

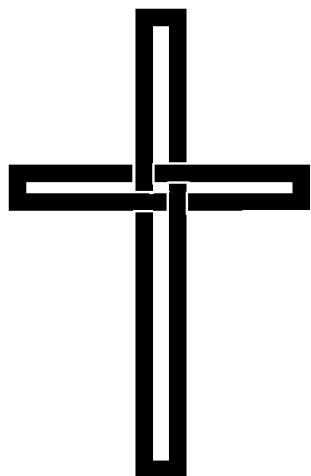
Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Our Vision

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 8th, 2017

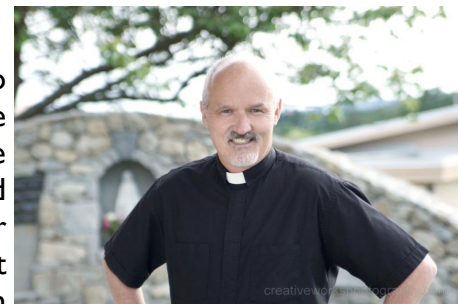
Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time



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From Fr. William's Desk

For the third week we are in the vineyard. Two weeks ago, we heard about the labourers in the vineyard. Last week we heard about the sons of the vineyard owner, and this week it is the tenants, and the servants, who come to the forefront of our attention. Yet in each parable there is a constant figure in the background. We don't learn much about him, but he is vital to all three stories. He, of course, is the Vineyard owner. The parallels are obvious. The owner of the vineyard is the Father, God himself. He hires, pays, orders and owns. The vineyard is his. And the characters in the stories are us. The workers, the sons, the servants, and the rebellious tenants. At times good, at times bad, but always responsible to the Owners.



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That is the vineyard, this reign of God that we are invited to be participants in. But we must remember that it really belongs to God. If anything, we are but tenants on the land. This means that we have obligations to the landowner. We are the vineyard of the Lord endangered by assaults from within and without. As our social and eco justice team ponder what it means to be a green parish we can listen to our Pope Francis speak about the invitation to care for the vineyard. In this era of climate change, the pope asks the same question in *Laudato si'*: Are we willing to invest in the life of our planet?

This is the issue for our age, because if the planet dies, we die too. Enlightened self-interest alone would argue for getting serious about using, buying, discarding, and polluting less. While we might not have any affection for microscopic life forms, if enough of them perish, so do whales and other mammals we do care about, eventually. Pope Francis invites us to go beyond self-interest in our relationship to creation. He suggests that everything that lives and breathes gives praise to the Lord.

Who are we to look away while one species after another vanishes; as glaciers shrink and oceans rise; as rainforests are sacrificed and with them, the future medicine chest of humanity? We don't have the right, says Pope Francis, to silence the voices of creation, eliminating each sequentially from the chorus of divine praise. The pope's use of the word *right* is sternly aimed at democratic nations, which hold the language of rights as particularly sovereign. We don't possess this world. We're merely its present tenants, commissioned to surrender it to the future. We don't want to be the generation that says goodbye to the best friend humanity has. Thanksgiving is the memory of the heart. We have much to be thankful for!

Father William

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 4:00pm
MONDAY	7:00pm
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

- **Cries from the Ark:** October 20th, Friday at 7:30pm. Poetry reading by Dan Maclsaac, music by The Lake Man, followed by coffee and treats. Entrance is by donation. All donations and half the sales of book purchases will go to Our Place Society.
- **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. Five copies of this inspirational and deeply relevant book are still available at the office for \$18.95.

ANAWIM THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

It is that time of year again to think about our friends at Anawim House as they prepare to feed the needy in the colder months. Food donations are being accepted this week in the Anawim shopping cart in the foyer of the church. Items that are particularly useful include: pasta, and canned/jarred pasta sauces, canned meats/fish, peanut butter, canned beans, soups and stews, whole grain cereals, canned vegetables and fruit, coffee.

AT THE LIBRARY

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

A great start to October: the Memorials of St Francis on the 4th (whose name our present Pope chose); and on the 11th, of St John XXXIII, the Pope who in 1965 gave us Vatican II — the renewal of the Church — the Mass in our own language.

*-Pope John XXIII: A Life, by T Cahill
 -A Man Named John by A Hatch*

*-Pope John XXXIII: Journal of a Soul (his daily diaries)
 -The Road to Assisi: Biography of S Francis by J Sweeney*

LOCATION OF THE AED AT HOLY CROSS

In the event that you are asked to grab the Automated External Defibrillator during an emergency, it is located on the top shelf of the cloak room in the foyer of the church in a lime green case.

SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS

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

MONTHLY GREEN TIPS!

The monthly green tips (Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2018) can now be found on our parish website: www.holycrossvictoria.org. The Social & Eco. Justice Committee is preparing a new series of social justice action tips. Stay tuned!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



PRAYER REFLECTION

If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough.
—Meister Eckhart

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **PARENTS AND TOTS:** St. Patrick's Parish invites PARENTS at home with children under 5 to join our Parents and Tots group which normally meet on a Wed. morning. The parents meet in the parish library for fellowship, faith sharing, or just chatting about the challenges of parenting. The children are cared for in the Lourdes Hall under the careful guidance of volunteer grandmas. If you are interested in attending, please contact Nancy Stuart at nancy-stuart@shaw.ca or 250-477-6952. A Tuesday or Thursday meeting day could also be a possibility.
- **CENTENNIAL OF MARIAN APPARITIONS:** October marks the end of the Centennial Year Celebrations at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. This month we honour the anniversary of the last apparition of Mary and of the Miracle of the Sun. Please join us on **October 13th, 2017** at 6pm for the International Rosary) and 7pm Mass, including reverencing of a holy relic, and Candlelit Procession with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima following Mass. (Reminder to bring your white handkerchiefs to wave goodbye or 'adeus' to Our Lady.)
- **DIOCESAN CONFERENCE: Faith, Science and the Wonders of Creation** - Saturday, November 25, 2017, at St. Edward the Confessor Parish, Duncan. Explore the nature of the relationship between Faith and Science, and how that has changed from the time of Galileo. Presented by Bro. Guy Consolmagno SJ, Vatican Astronomer and Director of the Vatican Observatory. Bishop Gary will celebrate Mass at 8:45 am. To register please visit the Diocesan website: <http://www.rcdvictoria.org>.
- **RESHUFFLING THE SEEN AND THE UNSEEN:** Crisis, Conscience, Community: The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, a talk by Dr. Carlos Eire from Yale University. Thursday, October 12, 2017, 5:00-6:20pm. Poster in foyer.
- **POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO HEAR FROM OUR YOUTH!** In preparation for the 2018 October Synod on *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*, Pope Francis is inviting **all youth** (16-29) to give him important feedback by completing an online survey. The survey takes about 12 minutes to complete. Please access through our Diocesan website: www.rcdvictoria.org Contact Glen Palahicky at gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org if questions.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, October 8th

8:30 am Mass: **Sean O'Donnell +**
10:30 am Mass: **Bradley Graham +**
4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, October 9th

Thanksgiving Day

7:00 pm Thanksgiving Mass: **Jose Pacheco +**

TUESDAY, October 10th

9:00 am Mass: **Eileen Knapik +**
11am-3pm Fr. William at the Council of Priests meeting in Duncan
6:00pm Appeal meeting
7:00pm Parish Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, October 11th

9:00 am Mass

THURSDAY, October 12th

9:00 am Mass
6:30 pm Rosary Group

FRIDAY, October 13th

9:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, October 14th

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass: **Trixie Kramer +**

SUNDAY, October 15th

8:30 am Mass: **Jose Pacheco +**
10:30 am Mass: **Mary & John Doyle +**
4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Shelsey Slipetz for the donation of the bigger television. This will be so beneficial for our group presentations and lectures. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to Shanti Persaud for the donation of 100 lead free candles for our votive candle stand. The donation is much appreciated.

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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

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 1st, 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 4, 295.00
Loose	\$ 530.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 140.00
TOTAL	\$ 5, 965.00

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 Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455