



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

**SUNDAY - September 4th, 2022**  
**Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Are we willing to commit to Jesus' call to carry our cross, give up all our possessions, and follow Him? The readings today are calling us to reflect, to respond, to live in the world as God's beloved, and to choose Christ above all else. The cost of discipleship means letting go of self, seeing the world through God's eyes, and placing ourselves completely into God's hands.

Right living requires faith and trust in God. God's ways are beyond our understanding, yet through prayer and discernment, the urgings of the Holy Spirit, and our desire to do God's will, Wisdom will guide us into a deeper appreciation of who God is and the freedom God desires for us.

St. Paul reminds us that we are no longer slaves. Christ transforms us through His abundant love, mercy and forgiveness shattering the bonds of slavery. The cross of Christ brings about a new order, a new relationship that does not depend on any human classifications regarding master and slave; we are beloved sisters and brothers in Christ. God is our refuge. Fear and obligation gives way to serving Christ in freedom and joy.

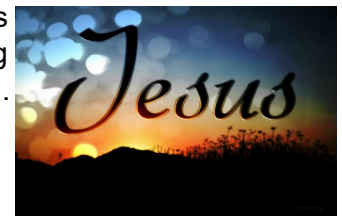
Today we are asked to choose Christ. We are invited to examine all aspects of our life carefully and decide if the reward of eternal life in God's presence is more important than anything else. Jesus doesn't ask us to 'hate' our families. His use of hyperbolic language refers to 'primary allegiance', meaning our *primary* allegiance must be to Jesus first and foremost – the first commandment of loving God before all else.

Is there any relationship that comes ahead of Christ in our life? Is He the Lord of our plans, our thoughts, and of all that we do? Are we clinging to *our* plans, *our* way, instead of seeking to please Him in all things? How can we give our undivided loyalty to Jesus? Firstly, by **carrying our cross**, putting to death the things of this world – addiction to power, success, vanity, violence, our selfish desires, all the competing loyalties, so through Christ, we can gain a kingdom perspective. Secondly, by **following Christ** with total dedication and commitment, and in order to do that, we must *sit down and estimate the cost* and *sit down and consider* what we're getting into. We must discern all aspects of our discipleship journey rationally, prudently, and meticulously so we can commit to finishing the journey once we begin or not start the journey at all! Dedicated time with Jesus in Scripture, prayer, and devotion deepens our allegiance to Christ.

True discipleship demands our YES to God and our covenantal relationship with God; it's all or nothing. Jesus is there for us and does not require anything from us that He himself is not willing to give. To be His true disciples, His true followers, we must live our Christian life every day and all day.

We are called to live in the world as Christ lived in the world, by offering love, mercy and forgiveness. When we have been wronged and we can't offer forgiveness, we become enslaved by our bitterness, our pride, and our revenge. Our own stubbornness blocks Christ's love! Accept God's forgiveness, let God's mercy lighten our hearts and bring peace to our relationships, so together in love, we can transform the world. Follow boldly!

God's abundance, Mona



#### OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed  
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm  
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:00pm  
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 on Saturday at 4pm*. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

**KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE**

St. Patrick's Parish hosting a **KAIROS Blanket Exercise** on Saturday, September 17 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Lourdes Hall. This teaching tool is a way to build awareness and understanding of the shared history between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. This event is fully sponsored by the Diocese in hopes that as many people will experience this valuable workshop. This is an excellent opportunity as we focus on healing and reconciliation with our local First Nations. Hospitality will be provided by Development and Peace.

**Pre-registration is required** and all COVID protocols will be followed. Please register by emailing [victoriaareadp@gmail.com](mailto:victoriaareadp@gmail.com) or calling the parish office at 250-592-7391

For more information visit:

<https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/indigenous-rights/blanket-exercise>

**CWL FALL FAIR - CALL FOR DONATIONS**

The famous 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! The list of the 11 Kiosks and the types of donations needed is listed here: [donations needed](#)

The poster to the event is on the bulletin board in the church.



**SAVE THE DATE!** On **Sunday Oct. 2, G VAT** will be holding a **Homes for All Community Assembly** at Christ Church Cathedral (7 - 8:30 pm). All 26 member organizations will come together to advocate for affordable housing in our region. Fr. William will be leading delegations from Holy Cross and St. Patrick's. We want a strong presence at this event. More information in next week's bulletin. Read the **GVAT July Newsletter**

<https://www.gvat.ca/blog/july2022newsletter>

**Green Binders** from the library for Funeral Planning have gone missing! If you have one that you are not using please return it to the library.

**WITH ARMS WIDE OPEN - RETREAT****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, Music Ministers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Leaders of Prayer, Coordinators of Altar Servers, Family Faith, Environment, Liturgy of the Word for Children, and more!

Registration details to follow soon.

**Prayer Reflection**

Our possessions are not ours—God has given them to us to cultivate, that we may make them fruitful and profitable in his service.

—Saint Francis de Sales

The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge.

—Stephen Hawking

All things come from nothing and are borne to infinity. Who will trace these astonishing paths? The author of these marvels understands them. No one else can do so.

—Blaise Pascal

**NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE**

Registration is now open for the first course of the Indigenous Pastoral and Lay Leader Ministry Education program.

Indigenous Pastoral and Lay Leader Ministry Education is an online continuing education program led by teams of Indigenous and non-Indigenous instructors. The program is jointly sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, St. Thomas More College and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools.

Course #1: *Introduction to First Nations Studies* will run on Tuesdays from 3:15-4:30 pm PST, Sept. 20 to Nov. 15. The other three courses in the program will run in 2023, and participants completing all four courses will earn an Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader Ministry Certificate. The fee for each course is \$200.

For more information and to register, please visit: <https://rcdos.ca/ministries-services/indigenous-ministry-2/indigenous-ministry-education/>

The regular livestream schedule will now be 7 pm on weeknights and 9 am on Sundays, except Wednesday, September 14: livestream cancelled.

Visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about> for updates

**AFRICAN AIDS ANGELS - BLING NEEDED!**

Do you have any old costume jewelry you don't need anymore? Fake pearls? Old earrings? Declutter your jewelry box and help charity organizations in Africa while you do it! We have a group of volunteers who hand make angels that are sold at Christmas time to raise funds for various charities in Africa. They use bits and pieces from old jewelry to decorate the angels. Old ribbon pieces make excellent Angel wings. If you have anything to donate please drop them off at the office during office hours or in the box provided in the Church foyer. Thank you!

**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

**SATURDAY, Sept. 3rd**

3-3:45pm: Confession

4pm Mass: Margaret Blanche Kovacs +

**SUNDAY, Sept. 4th**

9am Mass: Berte Dunsmuir +

**MONDAY, Sept. 5th**

Office Closed/No Mass

**TUESDAY, Sept. 6th**

9am Mass: Beryl Dixon +  
Florence Bushell +

**WEDNESDAY, Sept. 7th**

NO MASS

**THURSDAY, Sept. 8th**

9am Mass: Florence Bushell +

**FRIDAY, Sept. 9th**

NO MASS

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*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**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 1,275.00
Loose	\$ 1,065.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,017.00</b>



**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.

**Pastor: Fr. William Hann**

250-477-5321

250-294-9615 *after hours*

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**Parish Council Chair:** Vacant

**Children's Religious Education:** Barbara

Shenton



### **GENTLE REMINDER**

Germs are still spreading around the community, and we encourage all of our parishioners to take care of one another by using our hand sanitizing pumps and wearing a mask during the Mass. It is not mandatory, but it goes a long way in making people feel safe and comfortable and keeping pesky germs at bay. We appreciate your support in this regard.



### **CISVD JOB OPPORTUNITY**

#### **WE'RE HIRING!**

Queen of Angels K-9 School is seeking an energetic teacher to join their amazing team! Q of A is a Christ-centered school that seeks to nurture the whole child through the development of faith, family, and community. Queen of Angels is a welcoming community where the emphasis is placed on developing the whole child. Students are guided by Catholic tradition, encouraged to produce their best possible work and are urged to participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities.

Our school is nestled in the beautiful Cowichan Valley, in Duncan, BC.

#### **JOB DESCRIPTION**

Grade 9 Classroom Teacher - One-year Temporary Contract

Start Date: September 1, 2022

Questions regarding this job posting may be directed to Kathy Korman, Principal, at [kkorman@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:kkorman@cisdv.bc.ca)

If **YOU** are interested in this position, please visit:

<https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/>

**Please help spread the word! Share this ad with your friends, acquaintances and even post it to your Facebook page!**



**Best wishes to all students and teachers heading back to school this coming week!**

**Have an awesome school year!!**