

# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## Vision Statement

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

**SUNDAY October 28th, 2018**  
**Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

## Reflections from the Gospel Gals

*Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.*  
*Ephesians 5:18-19*

*Then Jesus said to him, "what do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well.*  
*Mark 10.46-52*

When I read this gospel, I wondered, if I was in Jericho that day would I be one of the crowd calling out to Bartimaeus to be quiet? And, if I were Bartimaeus, would I be able to ignore the crowd? Would I let others get in the way of my faith? Would I give up? Would I know that this was Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of David? Would I follow Jesus to the end of the journey?

In last week's gospel, James and John were asking for special privileges. Today's gospel reading reiterates that Jesus has not come to bestow power and honour, but to open our eyes to a spiritual reality. When it comes to understanding Jesus, James and John are more blind than Bartimaeus. Bartimaeus is not the first person seeking a miracle who approaches Jesus, but he is the first to follow his faith and Jesus to Jerusalem. What is compelling about this gospel reading is that it asks us to look at ourselves and ask, are we more like James and John, or are we like Bartimaeus? Sometimes we do not realize the extent to which we are blind. Bartimaeus was healed because he had faith. He didn't question, he truly believed. And in his blind faith, he was healed. By saying, "Your faith has made you well," Jesus emphasizes the necessity of faith. Blind Bartimaeus had the kind of faith that pleases God—a wholehearted trust in Jesus.

Bartimaeus was not afraid to cry out for help. He didn't let the crowd stand in his way. He was blind, but he could see. Many of the hymns that we sing in Church help us to profess our faith, trust and belief in Jesus. When I sing these hymns I am calling out. I am asking for my prayers to be answered. I am hoping to be healed and I am crying out for mercy.

Music is the prayer the heart sings.

*Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*  
*The Summons*

*Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, what God has ready for those who love him; Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.*  
*Eye Has Not Seen*

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound. That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now can see.*  
*Amazing Grace*

Singing with You,  
Debby Pietraszek

## OFFICE HOURS

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

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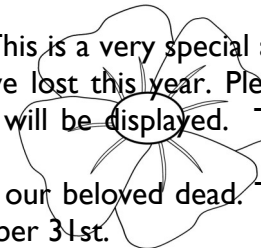
**PASTORAL CARE VISITS WHILE IN HOSPITAL**

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**.

**ALL SOULS AND REMEMBRANCE DAY MASS**

We will be having our **All Souls** mass on **Friday, 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 displayed. The **Remembrance Day** mass will be held on **Monday, November 12th at 7pm**.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:** The month of November is a time to remember our beloved dead. The Book of Remembrance will be located next to the votive candle stand beginning October 31st.

**KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE**

**Kairos Blanket Exercise – Sat. Nov. 3, 1:30 – 4:30 pm, Holy Cross Parish Hall**  
The Holy Cross Social & Eco Justice Committee invites all parishioners to participate in the Kairos Blanket Exercise. This is a deeply moving, participatory history lesson – developed in collaboration with indigenous Elders and educators – that fosters truth, understanding, respect, and reconciliation among indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. For more information: <https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org/>. **Limited to 60 participants. Sign-up sheet** in the lobby from Oct. 13 onwards.

**COME TOGETHER WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST**

We invite you to join us for this wonderful opportunity to participate in the Ecumenical mini-retreats. Four consecutive Saturdays in November from 9:30 am– 12 Noon.

**Nov. 3** – Holy Cross; **Mona Goodman** “Filled with the Fire of Love.” How do we live the fruits of the Spirit?

**Nov. 10** – Knox Presbyterian Church; Rev. Laura Kavanagh “A buffet of Spiritual Practice.” How do we satisfy our Spiritual Hunger?

**Nov. 17** – Lutheran Church of the Cross; Nathan McDonald and Brian Wismath “Singing together; a song for everyone.”

**Nov. 24** – St. Luke Anglican Church; More information to come.

Sign up sheets are in the foyer.

**HOLY CROSS MOVIE CLUB**

Do you enjoy watching movies? Would you like to meet with others from time to time on a regular basis to discuss movies you have seen together? If there is sufficient interest a parish movie club can be organised. Please indicate your interest by signing up on the sign up sheets provided in the foyer. Further details will be announced.

**DIOCESAN APPEAL: WEEK 3 COMMITMENT WEEKEND**

The Annual Appeal is more than just another collection. It is the way by which every Catholic shares in the work of our parish, our Diocese and the mission of the Church. Through the 2018 Serve One Another, we can work together to accomplish what we cannot do alone. Please give consideration to making your pledge today, as this is Commitment Weekend in every parish in the Diocese of Victoria.

### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

The light in which you dwell, Lord, is beyond my understanding. It is so brilliant that I cannot bear it, I cannot turn my mind's eye toward it for any length of time. I am dazzled by its brightness, amazed by its grandeur, overwhelmed by its immensity, bewildered by its abundance.  
—*Saint Anselm of Canterbury (c. 1033-1109)*

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.  
—*Julian of Norwich (c. 1342-1417)*

### **AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE**

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE:** “By His Wounds We Are Healed” Sr. Nuala Kenny SC, OC, BA, MD, FRCP(C) In light of the clergy sexual abuse, Sr. Nuala Kenny SC reminds us that we are called to be agents of healing. The conference will begin with Mass at 8:45am on **Sat., Nov. 24, 2018** at St. Edward the Confessor Parish, Duncan. To register, and for more information go to: <http://www.rcdvictoria.org>.
- **AN EVENING WITH ANDRE REGNIER:** Spend an evening with André Regnier, Co-Founder of the Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) and author of *Clear and Simple: Conversations that lead to Conversion*. Sun., Nov. 4, 7:00 pm – Holy Cross Parish in the Church. **All are welcome.**
- **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** “Divorce and The Catholic Church” Sat., Nov. 3, 8:00am- Men's Faith and Fellowship Breakfast (\$12.00 at V H Club) - Presentation by Mr. Louis Melendez, M.Ed., assistant to the Judicial Vicar, Diocese of Victoria. Email to [Info@mcaff.org](mailto:Info@mcaff.org) to **Register by October 29<sup>th</sup>**.
- **CONFERENCE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS:** There is still time to register for the “We are Family; Where Faith Meets Life” Conference hosted by Western Catholic Conference of Religious Educators. The conference is being held in Kamloops on Nov. 16-18. Go to [www.wccre.org](http://www.wccre.org) for more information. There is still space in the carpool from Vancouver Island. Email Gwen Jahelka at [gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org).
- **MOVIE NIGHT:** Sacred Heart Knight of Columbus is hosting a **Movie Knight. Paul, the Apostle of Christ Rating:** PG-13 **Time and Date:** 7:00pm, Sat. Nov. 17, 2018 **Location:** Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 4040 Nelthorpe Street. **Admission:** Free, donations gratefully accepted. Concession available.
- **DIOCESAN MASS FOR REMEMBRANCE:** A Diocesan Mass, with Bishop Gary Gordon presiding, will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Thurs., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

#### **SUNDAY, October 28th**

8:30 am Mass: **Settimio (Tony) Colistro +**  
10:30 am Mass: **Mary & John Doyle +**  
4:00 pm Mass

#### **MONDAY, October 29th**

No Mass

#### **TUESDAY, October 30th**

No Mass

#### **WEDNESDAY, October 31st**

9:00 am Mass: **Greg Morrison +**

#### **THURSDAY, November 1st**

9:00 am Mass: **Paul Bennett +**

#### **FRIDAY, November 2nd**

7:00pm Mass: **All Soul's**

#### **SATURDAY, November 3rd**

3:45pm to 4:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass: **Brian Wall +**

#### **SUNDAY, November 4th**

8:30 am Mass: **Kenneth Perera +**

10:30 am Mass: **Stan Prince +**

4:00 pm Mass

### **2018/2019 MISSALS**

The 2018/2019 missals are in and will be for sale for \$5 after masses until November 4th, as well as in the office. Anyone who pre-ordered a Children's Missal can pick them up from the office during office hours.

### **SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS**

**Joint Wellness**—Monday and Thursday 10am

**Wednesday Social group**—1-3pm: cards, tea and cookies!

**Duplicate Bridge**—Wednesday 7pm.

**Social Bridge**—First Sunday of every month. Starting November 4.

The bi-annual Kitchen Clean-Up Crew needs more volunteers. They clean twice a year in fall and in spring. If you are interested please call Loretta Macdonald: **250-477-6682**

## CONTACTS

### **Administrator: Fr. Karam Alraban**

250-477-5321 rev.karam@gmail.com

250-294-9615 after hours

### **Hospital Chaplain: Fr. Ian Stuart**

250-889-3761

### **Pastoral Assistant: Anna Mendonca**

250-477-5321 pastoralassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

### **Administrative Assistant: Valentina Boyd**

250-477-5321 office@holycrossvictoria.org

### **Parish Council: Esther Sangster-Gormley**

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### **University Chaplain: Fr. Dean Henderson**

250-721-8339 (office) 250-882-2151 (cell)

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## HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
Liturgy	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Liturgical Ministries:		
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Music	Various Choirs	250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir.	Ann Francis	250-477-8650
Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
Sun. Coffee, 10:30	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Bulletin Folders	Vicki Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Sacramental Wine	John Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891

### SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY

Responsible Min.	Martha Oleson	250-477-6455
	Janita McHugh	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	Loretta Macdonald	250-477-6682
Annual Shed Clean	Jack Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Parish Grounds	Joe Mendonca	250-888-8930
Social/Comm. Life		
Baptism Prep.	Anna Mendonca	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 21, 2018

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 2,344.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 566.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 1,107.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,017.00</b>



Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar/ Valentina Boyd	250-995-1891 250-813-0230
Catholicism	Fr. Karam Alraban	250-477-5321
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	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky	250-477-5321 250-479-1331
RCIA	Phil / Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
RCIC	Dan Taft Jr.	250-721-0821
Ecumenism	Terry Marner	250-380-0157
Social & Eco. Justice	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Anawim	Parish Office	250-477-5321
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent	Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
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 Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455