

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

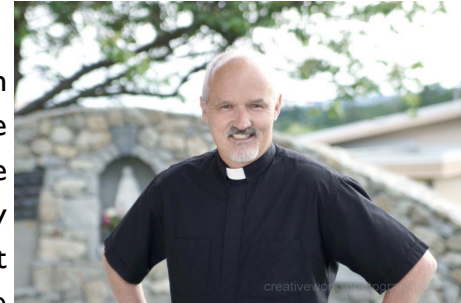
Vision Statement

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

SUNDAY October 29th, 2017 Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

From Fr. William's Desk

In today's Gospel we are confronted with the criterion in the light of which we may assess the intricate system of laws and regulations. And we may wonder: why? Why these admonitions? Why these laws? What is behind them? Are they just arbitrarily imposed on us? The reason for these admonitions and, in the final analysis, for the second face of that all-important commandment of love is that every person is of immense value; every person is unique.



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In the observance of the commandments, the real issue is always the dignity of the human person which must be respected and enhanced. And as believers we have even an additional stimulus: we are all created in the image and likeness of God. Therein lies the ground of our most profound dignity, but also the most profound dignity of every human being. **Respect, reverence for another human being is in the final analysis respect, reverence for God, who has invested every human being with his or her own dignity.** We are called as Christians to share that same perspective, to see the dignity in everyone. But we are also called to take it a step further. We are called to love all others as our neighbors and in that way, show our love for God.

One more thought! This message on the greatest commandment raises a question: Let's assume for the moment that our "love of God" is well grounded. That being the case, which of the remaining is the more difficult for you: love of neighbor or love of self? If love of neighbor is the more challenging, why so? Do you find you are impatient with others' shortcomings and limitations? Are there practices that will help you cultivate greater patience and compassion? If love of self is the challenge, can you uncover some of the causes for this? Are there painful issues from your childhood or family relationships that have yet to be resolved? Healer of our every ill, guide us.

Love, care and share,

Father William

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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY	5:00pm
SUNDAY	8:30am 10:30am
MONDAY	9:00am
TUESDAY	9:00am
WEDNESDAY	9:00am
THURSDAY	9:00am
FRIDAY	9:00am

Mercy Chapel: Tues—Fri during office hours



PASTORAL CARE VISITS WHILE IN HOSPITAL

We remind the faithful that privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. 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** and ask for **Fr. Ian Stuart** to make this request.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY CROSS PARISH

- **RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults has started. Anyone who is interested please contact Fr. William or Sheila Wall (contact information on the back of the bulletin).
- **Rediscover the Art of Dying:** Fr. William will be hosting a five week book study on Sr. Nuala's book starting in January 2018. Fr. William encourages everyone to attend both her session on November 9th at 7:00pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, as well as the January sessions by Fr. William at Holy Cross.
- **Caring for those with Dementia:** This Timely Talks seminar will be held at 9:45am in the parish centre on Friday, December 1st. Please contact Anna to register: pastoralassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

ALL SOULS MASS AT HOLY CROSS

We will be having our All Souls mass on **Thursday, 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 placed communally in front of the votive candle stand.

AT THE LIBRARY

(in the Parish Centre –Tue- Fri: 9am-2:00pm)

Enjoy the long tradition of Jewish wisdom, knowledge, warmth and compassion

- *Christian Faith and the Bible of Judaism: The Jewish tradition for Christians* by J Neusner
- *My Grandfather's Blessings: A message to the heart* by Rachael Remen M.D. (Kitchen Table Wisdom)
- *Overcoming Life's Disappointments: Coping with Frustrations* by H. Kushner
- *The God of Old: How the Ancient Israelites understood God* by J Kugel
- *Seek My Face: A Jewish Mystical Theology (A roadmap of meaning)* by Arthur Green

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The month of November is a time to remember our beloved dead. The Book of Remembrance will be located at entrance of the church beginning Monday, Oct. 31st.

SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS

Joint Wellness—Monday and Thursday 10am
Wednesday Social group— 1-3pm
Men's Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm.
Social Bridge—First Sunday of every month.
HC Walking Group—Every Saturday morning at 10am for one hour.

Ecumenical "Common Prayer"

Father William invites you to come and join our Lutheran and Anglican brothers and sisters for an Ecumenical Service here at Holy Cross, at 2pm this Sunday, October 29th. All are welcome.

PRAYER REFLECTION

I always think that the best way to know God is to love many things.
—Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890)

The measure of a country's greatness should be based on how well it cares for its most vulnerable populations.
—Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

• DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

We are called to give to God and declare His glory among the nations. We are chosen to be active in our faith and unsparing in love. Let us take action, calling upon our nation's leaders to honour our commitment to the most vulnerable by ensuring there are concrete funds available to aid in development assistance. Canada has failed to reach the target of 0.7 % of the GDP introduced in 1969. We can show support by letting our Members of Parliament know that this is important to us and by supporting organizations like the Catholic Women's league that encourage members to put 1% of their luxury purchases towards supporting the partners of Development and Peace. For more information visit

www.devp.org

• **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK:** Nov. 19 to 26 is Restorative Justice Week. **What is restorative justice?** "Just lock him up and throw away the key!" That's retributive justice. Restorative justice shifts the focus from punishing the wrongdoer to mediating a restitution agreement involving the victim, the wrongdoer and the community, aimed at healing of all involved. It was practiced in the early church and is a traditional practice among some First Nations peoples. Curious to know how this works? Come attend **Sr. Judi Morin's** interactive presentation on her experience with Restorative Justice Victoria, after 30 years as a prison chaplain. **Sat. Nov. 18, Holy Cross Parish Hall, 3 – 4:45 pm.**

• **MEMORIAL MASS:** A memorial mass for all souls will be held on Sunday, November 5th at 2:00pm at the Royal Oak Mausoleum. Celebrant, Rev. Marinaldo Batista. Poster in the foyer.

• **DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES:** Galileo to Laudate Si': Why Science needs Faith Bro. Guy Consolmagno SJ, Vatican Astronomer and Director of the Vatican Observatory will speak at UVIC Bob Wright Centre B150 Flory Hall, Parking Lot I on Thursday, Nov. 23rd at 7:30 pm. No charge for admission and all welcome.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, October 29th

8:30 am Mass: **Pat Sexton (int.)**
10:30 am Mass: **Theresa Fox (+)**
2:00 pm Reformation
Commemoration Service
4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, October 30th

9:00 am Mass

TUESDAY, October 31th

9:00 am Charles & Gertrude Conway(+)

WEDNESDAY, November 1th

9:00 am Eddie O'Donald (+)

THURSDAY, November 2nd

7:00 pm Mass: All Soul's Mass

FRIDAY, November 3rd

9:00 am Mass: Jerome Cafferky (+)

SATURDAY, November 4th

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass: **Trixie Kramer +**

SUNDAY, November 5th

8:30 am Mass: **Maria Mendonca (+)**
10:30 am Mass: **Stan Prince**
4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Dan Maclsaac and the Lake Men for a lovely evening of poetry and song. Thanks Anna and Trudy, the treats were tasty.

A total of \$390.00 dollars was raised from donations and book sales. The monies raised will be used to provide a breakfast at Our Place Society....we will need fourteen volunteers from Holy Cross to serve the breakfast when the date is set.

Please let Yvonne Hsieh know if you can help.

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MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy Liturgical Ministers	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
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Altar Server Music	Fr. William Hann Various Choirs	250-477-5321 250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir. Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Ann Francis Darlene Southwell	250-477-8650 250-477-5738
Sun. Coffee, 10:30 Bulletin Folders	Yvonne Hsieh Vicki Ponsioen	250-385-8322 250-383-0654
Sacramental Wine	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339

SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY

Responsible Min.	Martha Oleson Janita McHugh	250-477-6455 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 Annual Shed Clean	Loretta MacDonald Jack Ponsioen	250-477-6682 250-383-0654
Parish Grounds	Joe Mendonca	250-888-8930
Social/Comm. Life		
Baptism Prep.	Cynthia Watson	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 22nd 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2, 276.00
Loose	\$ 417.05
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 140.00
TOTAL	\$ 3, 833.05
 Mission Sunday	 \$ 396.00

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891
Catholicism	Jona De Jesus	250-858-5924
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	778-265-2134
RCIC	Dan Taft Jr.	250-721-0821
Ecumenism	Terry Marner	250-380-0157
Social & Eco. Justice	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Anawim	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent	Sheila Wall	778-265-2134
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 Out- reach	John Oleson	250-477-6455