



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - September 18th, 2022

Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The *ways of the world* are very much on trial in the readings this week. Today's Gospel is all about money and it is one of those things that most of us would like to have more of. It is also one of the most difficult things to handle in a human way. "The love of money is the root of all evil" says St Paul. He did not call *money itself* the root of all evil, but rather the *love of money*. Of course, money is needed as a means of exchanging goods in every organized society. But a person can become its slave through excessive love of money. It can become a substitute for God in one's life. It is also one of the most difficult things to handle in a human way. I imagine that is the reason why, in several places in Scripture, we are put on our guard against it. Especially in the prophetic tradition, the people with lots of money are subjected to some stinging criticism. Luke is adamant about the spirituality of money—that is, the moral weight of our financial decision-making. God and mammon may not be served together, but they must be considered in tandem. We must be clear about what belongs to Caesar and what is the Lord's. The more uncomfortable we feel about this choice, the more urgent our public discussion likely is.

Money has and continues to do much good in the world and it will God willing lift up the poor in many nations if we want it too and have the will to act justly. Jesus himself is not very complimentary about money. He speaks about it as that thing, money that tainted thing. He knew what he was talking about. He knew that he would be sold for it; he knew that his blood would be bought for it. And yet, Jesus does not say do away with it. He says not to make it our idol, because in that case we would be tainted too, and corrupt and rotten. He says to use it well, in such a way, that, though it will make our hands dirty, we will be able to continue to lift those very same hands to God up in prayer. No one in church this weekend can escape the need to earn and manage money. That is what Scripture puts before us today. Do we give of our time, treasure, and talent?

The issue scripture puts before us today is how we use it. Which master do we serve? Service requires a total commitment of ourselves, and we are free to direct our energies to whatever we choose. Do we devote ourselves to matters of money in such a way that it rules our lives, makes us exploiters of others, and gets between us and God? Or do we use our resources to lift up the needy--cleverly, if need be, like the steward in the gospel--not grasping money but letting it pass through our hands, which we keep open in prayer and service? As Saint Augustine said.. find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.

Let us be God's currency!
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 Holy Cross Parish at 4pm Saturday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

Sacramental Preparation Note from Barb Shenton

Baptismal Prep – Our course is now offered on the first & second 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.

Note from Joanie Thank you to all who participated in the Mass held this past Wednesday, and also to those who helped serve refreshments, after the special Liturgy to honour all those we lost during the past two years of COVID. It was good to see so many of you.

New Liturgical Schedules for Oct. 1/2022 to June 30/2023 - will be sent out the week of September 19th. Thank you to all our wonderful Volunteers. We'll be in touch with new sign-ups for Liturgical Ministries in the next few weeks.

Library Corner

September 17th and 21st are respectively the feast days of St Robert Bellarmine and St Matthew. Cardinal Bellarmine is notable for his observations on Galileo's heliocentric theory with the distinction between theory and proof in science. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Bellarmino

Many of the most beautiful, lyrical, and inspiring passages in the gospels are found in St Matthew, the Evangelist, who left his tax collecting chores when Jesus simply said "Follow me". https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matthew_the_Apostle

"Blessed are the poor in spirit..." Ch 5 Verses 1-12 <https://biblehub.com/kjv/matthew/5.htm>

"Seek and you shall find" Ch 7: Verse 7 <https://biblehub.com/nkjv/matthew/7.htm>

"When was it that we saw you hungry, Lord?" Ch 25: verses 31-46

<https://www.bible.com/bible/1/MAT.25.37.KJV>

"Come to me all you that labour and are heavy burdened" Ch 11: Verse 28

<https://biblehub.com/nkjv/matthew/7.htm>

"Consider the lilies of the field..." Ch 6: Verses 24-34 <https://biblehub.com/esv/matthew/6.htm>

Pastoral Care Outreach Training Last Call! This series will be offered online again this fall. Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, starting on September 24th until November 26th. Deadline to register is noon, Tuesday, September 20th. Call the Office to register.

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.

Prayer Reflection

Working for a just distribution of the fruits of the Earth and human labor is not mere philanthropy. It is a moral obligation.

—Pope Francis

The bread that you have stored up belongs to the hungry; the cloak that lies in your chest belongs to the naked; the gold that you have hidden in the ground belongs to the poor.

—Saint Basil the Great

Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.

—Saint Augustine

The first thing is to be honest with yourself. You can never have an impact on society if you have not changed yourself.

—Nelson Mandela

Now that the Indigenous Book Collection has moved to St. Patrick's, the Social & Eco Justice Committee is rolling out a **new Environmental Book Collection**, to coincide with the **Season of Creation**. The Season "Celebration" began on September 1st, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. The theme is: "Listen to the Voice of Creation." We invite you to check out these new books in the church foyer, and to "read about the Voice of Creation."

Social and Eco-Justice Committee Sign up to join Fr. William and the Holy Cross and St. Patrick's delegations at the GVAT Homes for All Assembly on Sunday Oct. 2 (7 - 8:30 pm, doors open at 6:30). See the event poster and last week's bulletin insert for more detail. The **signup/carpooling sheets are in the church foyer.**

**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, Sept. 17th

3-3:45pm: Confession

4pm Mass: Mama Senn Narciso+

SUNDAY, Sept. 18th

9am Mass: Anna and Maria Flora+

MONDAY, Sept. 19th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, Sept. 20th

9am Mass: Tadgh McCarthy+

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 21st

NO MASS

THURSDAY, Sept. 22nd

9am Mass: Susan Qually+

Margaret Gormley (Int)

FRIDAY, Sept. 23rd

NO MASS

The Church will be open for private prayers from Tuesday to Friday from 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.

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

The next First Friday Adoration in the Mercy Chapel will be held on **Friday, October 7th at 9am .**

COLLECTION for Sept. 11

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 3,746.00
Loose	\$ 270.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,407.50
TOTAL	\$ 5,423.50



Thank You Corner

Special thanks to Harry Wan for his Red Russian Garlic project that resulted in a \$195 donation to Anawim House!

A Note from your Catholic Students' Association

Welcome back students! There are many ongoing events at Multifaith to enjoy fellowship, community, and a chance to incorporate faith into our lives in small and fun ways! Food is always provided. Please visit the Multifaith site to see what may be of interest to you: <https://www.uvic.ca/student-wellness/events-workshops/index.php>

Here's what's happening next week: Monday evenings: Indigenous Culture Nights (ongoing) are held at Royal Roads University, Dogwood Auditorium from 7-10pm. All are welcome, please bring a snack to share. Our first 'Bored? Games Night', begins on September 22, 6:30-8:30pm at Multifaith. Meet new students in a relaxed setting away from academia. More to come! Check us out on our website: cathu-

A message from our University Chaplain.

Save the date! The Catholic Students' Association invites UVic and Camosun students for a Welcome Back BBQ at Holy Cross on September 24. Join us for mass at 4pm followed by a wonderful BBQ prepared by our dedicated parishioners. This opportunity will be a perfect social to meet friends and make new connections. Find out what CSA has to offer this year. Bring yourself and a friend. Games and a raffle will be part of the evening's event. Everyone is welcome. See you there!



St Peter's Parish in Nanaimo, BC is seeking a Parish Coordinator. This job available is dependent on education and experience at either 28 hours/week or 37.5 hours/week, with a competitive wage and benefits being offered. If interested in a job description, please send a resume with 2-3 references to Fr Harrison Ayre at hayre@rcdvictoria.org, or please contact him should you have any questions. The competition is open until October 4th, 2022. Only those who continue to the interview process will receive follow up communication.

Parish Mission: St. Andrew's Cathedral and St. Joseph the Worker Parishes – October 4 to 6, 2022

Don't Miss This Great Opportunity! In October, we honour **the Blessed Virgin Mary**. What a way to start it with a Parish Mission "**Mary, Mother of the Blessed Sacrament**" sponsored by the **Cathedral and St. Joseph the Worker Parishes**. Fr. Lou Cerulli, a Canadian Catholic priest with Peace, Freedom and Healing Ministry, will come to us to share his love of Mary, the Holy Spirit, and his experiences and love of the Eucharist and the healing power of the sacrament. He will celebrate the 12:10pm mass at the Cathedral and 6pm mass at St. Joseph's followed by teachings on:

October 4th – Mary, Source of our Joy

October 5th – Mary and the Holy Spirit, WHAT A RELATIONSHIP!!

October 6th – Healing in the Eucharist

Rosary will be prayed before the Masses. The 6pm Mass on October 6th at St. Joseph the Worker Parish will be a teaching and celebration of Healing in the Eucharist. It will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Blessing. For more information: Joji - call/text 250 882 8279 or email f7hl3jp@gmail.com

From September 28th – November 6th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way near Victoria General Hospital (park at Helmcken Park and Ride) and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Glenda Wilmot at (250)885-6261 or visit www.40daysforlife.com/victoriabc

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.



Stained Glass Window Tour

Have you ever wondered about the windows at the cathedral? If you are interested in a 45 min tour on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday contact Trish hugh.trish.westwood@gmail.com or by phone at 250-477-6032.