



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - October 9th 2022
Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

This time of year is the beginning of harvest time in many parts of the world, and every culture celebrates it—on different days and with different traditions—going back to the beginning of human history. Think of it as a giant, collective “Thank God, we made it!” In this time of harvest we have much to be thankful for and in the scheme of our lives, too, we have many reasons to be grateful—though we don’t always focus on them. Saint Paul says: “Give thanks in all circumstances.” And the poet e. e. Cummings brings thanks and praise together when he says: “I thank You God for most this amazing / day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees / and a blue dream of sky; and for everything / which is natural which is infinite which is yes.” Happy Thanksgiving!

On this feast, as a community of believers, we participate in Eucharist (“Eucharist” means “give thanks”) as thanksgiving, as our thanksgiving. Why do we forget to live and give thanks? In the gospel story nine lepers went out, perhaps not fully aware it was Jesus who even healed them. But one does know, and comes back, and this faith saves him. The leper who returned to Jesus to say “thanks” enters a relationship with God. The others stood far off, negating even the possibility that something could happen. They stood on the fringe of life because they could not, in their hearts, find time to give thanks. Their spirits remained leprous. It is as if they took for granted that they would be cured, as if that were their right. Their bodies were now whole, their souls still marked with decay.

I think we are those nine lepers and at times we are the one: the “nine” represent most Christians. We enjoy being freed from leprosy (all that ails us) but forget so often grace at work in our lives and we go back to being humdrum Christians. We might be grateful, but they are not sure grateful for what and we forget so easily. The “one” represents each of us when coming to our senses; we get in touch with what it means to be redeemed by Jesus. We come together as a Eucharistic community for celebration of our encounters with Jesus. We share in the creative words and food/nourishment with which we live transformed. What does this transformation look like? It is most helpful to recall the observations of non-Christians in the first century. As they observed Christians they said to one another, “See how they love one another!” This is what makes us different; this is what transforms us; this is how we transform all creation. One sure path to deepening your faith is to see everything as gift good as well as bad. To trace all that happens back to God. To be accepting of everything as grace.

Peace and Joy at your Table,
Father William



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 St Patrick's Parish at 11am Sunday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

The St. Andrew's High School French Exchange Program is desperately in need of your help! 13 wonderful young men and women (grades 11/12) from Marie Pila High School in France are arriving on October 17th, staying for 11 nights and we are still two host families short. If anyone is able to provide a room for one of these two young male students, please email Mr. Durkan (mdurkan@cisdv.bc.ca) at the high school as soon as possible. Remuneration of \$35/night.

HARVEST CELEBRATION! Holy Cross and St. Patrick's Parishes invite you to a Harvest Celebration! On Sunday, October 16th we will gather from noon - 3:30pm at Holy Cross to enjoy a BBQ lunch prepared by the Knights of Columbus. "South Island Harmony" will be providing entertainment. Call the office at 250-477-5321 ASAP to add your name to the list. Please let us know if you are able to bring a salad. Hope to see you there!



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.

The Diocese of Victoria is searching for a dynamic individual for the position of Superintendent of the Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria. The job posting may be viewed at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>. All applications must be received by October 15, 2022.

Library Corner

October 4th and 11th celebrate the feast days of St Francis of Assisi and Pope John XXIII --- two kindred spirits: St Francis fleeing affluence to found the mendicant (begging) Franciscan order; St John, born in poverty and continuing to live so, initiated Vatican II in 1965. Both have composed memorable prayers.

Life: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis_of_Assisi

Prayers: <https://www.daily-prayers.org/angels-and-saints/prayers-of-saint-francis-of-assis/>

Life: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_XXIII

Prayers: <https://www.dosp.org/our-faith/prayers/prayer-for-peace-by-st-john-xxiii/>

<https://pallottines.ie/prayer-for-strength/>

Prayer Reflection

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

While the world changes, the cross stands firm.
—Saint Bruno

I used to believe in God. Now I believe in God alone.
—Gustave Thibon

FRAUD ALERT! Is still active! Parishioners are still receiving fraudulent emails supposedly from Fr. William. Please verify the sender's email address. Legitimate emails are from whann@rcdvictoria.org

Message from the Social & Eco Justice Committee

As we celebrate Thanksgiving during this beautiful season, let's not forget the less fortunate in our city. For the first time since the pandemic, Holy Cross will be sponsoring and serving another **breakfast at Our Place** (919 Pandora, 7 – 9:15 am) on **Saturday Oct. 22**. We are looking for **volunteers** to constitute a team of only **5 people**. No heavy work is involved; arrival time is at **6:45 am**. Filling 400+ plates in 2 hours is a truly rewarding and unforgettable experience! Please contact Zofia Porter at 250 -595-1304 or at ztplaw@gmail.com.

Please note that there will be no 12:10 Mass on Friday, October 14th at St. Patrick's Parish. Fr. William will be celebrating Mass with the students of St. Patrick's School on that day at 10:45am to commemorate World Food Day. All are welcome to attend.

With Arms Open Wide: Welcoming God's People
October 21 - Oct 22
St. Edward's the Confessor, Duncan.
KEYNOTE: Mona Goodman
MASS with Bishop Gary Gordon

Keynote Speaker Mona Goodman, will ground us in hospitality in the liturgical ministries in which we serve. We will have an opportunity for fellowship at our Wine and Cheese social (Friday evening). We will celebrate beautiful liturgy and engage in workshops specific to various liturgical ministries.

There will be something for everyone – Hospitality Ministers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Leaders of Prayer, Music Ministers, Coordinators of Altar Servers, Family Faith, Environment, Liturgy of the Word for Children, and more!

To register, please visit <https://armsopenwideliturgymatters.eventbrite.com/>
Fr. William has arranged a bus for those who do not want to drive up and back and up and back.

Leaving St. Andrew's High School at 5 pm on Friday October 21 Arriving at St. Edwards. Leaving St. Edwards at 8:30 pm

Saturday October 22 leaving St Andrew's High School at 7:15 am to St. Edwards then departing from there at 3:30 pm.

Please register with Fr. William for bus bookings.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE
SATURDAY, October 8th

3-3:45pm: Confession
4pm Mass: Harriet Qualley (Int)

SUNDAY, October 9th

9am Mass: Jose Pacheco

MONDAY, October 10th

NO MASS

TUESDAY, October 11th

9am Mass: John and Mary Maclsaac+

WEDNESDAY, October 12th

NO MASS

THURSDAY, October 13th

2pm Funeral Mass Noreen Oldridge
Intention: Marietta Porco+

FRIDAY, October 14th

10:45am Mass St. Patrick's Parish
World Food Day

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 3rd

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS	
Envelopes	\$ 5,061.00
Loose	\$ 545.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,402.50
TOTAL	\$ 7,008.50



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

Visit the Diocesan website at rcdvictoria.org to get the latest news on livestreaming times, upcoming events and important announcements. Of particular note is the appointment of Gwen Jahelka as the Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese. There is a subsequent job posting for position of Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization.

Tombola raffle winners We are pleased to announce the winners of the St. Patrick's Bazaar Tombola Raffle. First prize of \$300 is Sherry Airaksinen; Second prize of \$200 is Brooke Scherr; Third prize of \$100 is Ann Francis. Thank you to all who participated.

World Youth Day Meeting--October 14th at 7pm

We are having our first major world youth day meeting on Friday, October 14th at 7pm at Our Lady of Fatima in Victoria. There is still time to register. If interested, please fill out this form found at <https://forms.gle/ZzAw42o26U8zoqvI7>. If you have any other questions please reach out to Fr Harrison at hayre@rcdvictoria.org

BRIDGE IS BACK!

The 40th year of Sunday evening Social Bridge held in the Parish Centre on the first Sunday of each month will commence November 6th, 2022 thru May 7th, 2023. All levels of play are welcome with the emphasis on "social". If you care to join this friendly group and/or would like more information please contact Tony Southwell via e-mail: tsouthwell@shaw.ca or telephone (250) 477-5738.

A message to students from your Catholic Students Association

As we spend Thanksgiving with family and friends, let us thank God for his mercy and abundance, while being mindful of the vulnerable and impoverished. Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving weekend.

A message from Lydia Foch, University Chaplain

Students! Please keep your calendars open and join us for our second Mass and Meal, Saturday, October 15th. Mass is at 4pm at Holy Cross, and will be followed by a delicious spread provided by our generous parishioners. We have a dynamic guest speaker to meet! All are welcome!

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

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UVic Student Supper Request

We still need volunteers to bring chili and/or salad to the UVic/Camosun student supper on Saturday October 15. There is a sign-up list in the foyer. Many thanks for your help



The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Committee of the Diocese of Victoria is pleased to announce they are now accepting applications from groups in the Diocese who wish to access the CCCB's Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. More information is available at www.rcdvictoria.org/irf, or at irf@rcdvictoria.org or 250-800-3167.