



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - October 29, 2023

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, October 29th is the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus makes his hope for us abundantly clear. We are blessed because we know that we are the beloved of God. We are loved just the way we are, no matter our status, wealth, intelligence, or experiences. Given this knowledge, how do we respond to such mercy and unconditional acceptance? Jesus tells us. *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. . . You shall love your neighbour as yourself."* And Jesus explains that these two statements are the greatest commandments, that *on these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets*. Ten commandments, 613 Jewish laws and all the admonitions of the many Prophets reduced to two commandments!

We spend our whole life trying to fulfill these commandments. The first commandment seems clear. Since God loves us unconditionally and gave us life, we will love him in return as best as we can. But what about the second commandment? Who is my neighbour? My family and friends? The people I meet during my day? Yes, certainly, but the moment technology and travel made it possible for us to be in contact with most of the world, our neighbour became all 8 billion people who currently live on earth – every single person!

What an impossible task to love and care for all our neighbours! What can we possibly do for our brothers and sisters in Haiti or the Sudan or the Middle East? We can't even house and feed all the homeless in Canada! It is easy to feel discouraged and hopeless. Nevertheless, two weeks ago Father William reminded us that we are called to be people of hope. And we can be full of hope with confidence. Modern science has revealed that all of humanity and creation is connected at a deep level that we don't always comprehend. Climate change has made this evident. If we reduce our greenhouse gas emissions here in Canada, our brothers and sisters around the world will benefit! That is the amazing thing! If we walk instead of driving, if we recycle and reuse, if we lower our standard of living, we actually help our neighbours in Haiti, in the Sudan and in the Middle East. It is easy to be crushed by the horrific news from around the world. But God has invited us to participate in healing the world. We can respond to God's love by loving all our neighbours. Every act of love, compassion, and mercy that we express to our local neighbour will spread to the rest of the world. Every action that protects our earth will benefit us and our 8 billion brothers and sisters. And every time we care for our neighbour, we are loving God. *Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, that you do unto me.*

Tanya Taft



OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed

Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:00pm

Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:30pm

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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 or call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Catholic Bishop, visit 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 at 4pm Sunday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

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. Please note that the next sessions to choose from for Baptismal Preparation are:

Sat, Nov 18 (10:00 am – 12 noon)

Sat, Dec 9 (10:00 am – 12 noon)

Please email hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism.

The Bishop's Appeal 2023

The 2023 Appeal theme, *Tapestry of Faith*, is dedicated to nurturing the growth of faith communities through providing opportunities for community and relationship building within our parishes and Diocese. In addition, it will provide support for our Clergy, Sisters, Seminarians and Vocations by providing funds for things such as: salary subsidies, retired clergy support, Seminarian and Vocations costs. Funds from this Appeal will also provide practical support for our Local Mission Parishes by providing funds for housing for Priests and Sisters, support for community outreach and funds for operational expenses such as heat, light, taxes, facility maintenance, and travel costs.

Reaching our parish goal also means that the parish will retain \$9,800 for our own project. Please give prayerful consideration towards donating to the Annual Appeal. To learn about specific projects see: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal> Parish Goal: \$49,000 Donations to date: \$10,610 Number of pledges: 16

WE'RE HIRING! Are you looking for a work environment that makes for a great day? Look no further ~ **Island Catholic Schools** is recruiting! We are in search of enthusiastic people who are certified, talented, love what they do and wish to work in vibrant school environments! We are currently searching for:

- Administrative Assistant - Queen of Angels School
- Educational Assistants - Queen of Angels School
- One-on-One Support Worker - Queen of Angels School
- After School Care Worker - Queen of Angels School
- After School Care Worker - St. Joseph's School
- After School Care Worker - St. Patrick's School
- Teachers on Call
- Educational Assistants on Call
- Casual Bus Drivers



If you are interested in joining one of our teams, please visit: <https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/>

THANK YOU TO HARRY WAN AND THE PARISHIONERS OF HOLY CROSS PARISH!

On behalf of everyone at Anawim House we would like to thank Harry Wan for his commitment to support Anawim House through the sale of his "Red Russian Garlic". We also thank the parishioners of Holy Cross for supporting this initiative. Your continued generosity makes it possible for those that need help to make positive changes in their lives find a safe and supportive environment at Anawim.

Library Corner

Some would remember long ago, when churches were many and closer together, of trekking to five or six churches in the one afternoon and evening on All Souls Day Nov 2, to light a candle in prayer and remembrance for those who had died — or sometimes doing so a day earlier on All Saints Day, Nov 1, with "treats" in hand from Halloween, Oct 31. Fr Rolheiser remarks on why we pray for and with the dead — and they for us.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halloween> Connecting the events of "All souls", "All Saints" and "Halloween"

<https://ronrolheiser.com/praying-for-the-dead/#.X4tZa9BKjIU>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Souls%27_Day https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Saints%27_Day

Prayer Reflection

I always think that the best way to know God is to love many things.

—*Vincent van Gogh*

The measure of a country's greatness should be based on how well it cares for its most vulnerable populations.

—*Mahatma Gandhi*

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"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind." Live in that love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Contact Fr. David Hogman or Fr. Harrison Ayre, Directors of Vocations in the Diocese of Victoria. **Fr. David Hogman:** dhogman@rcdvictoria.org

Fr. Harrison Ayre: hayre@rcdvictoria.org

All Souls' Day Mass

The Mass for All Souls' Day will be celebrated at Holy Cross Parish at **7pm on Thursday, November 2**. You are invited to bring pictures of your loved ones who have died so as to remember them in a special way during this All Souls' Day Mass.



CISDV – AGM: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Victoria (CISDV) Society will be held on **Wednesday, November 22**. 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 and must be completed and sent to the Nomination Committee at schools@cisdv.bc.ca **no later than Friday, November 10**. 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.

Like to Cook? The Soup Kitchen Needs You!

The Soup Kitchen, operating in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria, is looking for a Wednesday morning cook to prepare our nutritious soup, in a 70 litre commercial kettle for up to 150 diners. This can be a one or two person job. Hours are 4:00 am to 6:00 am. Duties include making the soup with precut ingredients and clean-up. Onsite training is provided. A current Food Safe certificate is needed, which will be paid for by **The Soup Kitchen**.

Keen to learn more? Please contact Sheila Connelly at (250) 216-7249. For over 40 years, **The Soup Kitchen** has been a comfort, and in some instances a lifeline, for the downtown community. Please consider joining our dedicated team of volunteers - you will find it both personally and spiritually rewarding.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, October 28th

4PM Mass: Domenico Bruni+
Toshiko Iijima+

SUNDAY, October 29th

9AM Mass: Luigi Gagliani+

MONDAY, October 30th

NO MASS

TUESDAY, October 31st

9AM Mass: Thomas Neary+

WEDNESDAY, November 1st

NO MASS

THURSDAY, November 2nd

7PM All Souls' Day Mass
Pedro+ and Edgardo+ Dapat

FRIDAY, November 3rd

NO MASS

The Chapel will be open for private prayers this week from Tuesday to Friday, 9am—noon via the side door.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 Mercy Chapel

ADORATION

9am Friday November 3rd in the Chapel

Masks are no longer mandatory indoors. We do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. If you are feeling unwell please stay home.

COLLECTIONS October 22, 2023

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

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| Envelopes | \$ 3,845.00 |
| Loose | \$ 470.00 |
| Social Eco Justice | \$ 25.00 |
| World Missions | \$ 300.00 |
| Pre-Authorized Debit | \$ 1,370.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 6,010.00 |

Thank you!

Thank you to Catherine, Anna, Trudy and Leslie for taking on the coordination of the 40th Anniversary Parish Directory. It will be wonderful to have an up-to-date reference for parishioners!

News from the Chancery

- 1) As we move into the month of November, traditionally a time to remember those who have died, the Diocesan Health Care Committee is pleased to share a new “Care of the Dying” webpage: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/care-of-the-dying>. The page includes a short video intro to CCCB’s “Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care” and a link to download the toolkit, as well as many other valuable resources and links.
- 2) On November 4 & 5, the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission is hosting a Vocation Live-In for boys in grade 8-12 who might be interested in the priesthood of the life of a religious brother. The weekend will include interaction with priests, brothers, and seminarians, daily Mass and prayer, recreational activities, sports, and some reflective reading. The suggested fee is \$40. For more information and to register, email rector.minors@sck.ca or call 604-826-8715
- 3) Two opportunities are coming up in November for all people of the Diocese to deepen and develop in their faith:
- (i) On Saturday, November 4, Catholic speaker and author Ann Garrido will present our Diocesan Conference “Redeeming Conflict: One Messy Situation at a Time”. As Christians, we tend to associate conflict with sin, but how we handle our tensions with one another can be one of the most profound witnesses we offer in the world. Speaking out of her own experience as a part-time theology nerd and part-time conflict mediator, Ann will share insights into how we can make our tensions part of our spiritual journey. The conference will be held at Holy Cross Parish in Victoria from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, followed by Mass with the Holy Cross community at 4:00 pm. For more information and to register please visit <https://DofVRedeemingConflict.eventbrite.com>
- (ii) On Saturday, November 25, all are invited to our Diocesan Faith Day “*Serving with Spirit: Transformation from the Inside out*” with Catholic speaker and author, Leah Perault. Join us for a day of learning in community, as we consider how the Holy Spirit leads us within a changing church and world. The Faith Day will be held from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm at St. Edward’s Church in Duncan. For more information and to register please visit <https://DioConferenceServewithSpirit.eventbrite.com> For questions about these two events, or assistance in registering, please contact Margaret Gwyn at mgwyn@rcdvictoria.org or 250-479-1331 ext 227.
- 4) The Diocesan liturgical conference “*The Epiphany of the Liturgy: Welcoming the Closeness of God*” will take place on January 5 and 6, 2024 at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Victoria. This conference is an opportunity to enter into a richer experience of the Trinity in our Eucharistic Celebrations, and will be valuable both for those who serve in liturgical ministries and those who participate in the assembly. The presenters will be Dr. Glenn Byer and Dr. David Pitt, liturgical and musical educators at Catholic colleges in the U.S. Registration is free, and available at <https://EpiphanyLiturgyConference.eventbrite.com>

Garage Sale!

The “CWL Community Garage Sale” will be held Sat, Nov 4 in the Parish Hall at Sacred Heart Church from 9:00am to 1:00pm. All are welcome! The hall is wheelchair accessible and there is lots of free parking!

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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. Further information can be obtained at www.advancedlistening.ca

Monthly Sunday Bridge at Holy Cross

A warm welcome is extended to all Bridge players to join this friendly group as we prepare for the start of our 42nd year of Social Bridge which begins Sunday, November 5th @7:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Please contact Tony Southwell at (250) 477-5738 or via e-mail at tony_southwell@hotmail.com for more information.

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.