



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - October 8, 2023

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus tells the story of the vineyard yet again in a parable delivered before the chief priests and elders. This time, he casts his present audience of religious leaders into the song in the roles of tenants hired to work the land. In this updated version of the old love song, it's the vineyard owner squaring off against the tenants, not the vines themselves. There is no indication of the walls of the property not being sound, or the vines being at risk, or the grapes being soured. It's the religious leaders themselves who stand between the rightful owner and his harvest. These wretched tenants are even willing to kill the owner's son to remain in possession of the grapes. Some of us may feel relief that, when Jesus tells the story, the religious leaders are cast in the role of the bad guys. Thank goodness: We don't get the blame this time! If somebody done somebody wrong, it wasn't us. But alas: Who is in charge of the vineyard today if not for us? We are the community charged with the responsibility of the gospel and the riches of the kingdom of heaven. If the harvest is not being delivered to its rightful owner today, whose fault could it be but yours and mine?

This song ends on a note sad enough to be eligible for the country-western jukebox. The Kingdom will be removed from the custody of bad tenants and given to better ones. That's certainly the way the song finishes in Jesus' day. But how will it end in ours? With so much violence in the news, our mind could be overcome with the powers of evil. We need what St Paul asks of us! Saint Paul invites us to step up a little higher than the tenants in Jesus' version of the Vineyard Song. He urges us to turn toward whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious, excellent, and worthy of praise. Turn, in other words, toward the God of peace. If we do, we might fill the world with a few more love songs. And what's wrong with that? Today's parable of the wicked tenants highlights the mistreatment and rejection that the messengers of God receive at the hands of those to whom they are sent. Have you ever felt that a message you delivered, perhaps in a homily, met with strong rejection? How do you handle rejection? Are you able to move beyond rejection and come back stronger? Has it perhaps left some wounds that still need healing? Can you see in it an opportunity for strengthening your convictions? We are branches of that vine that has been lovingly cared for by our God. God is the one who gives us all that we need to produce the best fruit possible. When we realize that so much has been given to us, we know that so much is expected of us.

Richard Wilbur writes "I feel that the universe is full of glorious energy ... and that the ultimate character of things is comely and good. I am perfectly aware that I say this in the teeth of all sorts of contrary evidence, and that I must be basing it partly on temperament and partly on faith." Believe in the ultimate goodness, regardless of any evidence to the contrary! Winston Churchill said...All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom; justice; honor; duty; mercy; hope. On this feast, as a community of believers, we reflect on Eucharist as thanksgiving, as our thanksgiving. . When we give thanks, we acknowledge the gift in everything. We see ourselves, not as entitled to what has happened, but as the recipient of a gift, a grace. When we teach our children to say, "Thank you," it is not just because it is the polite thing to do. Gracious people are those who expect nothing and so receive everything with gratitude. And so, we come to give thanks, so that we might be transformed. We celebrate a feast of Thanksgiving to remind us of the importance of approaching every day with gratitude, of receiving everything as gift.

Living and giving thanks for faith, family, and friends,

Father William

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 Holy Cross Parish at 4pm Saturday. 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 session for Baptismal Preparation is Saturday, October 21st (10:00 am – 12 noon). Please email hcsppbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will email you a registration form.

Volunteers needed for Sacramental Preparation/RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children)

We are hoping to train new Catechists. If you have a desire to grow in and share faith and an awareness of God's grace and desire to respond to that grace, this opportunity is for you. Effective catechists are patient, responsible, confident and creative. You bring a generosity of spirit, respect for diversity and a habit of hospitality and inclusion. We provide training resources to understand Catholic teaching, Scripture and Tradition and skills development to teach children/youth and their families. If you are interested, contact Holy Cross or St Patrick's parish office.

Outreach Ministry Requests for Visits

If you or a person you know would like a visit from an Outreach Ministry Volunteer to bring Holy Communion to someone at home who is unable to get to Mass; or - someone in long-term care, please contact the Office at 250-477-5321, or email: office@holycrossvictoria.org

Sacramental Preparation Classes for Children (7+ yrs old)

Registration forms available online:

<https://stpatsvictoria.com/religious-education>

<https://www.holycrossvictoria.org/education.php>

Please attend the Parent Info Session to be held on Sunday Oct 15, 10:15 am (30 min) at St Patrick's. First Reconciliation session begins on Oct 22 and Confirmation & First Eucharist in January. All classes take place at St Patrick's on Sundays.



Fundraiser for Ukrainian Refugees on Vancouver Island

In an effort to raise funds for Ukrainian refugees on Vancouver Island the Ukrainian Society is holding a concert on October 15th at the Oak Bay Concert Hall. Please follow this link to get more information and to purchase tickets: <https://uccsvi.ca/product/sunflowers-for-ukraine-concert/>

IT'S ALMOST HERE... CWL Annual Fall Bazaar, Good Used Clothing and Books Sale!!

Friday, October 13th 9:30am -4:00pm & Saturday, October 14th, 9:30am to 2:00pm. Fall would not be same at St. Patrick's Parish without this amazing event that combines great bargains, and warm fellowship for our twinned St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Parish communities. Come and experience it , you won't be disappointed, there will be something for everyone!



Library Corner

The first couple weeks of October honour the feast-day memory of two kindred spirits --- kindred in their simplicity and humility: St Francis who founded the mendicant Franciscan Order in 1210, and St John XXIII who initiated and guided within our own lifetime, the Second Vatican Council 1962-65



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis_of_Assisi, <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/what-humans-can-learn-dogs-feast-st-francis>, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_XXIII and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpeZm3DWlcU> . **NB SKIP ADS**

In the Biography Section of the parish hall library, look for A Man Named John 23 by A Hatch and The Road to Assisi by P Sabatier



Prayer Reflection

Holiness is not the accumulation of virtues. Holiness is being possessed by God.

—Father John Riccardo

All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom; justice; honor; duty; mercy; hope.

—Winston Churchill

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

—Psalm 118:22-24

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 8, 2023 Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother If God is calling you, 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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The **Children's Liturgy of the Word** program will be starting up at Holy Cross on **Sunday October 15th at the 9am Mass**. Children aged 5-11 are welcome to join. Children's Liturgy of the Word is an opportunity for the children to join their leader to review and discuss the weekly gospel at an age-appropriate level. There will be relevant activities to accompany the message each week. We look forward to bringing the children of Holy Cross together to celebrate the light and the love of Jesus Christ.

Social Eco-Justice Committee Collection October 8th

For Oct. 8, you will find a special collection envelope marked "Social Eco Justice Committee Offering." Please be generous in supporting the work of this joint Holy Cross/St. Pat's committee. Your donations will go towards sponsoring a meal at Our Place, paying for postage for the annual Write for Rights session, providing an honorarium to invited speakers at our educational workshops, and other worthy causes.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 62nd ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL
RAFFLE**

15 prizes totalling \$100,000 : Grand Prize is a Toyota RAV4

Tickets are \$5 each, 10 for \$25 or **50 for \$50 !**

Two \$1,000 Early Bird draws every two weeks starting October 9

Get your tickets at our KofC Website at: kofcBCraffle

Proceeds support our local charities. When you buy tickets we're working together to make our communities better. Thank you for your support!

[**Main Draw Dec 16, 2023** : BC Gaming Licence #144568]

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, October 7th

1PM Funeral for Alina Robertson
4PM Mass: Harriet Qualley (Int)

SUNDAY, October 8th, 2023

9AM Mass: Jose Pacheco+
Ron Tinney+

MONDAY, October 9th

NO MASS

TUESDAY, October 10th

9AM Mass: Mary Finn+

WEDNESDAY, October 11th

NO MASS

THURSDAY, October 12th

9AM Mass: David Johnson+

FRIDAY, October 13th

NO MASS

The Chapel will be open for private prayers this week from Tuesday to Friday, 9am—noon

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 Mercy Chapel

ADORATION

9am First Friday of the Month 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 1, 2023

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 3,737.00
Loose	\$ 442.00
Needs of the Church	\$ 55.00
Social Eco Justice	\$ 40.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,370.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,644.00



News from the Chancery

1) On September 30, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops released a statement welcoming the Day, and inviting the Catholic faithful of Canada to respond to this National Day in a spirit of charity and compassion. To read the statement, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/cccb-welcomes-truth-and-reconciliation-day-2023>

2) The local Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Committee is pleased to announce they are now starting their second year of grant funding. They are eager to encourage projects from Indigenous groups anywhere on Vancouver Island and the surrounding Islands that foster good medicine for people harmed by the legacy of residential schools. For more information, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/indigenous-reconciliation-fund-supports-the-good-work-of-reconciliation>.

3) On Thursday, October 19, the Society of St. Vincent DePaul of Vancouver Island will be holding a free online conference which will provide professional advice about estate planning and making bequests. The session will be held via Zoom from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. To register, please email administration@svdpvictoria.com by October 11th.

4) Steve Bell will be in Victoria for a solo concert on Sunday, October 29th at 7:30 pm at Lambrick Park Church (1780 Feltham Rd). Tickets are \$25. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.stevebell.com/events

5) 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>; any questions can be directed to Margaret Gwyn at mgwyn@rcdvictoria.org or 250-479-1331 ext 227.

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.

Bishop's Appeal 2022 Report

Please find the Bishop's Appeal 2022 Report as an insert in this week's bulletin or online through the link sent in this week's letter.

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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/>