

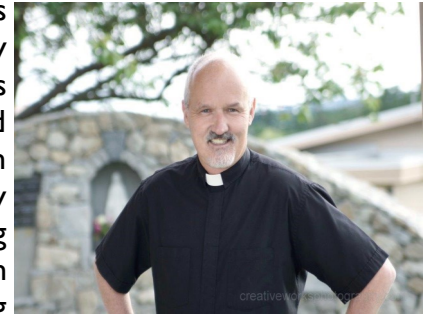
Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Mission Statement: Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

Rooted in the community of Gordon Head and the University, in communion with the Roman Catholic Church, Holy Cross Parish serves the people of God by sharing, teaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY October 6, 2019
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patience, self-control, and steadfast love are the themes of today's readings. The disciples said to Jesus: "Increase our faith." It is a very sympathetic request and a very down to earth one. This sort of request says something very important about our life of faith. A life of faith has its ups and downs; it is not always clear sailing. There are days or moments when faith in God comes relatively easy for us, but there are also times when it can be very difficult to make sense of God, when all we are left with is a tentative groping in the dark, in the hope that God may make his grace-filled presence felt in our lives. It is at those moments that the opening words of the first reading ring true to us: "How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen?"



Franciscan Richard Rohr says that for many people, modern life has become a hall of mirrors. We have no external reference point for our lives. Without putting God at the center of our lives and our "cosmos," we have nothing and no one to set our direction by. In the age of the individual, many people put their own wants at the center of their existence, which Rohr likens to trying to live our lives in a hall of mirrors. And many of us are having trouble trying to find our way out. In Sunday's first reading, Habakkuk offers a remedy: Wait on the Lord. He says that those who fail to focus on the Lord will inevitably lack integrity. They're like people looking at themselves in a shattered mirror. Their lives are fragmented and disconnected. It may seem hard to wait—in prayer, meditation but we must enter the silence.

Jesus invites us to look at ourselves and the world around us with eyes of faith, and in doing so; we will see many possibilities for a different kind of world. Even if your faith be like a mustard seed, so small, you will be able to move the world, the mountains and the trees with roots and all, and yourselves too." It is that faith, and that moment, that change and that turn we need. The point is that in our relationship with God, we must be constantly prepared to reposition ourselves in the light of new life-experiences, because they too must be given a place in our relationship with God. All we can realistically hope to deal with is the present moment, and trust that God will hear our request, "Increase our faith." In the life of the believer, there will always be tension between faith and a lack of faith. "Don't be afraid, the vision will come in time. It might be slow but come it will." Our job is only to believe. One seed is all we're given. And one seed is enough. But any gardener knows that a seed that is not planted will not produce anything. That's why the church encourages us to make an *act* of faith, a *choice* for faith, a deliberate bow to the will of God.

Increase our faith in this missionary month,

Father William

OFFICE HOURS

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

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from your office or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Thomas Chinnappa** to make this request.

SMALL GLORIES CONCERT

A Starfields Speical Event Fund Raiser! The Small Glories will be here at Holy Cross on **Wednesday October 9th at 7:30pm**. The Small Glories, aka Cara Luft and J.D. Edwards from Winnipeg, Manitoba, are indeed second to none musicians. **Tickets are \$20 each** and are available through the Holy Cross Parish office as well as Munro's Books and Ivy's Bookstore. For more information call the office: 250-477-5321 or visit the Small Glories website: <https://thesmallglories.com/home>

**LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPECIAL LITURGIES**

SEEKING: Volunteers to fill all of the usual Ministry positions for the **Friday, November 1, 2019** All Souls/All Saints Day Mass to be held at 7pm at Holy Cross Parish, and for the **Monday, November 11, 2019** Remembrance Day Mass, also at 7pm at Holy Cross Parish. (Veterans and family members of Veterans, are you available? It would be so very special to have you involved!) If you plan to attend either/both of these Masses and are willing to be a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Gift Bearer, Greeter or Sacristan please let Sheila Wall know either by phone (250-686-5996) or by email (asheilawall@gmail.com).

HOLY CROSS BAZAAR

We are trying something new this year! Holy Cross will be having a parish Bazaar on **Saturday, November 2nd** in the parish hall. At this time we are collecting new or gently used donations of books, jewelry, near new items for our White Elephant table, Christmas items, children's items, or anything else of good quality you would like to donate. We also need bakers who can contribute to the baking table. Please note we will *not be accepting donations of clothing*. Items can be brought to the office for donation. The proceeds of this sale will all go to John Paul II school in Port Alberni. If you have any questions about donations or the sale itself please call the coordinator of the bazaar Linda Boomars at 250-881-8124.

ANAWIM HOUSE THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Through the month of October we will be collecting non-perishable food items for Anawim House. If you are able to contribute please leave your offerings in the grocery cart in the foyer of the church. Items that Anawim is always in need of include: pasta, whole grain cereals, meat alternatives (nut butters, nuts, soy product), canned soups, beans and pasta sauces, canned vegetables and fruit, canned meat and fish, personal hygiene products, etc. Remember that the odd "treat" never goes amiss—coffee, hot chocolate powder, cookies, etc. This simple generosity goes a long way for the people who come to Anawim House.

**PARISH LIBRARY (Tues-Fri 9am-2pm)**

Joining the many notable saints (Francis, Theresa, John XXIII, Luke and the apostles Simon & Jude) that are commemorated in Masses this October will be John Henry Cardinal Newman who is to be canonized to Sainthood Oct 13th. Newman, (1801-90) who inspired many with his intelligence and concern for the laity led the Oxford Movement in recognizing the authenticity of the Catholic faith. Our library shelf contains some of his writings and of his biographies.

- Blessed John Henry Newman - authorized biography (2010) by K Beaumont**
- The Story of John Henry Newman: Heart Speaks to Heart (2010) by D. Mansfield**
- The Scope and Nature of University Education (1852) by John Henry Newman**
- Apologia Pro Vita Sua, (1864) a record of his change of mind in becoming a Catholic**

PRAYER REFLECTION

Only the heart knows how to find what is precious.

—Fyodor Dostoyevski

I am determined not to place limits to trust and to extend it to all things You will be my strength, O my God, you will be my guide, my director, my counsel, my patience, my knowledge, my peace, my justice, and my prudence.

—Claude de la Colombière

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **HOLY RELICS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA:** Two first class relics will travel from Padua, Italy to Western Canada at the invitation of Bishop Gary Gordon. The relics will visit 15 churches in our Diocese including St. Patrick's parish on Sunday, October 31st from 9:30am-11:30pm. More info on the relics and other locations of the tour available on the bulletin board.
- **EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH:** Pope Francis is calling us to an Extraordinary Missionary Month! This is an hour of prayer and reflection to help us grow as missionary disciples; Baptized & Sent. Attend one or both sessions. *No sign up necessary!* **St. Joseph the Worker**, Sunday, October 20 & 29 following 6pm Mass. For more info please email: gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org
- **WOMEN'S RETREAT:** We are excited to announce our 2nd annual Women's Retreat "Merciful Love" Nov 15th- 17th 2019 at Camp Imadene near Lake Cowichan. This year, we invite all women 19+ to join us for a weekend away. Our keynote speaker is the very popular Angele Regnier along with Bonnie Landry, Gwen Jahelka and Laura- Anne Smid who will provide breakout sessions throughout the weekend. Our chaplain, Fr Harrison Ayre will be present all weekend to offer Mass, Reconciliation and Spiritual Direction. Email vicatholicwomensretreat@gmail.com for more information and a link to register.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, October 6th

9:00am Mass: **Jose Pacheco +**

MONDAY, October 7th

No Mass

TUESDAY, October 8th

9:00am Mass: **Gregory & Lucy Zhang +**

11:30 Uvic mass at Interfaith chapel

WEDNESDAY, October 9th

9:00am Mass: **Jose Pacheco +**

THURSDAY, October 10th

9:00am Mass: **Joseph Zhang, Monica Lee +**

FRIDAY, October 11th

9:00am Mass: **Linus & Catharina Zhang +**

SATURDAY, October 12th

4:00pm Mass: **Gary Gagnon +**

SUNDAY, October 13th

9:00am Mass: **Margaret Kovacs+**

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Shirley Lee and Maria Arruda who have time and time again given so generously of their time preparing and serving tea, coffee and other goodies at our various events and socials. Not to mention the clean up! Without them these events would not be the same. Thank you Shirley and Maria!

OUR PLACE BREAKFAST—CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, let's not forget the less fortunate in our city. Holy Cross will be sponsoring and serving another **breakfast at Our Place** (919 Pandora, 8 – 10:30 am) on **Saturday Oct. 19**. We are looking for **volunteers** to constitute a team of about 10 people. No heavy work is involved, and those who have never been to Our Place before will get a guided tour of their facilities afterwards. Please contact Yvonne Hsieh at 250-385-8322 or at yhsieh@uvic.ca.

PARISH SOCIAL LIFE

Wednesday Social group— 1pm on Wednesdays.

Duplicate Bridge—Start up October 16th at 7pm.

Social Bridge—First Sunday of the month at 7pm.

Joint Wellness— Thurs. Oct. 17th.

"LAST" ANNUAL SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS SALE

Saturday, October 19th at Holy Cross Parish, 9:30 – 2:30pm. Sale includes fine jewellery (pearls and semi-precious stones) costume jewellery, scarves, handbags, and silver jewelry from Nepal. Items for children, babies and much more. Fantastic prices! Proceeds go to benefit children in Canadian Families Orphanages in South India and Bangladesh. Cash/Cheques only. Free coffee, tea and goodies. For more information: www.familiesforchildren.ca or call Judy Begg at 250-658-0870. Thanks for your past support for this sale!

CONTACTS

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COLLECTION for September 29, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3,316.00
Loose	\$ 437.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,095.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,848.00

Needs of the Church **\$ 535.00**

HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy	Debby Pietraszek	250-477-7375
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, 9:00	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
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 Muna Haddad	250-477-6455 1-778-881-5843
Parish Council	Debra Prior	250-661-0252
Finance	David Begg	250-658-0870
Maintenance/Bldg.	Ed Boomars	250-881-8124
Annual Shed Clean	Jack Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Parish Grounds	Joe Mendonca	250-888-8930
Social/Comm. Life		
Baptism Prep.	Call office	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Children's Rel. Ed.	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Valentina Boyd	250-813-0230
Catholicism		
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Sheridan Cooper	250-598-0248
Bereavement / Funeral / Follow-Up	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Funeral Reception	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322

SERVING COMMUNITIES BEYOND OUR DOORS

Diocesan Appeal	John Bartle Clar	250-995-1891
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
RCIA	Glenn Palahicky	250-479-1331
	Phil / Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
RCIC	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391
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	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322
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