



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - September 25th, 2022

Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today, September 25th, is the 26th Sunday in Ordinary time. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus shares a compelling parable, the story of Lazarus and the rich man. Lazarus lives in poverty and pain and after his death goes to heaven. The rich man lives in luxury and after his death suffers in a place far from heaven. The message seems clear. We should be sharing our riches with the poor and marginalized of our community and the world. We should be making sure that each person has food, shelter, and dignified work. But the question is why? Is it simply to avoid the fate of the rich man? Or do the words of Jesus have a greater significance.

What about the rich man? How could he ignore Lazarus? Jesus' words describe a vivid scene. We can picture it easily; the lonely, egocentric rich man, so self-absorbed that he does not notice the misery of Lazarus. And the rich man didn't just ignore Lazarus. According to Abraham, the rich man also ignored Moses and the prophets. Furthermore, given his lifestyle, it is evident that the rich man ignored the needs of all people around him. He ignored the humanness of his servants and slaves. He ignored the wide gap between his and his brothers' wealth and most of the people living in his community. He ignored the purpose of his life and what he could be contributing. He completely ignored that he could be making an extraordinary difference to Lazarus and many others. The rich man lived in luxury, but his life was empty. He was far from the peace and joy that he could have experienced if he had been aware, awake, paying attention to the suffering around him.

At times we all get caught up in the busyness and demands of our lives. We ignore the prophets and the messages from Jesus and close our eyes and minds to the suffering around us. We miss the opportunities to contribute to the common good, to make a difference in our families and communities. Eventually, if we don't open our eyes and minds to the living around us, we suffer sorrow and despair just as the rich man did.

This parable is as relevant today as it was two thousand years ago. Jesus reminds us to pay attention and rejoice that we can make a difference. We have been given the great privilege to help our brothers and sisters carry their burdens. We can share the many gifts we have received, not out of fear, but out of love, love of God and love of neighbor!

Today is the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. How blessed are we that we can help them build new lives. How blessed are we to be inspired by their courage and hope. How blessed are we to be awake.

Tanya Taft

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 4pm Sunday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin in October. At this time we only have enough volunteers to run a liturgy twice a month at the Sunday morning Mass. Details will follow on what consistent weekends the Children's Liturgy will run on - if you would like to volunteer and have an up to date Criminal Record Check or are willing to get one, please contact the parish office.

Please note, that in addition to teachers we also need teacher helpers. In the meantime, there will be Children's Liturgy at the **Sunday 9am Mass on October 2nd**. Children's Liturgy is meant for school aged children aged 5-9. Children who participate should be able to contribute to discussion and participate in activities. During Children's Liturgy, children are brought to the parish library for an age-appropriate reading and reflection of the liturgy. They return to their parents after the homily.

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.

PARISH MINISTRIES FAIR: Thank you to everyone who signed up for the various Parish Ministries that were posted the past 2 weeks. It was a great show of participation, and we are grateful and excited to have some new volunteers! Over the next month, I'll be in touch with any new sign-ups, as all Volunteers are required to complete some paperwork, including a *Volunteer Application Form* and *Covenant of Care Form*. These are in conjunction with the Diocese of Victoria's "Responsible Ministry Safe Environment" policy – in support of the protection of the most vulnerable in our communities. Thank you again and I look forward to connecting with you soon. For any questions, or for further information, please contact Joanie Bidlake at: Officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

September 30, Friday, is Orange Shirt Day and Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It's a day to honour the survivors and victims of the residential school system. **Wear an Orange Shirt, and join members of the Social Eco Justice Committee for Mass at St. Patrick's, 12:10 pm.**

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed to commemorate this day.



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.

FRAUD ALERT! Fr. William would like everyone to know that text and email requests for gift cards that appear to be from him are fraudulent. Fr. William would never ask for gifts or money in this way! Please ignore these and call the office at 250-477-5321 if you have questions or concerns about this.

Prayer Reflection

Don't forget the poor.
—Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes, to then newly elected Pope Francis

Every person who has more than is indispensable for material and spiritual well-being is a millionaire, and thus a debtor of those who have nothing.
—Léon Bloy

NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

Check out the diocesan website for updates on livestreaming:
Visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about> for updates

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.

Social and Eco-Justice Committee Be sure to join Fr. William, members of parish council and other Holy Cross parishioners at the **Oct. 2 GVAT Homes for All Community Assembly at Christ Church Cathedral** (7 - 8:30, doors open at 6:30). Read more about this Assembly in the [September GVAT Newsletter](#). Mayoral candidates Fred Haynes and Dean Murdock (Saanich), and Marianne Alto and Stephen Andrew (Victoria), will be attending. It will be exciting! **If you wish to carpool, sign up this weekend** so Barb McKrow (bmckrow@shaw.ca) can have time to coordinate the rides. (Sign up/carpool sheets in the 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. 24th

3-3:45pm: Confession
4pm Mass: Betty Hooks+

SUNDAY, Sept. 25th
9am Mass: Anthony Diaz+

MONDAY, Sept. 26th
Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, Sept. 27th
9am Mass: Tadgh McCarthy+
Joan Mann+

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 28th
NO MASS

THURSDAY, Sept. 29th
9am Mass: Sarah Ball+

FRIDAY, Sept. 30th
NO MASS

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.

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

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

COLLECTION for Sept. 18th

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$ 3,265.00
Loose	\$ 500.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,407.50
TOTAL	\$ 5,172.50



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.

Your Catholic Student's Association offers more opportunities to participate in building a community of faith and making new friends. Indigenous Culture Nights continue at Royal Roads, Dogwood Auditorium every Monday evenings from 7-10pm (please bring a snack to share); Tuesday September 27th, confessions begin at Multifaith at 11:15 followed by mass at 11:30. CSA will sponsor a meal with students following mass for those who have time. In addition, Alpha online series begins from 6:30-8pm on the 27th. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question designed to create interesting, authentic, and engaging conversations. No pressure, no charge, no follow ups. It is simply an informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions. The series concludes with a shared meal, restaurant TBD. Join us for our first Movie Night at Multifaith on Wednesday September 28th, from 6:30-8:30pm at Multifaith. Food is always provided! Please contact Lydia at lfoch@rcdvictoria.org for further details. For more information visit cathu-vic.wordpress.com, [csa_vic](https://www.facebook.com/csa_vic) and [Csa Victoria](https://www.facebook.com/CsaVictoria).

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!

Keep the Date

There will be a special Harvest Celebration here at Holy Cross on October 16th complete with a BBQ and entertainment, from noon until 3:30 pm. Mark your calendars. More details to follow.

CWL FALL FAIR - CALL FOR DONATIONS

The Good Used Clothing Sale + Fall Bazaar is coming to St. Patrick's Parish on September 30 - October 1st from 9:30am-2:00pm. Donations are now being collected! To see types of donations needed: [donations needed](#)

Stained Glass Window Tour is booked for Monday October 3, 2022 at 10:45am at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Come along if your interested. Contact: Trish hugh.trish.westwood@gmail.com or 250-477-6032 for more info.

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."

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Mass Times

Please note the new weekend Mass Times as follows:

Holy Cross: Saturdays at 4pm and Sundays at 9am

St. Patrick's: Sunday at 11am and 4pm

Weekdays: Tuesdays and Thursdays at Holy Cross 9am

Wednesdays and Fridays at St. Patrick's 12:10pm

