initiative.

**The Monthly Sunday Night Bridge**

Monthly Sunday Bridge will resume on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please contact Tony Southwell at [tony\\_southwell@hotmail.com](mailto:tony_southwell@hotmail.com) or (250) 477-5738 for further information.

**Holy Cross Weekday Mass Changes**

**Daily Services and Mass schedules are reverting back to our previous schedule.** Masses will be scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9am. No services will be held at Holy Cross Parish on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays regularly. We encourage parishioners to attend St. Patrick's Parish for daily mass on Wednesdays and Fridays at 12.10pm.

**St. Patrick's Parish Weekday Masses**

Starting Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, weekday Masses will be held Tuesday through Friday at 12:10pm. Each Wednesday starting at 11:30am there will be the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Praying of the Rosary.

**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. The next session to choose from will be held on Saturday, November 16 from 10 - 12. Please email [hcsppbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsppbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org) with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details and forward you the baptism registration form.

**Job Posting: Senior Accountant**

The Diocese is now accepting applications for the position of Senior Accountant. The job posting may be viewed at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment> The posting will be open until the position is filled.

**Hearing Loop System**

Holy Cross Parish is equipped with a hearing loop system. If you wear hearing aids, switch your hearing aid to T-Coil and you will be connected to the hearing loop system. See: [www.advancedlistening.ca](http://www.advancedlistening.ca)

**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.

**WORD OF THE WEEK:**  
**Responsorial Psalm**

*Part of the Liturgy of the Word proclaimed in the Mass drawn from the Psalter (the Book of Psalms) or, more rarely, from biblical canticles. Sung responsively between the lector/cantor and the assembly. Follows the First Reading and corresponds thematically to the day's scriptures.*

Through the singing of the Responsorial Psalm, we assent to how God's word heard in this particular liturgy is reshaping our identity.  
 —Kathleen Harmon, New Developments in Understanding the Responsorial Psalm

The Responsorial Psalm stimulates reflection upon God's saving deeds and serves both as a prolongation and reiteration of the scriptural text it accompanies.  
 —Elizabeth Harrington, Liturgy Brisbane

Be slow to speak, and only after having first listened quietly, so that you may understand the meaning, leanings, and wishes of those who do speak.  
 —Saint Ignatius

*Asked what liturgical song most fostered and nourished their spiritual life, the majority of respondents in a 2006 online poll cited "On Eagle's Wings" by Father Michael Joncas. The song, inspired by Isaiah's prophecy and Psalm 91, contains the beautifully crafted refrain:*

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
 Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
 Make you to shine like the sun,  
 And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

**Thank you**

Thank you to the community of Holy Cross Parish for your unfailing support during our time as administrative assistants. It was wonderful to get to know so many of you more personally. To the hearts and hands that worked to make last Friday's celebration so memorable, thank you! To all, thank you for your presence and generosity!

We feel incredibly blessed to be a part of this caring community.  
 - Philip and Sheila

**Confession availability and Clergy Support**

Without a parish priest, updates about confession availability will be posted under the mass times each week in the Bulletin. Please note reconciliation and clergy support is available at other local parishes.

**Confession Times:**

St. Patrick's: Friday's 11:30 – 12:00  
 St. Joseph's: Half an hour before every Mass  
 Sacred Heart: Saturday's 3:00 – 3:45  
 Our Lady of Fatima: Saturday's 4pm

**Clergy Consult:**

Please call the Parish offices.  
 St. Patrick's: (250) 592-7391  
 St. Joseph's: (250) 479-7413  
 Sacred Heart: (250)-479-1611  
 Our Lady of Fatima: (250) 658 -1587

**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE**

SATURDAY, October 26 2024

4PM MASS: Joe Hilario+

SUNDAY, October 27, 2024

9AM MASS: Manuel Carreiro+

MONDAY, October 28, 2024

NO MASS

TUESDAY, October 29, 2024

9 AM MASS: Bob Paillie+

WEDNESDAY, October 30, 2024

NO MASS

THURSDAY, October 31, 2024

9 AM MASS: John Bidlake+

FRIDAY, November 1, 2024

NO MASS

**The Chapel will be open this week Tuesday to Friday 9 - 12**

**Masks are optional at this time**  
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**The Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the 4pm Mass**

**COLLECTIONS, Oct. 13, 2024**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$	1410.00
Loose	\$	305.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$	1184.80
World Missions	\$	320.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3219.80</b>



### Upcoming Election for the CISDV Board of Directors

**CISDV – AGM:** The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Victoria (CISDV) Society will be held on **Wednesday, November 13, 2024**. There will be a private ballot election for two positions to the CISDV Board of Directors at this meeting. Each position is for a three-year term. Nomination forms may be requested from [schools@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:schools@cisdv.bc.ca) and must be completed and sent to the Nomination Committee at [schools@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:schools@cisdv.bc.ca) **no later than Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. Potential Board Members must meet the following requirements for nomination:

1. Be a practising Catholic and an active member of a Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Victoria.
2. Not be an employee of the CISDV, an immediate relative of an employee of the CISDV, nor a student of a school under the jurisdiction of CISDV.
3. Read and understand the constitution and bylaws, policies 200 and 201 and the method of election.
4. Have a signed nomination form which includes two sponsors and Parish Priest.

For further information, contact the Island Catholic Schools office at 250-727-6893 ext. 240.

### Mount St Mary's Hospital's Christmas Market

If you would like to donate NEW items such as quilts, blankets, Christmas ornaments to support the Christmas Market, please contact the office at [office@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:office@holycrossvictoria.org). At the moment, only NEW items can be accepted.

### Vocation Live-In Weekend on November 2-3

Anyone wishing to enter the seminary in the next few years is welcome to attend the Vocation Live-In Weekend on November 2-3, 2024, at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. See the poster on the Bulletin Board for more information, or contact 604-826-8975 or email [rector.minors@sck.ca](mailto:rector.minors@sck.ca)

### Outreach Ministry Requests for Visits

If you or a person you know would like a visit from an Outreach Ministry Volunteer to bring Holy Communion to someone at home who is unable to get to Mass; or - someone in long-term care, please contact the Office at 250-477-5321, or email: [office@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:office@holycrossvictoria.org)

Francophone? Est-ce que vous êtes au courant qu'il existe la Paroisse Française St.Jean-Baptiste à 307 Richmond, Victoria? Chaque Dimanche à 13 :30 hrs. nous célébrons en Français l'Eucharistie/la Messe avec notre cure le Père Rolf Hasenack, OP et avec des chants et accompagnement au piano et au guitar.

**Pastor:** Vacant

#### **Executive Team:**

Catherine Davis, John Bartle-Clar, David Begg

**Hospital Chaplain:** 250-889-3761

**Administrative Assistant:** Sloane Secord  
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**University Chaplain:** Vacant

**Parish Council Chair:** Catherine Davis

**Sacramental Preparation:** Michele Bristow  
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**Baptismal Preparation:** Beverly Pulyk  
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### REGULAR MASS TIMES

#### **Mass times - Holy Cross Parish:**

4pm Saturday,

9am Sunday;

9am Tuesday and Thursday

#### **Mass times - St. Patrick's Parish:**

11am Sunday, 4pm Sunday;

12:10pm Tuesday-Friday



**Thank you to all the volunteer support we have at Holy Cross!**

**Enjoy All Saint's Day this upcoming Friday!**