



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - October 30th 2022

Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today, October 30th, is the 31st Sunday in Ordinary time. In Luke's Gospel we are introduced to a citizen of Jericho, Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector, rich, short of stature and according to people who knew him, he was a sinner. Because of his occupation, it is likely that Zacchaeus was shunned by many of the citizens of Jericho and felt isolated and despised. From Luke's description we know that Zacchaeus was curious about the preacher and healer that everyone was talking about and who was passing through Jericho. *He was trying to see who Jesus was. And when he couldn't see Jesus, he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree.* That's when Zacchaeus' life changed!

Zacchaeus was sitting in the sycamore tree when Jesus walked by, stopped, looked right at him, and called him by name. Zacchaeus must have been both elated and stunned; elated that this famous healer acknowledged him and stunned by the look in Jesus' eyes. It would have been an intense look of acceptance and love, not something Zacchaeus would often have experienced. And as the Gospel describes, Zacchaeus hurried to his house to welcome Jesus into his home.

It is easy to imagine that Zacchaeus served Jesus the best food and drink in the house, bread, fruit, wine, cheese. He probably was so thrilled he could hardly eat himself. He would have listened attentively to every word that Jesus spoke. He would have felt the spirit of love and compassion emanating from his guest. Even if Zacchaeus had not completely understood all that Jesus said, he would have perceived the gentle tone of voice, the caring and understanding manner. We don't know how long Jesus was in the house of Zacchaeus, but we know that this lonely and isolated man was profoundly transformed.

We know that Zacchaeus was healed, his heart overflowing with joy and peace because he promised Jesus to help the poor and make amends. *Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.* How amazing, this transformation of Zacchaeus! How could this have happened in only one day, one afternoon? Only through the power of love, Jesus' unconditional, merciful, compassionate, unending love.

Luke's Gospel brings us this beautiful and inspiring story. An unhappy and self-serving Zacchaeus was transformed by Jesus' love into a loving and caring human. But that is not the end of the story. Jesus continues to transform people. Jesus looks at all of us with the same loving, merciful gaze with which he looked at Zacchaeus. He looks at us continuously with love and compassion. When we become aware of that gaze and we let God's love flow into our hearts and souls, we, too, are transformed.

Tanya Taft

OFFICE HOURS

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

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from Holy Cross Parish at 4pm Saturday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

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:

- 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 use this link: <https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/>
Please help spread the word! Share this ad with your friends, acquaintances and even post it to your Facebook page!

The Holy Cross Social & Eco Justice Committee invites Holy Cross and St. Patrick's parishioners to view the one-hour documentary ***In the Spirit of Reconciliation (2017)***, at the Holy Cross Parish Hall on **Wednesday Nov. 16 (7 - 9 pm)**. This film from cinematographer-priest Fr. Larry Lynn features the personal accounts of residential school survivors in the Northwest Territories and their experience addressing their trauma. The event will include discussion of truth and reconciliation in the present context. **If you are planning to come, please contact Leslie Saxon (saxon.leslie@gmail.com or 250-857-0401)** so that the committee can plan for refreshments.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR St. Patrick's & Holy Cross Parish invite enquiries for the position of Religious Education Coordinator for our Sacramental Preparation Programs. Please contact Fr. William Hann at stpat190@telus.net or office@holycrossvictoria.org

All Souls' Day Masses will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 7pm at Holy Cross Parish and at 12:10pm at St. Patrick's Parish. You are invited to bring pictures of your loved ones who have passed away for this special Mass of remembrance.

Save the Date! A Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop presented by Fr. William will be held at Holy Cross Parish on Saturday, November 12, 2022 from 10am until noon. Please call the office to register. 250-477-5321

Sacred Heart Parish is happy to invite you to an **Advent Mission led by Bishop Gary**. As we begin our Advent journey, come and share the Hope, heralded by the promise of the birth of our Lord in our hearts and lives this Christmas. Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent with a Mass at 9 a.m. on Sunday 27 November, the three-day Mission continues with a 7 p.m. Mass on Monday, 28 November, and will end with a Penitential Service at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 29 November 2022.

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://ironrolheiser.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

Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life.

—Jackie Chan

Let us go and wake up the universe and sing God's praises.

—Blessed Mariam Baouardy

God creates out of nothing. . . . but he does what is still more wonderful: He makes saints out of sinners.

—Søren Kierkegaard, Journals

The Bishop's Appeal 2022 - Growing Together

The 2022 Appeal theme, **Growing Together**, invites us to trust that the Holy Spirit is working in us and through us. The goal of this year's Appeal encourages us to create a welcoming Church that brings people together in community and faith. Your pledge will also benefit our parish by supporting the following projects: Greater Victoria Acting Together and Anawim House for Women. Our Parish Goal is \$80,000.00.

Please give prayerful consideration towards our Appeal and know that you are making a significant difference right here at home:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/growing-together-2022>

2022 Diocesan Faith Day

Join us on Saturday, November 26th as we journey together "Seeking Truth, Healing & Reconciliation" featuring keynote speaker, Most Reverend Donald Bolen, Archbishop of Regina.

We are a Church that is wounded and hurting, needing to search out our Pascal bearings and tell our story in a new way – to go deeper into the Pascal Mystery! How are we to be a Church (poor and for the poor) that reaches out in dialogue, seeking healing paths by walking together?

More information and to register go to

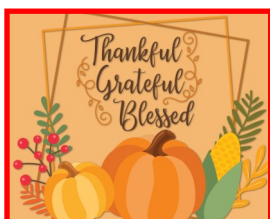
<https://Diocesanfaithday2022.eventbrite.com>

OR email gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org OR Phone 250.479.1331 ext 230

Free bus transportation will be available from Victoria.

Announcement of the appointment of the new Superintendent of Catholic Independent Schools

Bishop Gary Gordon and Cynthia Bouchard, Chancellor, have announced the appointment of Mr. Paul Rossetti as the new Superintendent of the Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria.



Thank you!

Special thanks go out to Marcia Thompson and Trish Westwood for leading the Liturgy of the Word with Communion this week!

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE SATURDAY, October 29th

3-3:45pm: Confession

4pm Mass: Deceased members of the Ciccone Family+

SUNDAY, October 30th

9am Mass: Hilary Ribeiro+

MONDAY, October 31st

NO MASS

TUESDAY, November 1st

9am Mass: All Saints' Day

WEDNESDAY, November 2nd

7pm Mass: All Souls' Day

THURSDAY, November 3rd

9am: Liturgy of the Word
Joyce Beattie+

FRIDAY, November 4th

NO MASS

The Church will be open for private prayers from Tuesday to Friday
9am - noon

Masks are no longer mandatory indoors, though we do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. As always, if you are feeling unwell or symptomatic please stay home.



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COLLECTION for Oct 25th

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes \$ 3,130.00

Loose \$ 405.00

Pre-Authorized Debit \$ 1,402.50

TOTAL \$ 4937.50

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.

NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

Join Bishop Gary Gordon as he celebrates the Mass.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRinXZ2d6GBMpnDM7boV1CA>

The **Knights of Columbus** have officially launched their 61st Annual Charity Appeal campaign. Tickets this year are \$5.00 each and the grand prize is a Toyota Rav4 along with several cash prizes. The main draw is Jan 28th but there are several early bird draws. Proceeds go to several charities within BC and also supports the Knights of Columbus. Please go to <http://kofcdraw.net/C7934> to purchase your tickets.

REMINDERS from Barb Shenton for St. Pat's and Holy Cross parishioners!

Welcome back! We are off and running with a new year of growing in faith and learning here at St. Patrick's & Holy Cross.

Baptismal Prep – Our course is now offered on the first Saturday of the month in person or on-line. Contact Barb Shenton at bshenton@rcdvictoria.org for the baptismal registration form for your child and to book a preparation session.

SACRAMENTAL PREP for First Confession & Confirmation/First Eucharist

Children must be in Grade Two for First Confession and in Grade Three for Confirmation/First Eucharist preparation.

Children who are in Grade Four and above are welcome to complete the RCIC program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) which is modeled on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Please note: Lessons for BOTH First Confession & Confirmation/First Eucharist will not begin until January 2023. Please submit a new/updated registration form for either of these sacraments to bshenton@rcdvictoria.org Forms are also available on the parish website.

Volunteers needed to sell Missals before and after Masses the weekends of November 12/13 and 19/20. Please call the office if you can help out. 250-477-5321

The Holy Cross Sunday 9 am choir is happily accepting new members. No experience is necessary, just a love of song! We sing for the 9am mass every first and third Sunday of the month and rehearse at 7:30 pm the preceding Thursday evenings. Please email Choir Director Janet Seale for more information at dpseale@hotmail.com.

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Parish Council Chair: Catherine Davis

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Sacred Heart CWL Garage Sale 2022 will be held on Saturday, November 5th from 9 am to 1 pm at the Parish Hall of Sacred Heart Parish.

40 Days for Life is ongoing in Victoria till November 6, holding a daily prayer vigil near the General Hospital. Please join with us and thousands around the world defending unborn babies from abortion in a prayerful, peaceful and positive fellowship, either in prayer or in person. If interested, contact Glenda at 250 661 2613

Coming in November!

On November 12/13 and 19/20 - Missals for the new Liturgical Year will be available for purchase in the foyer.

The weekend of November 26/27 - Birthright fudge will be sold. Ordering Info to follow.