

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Core Beliefs & Values

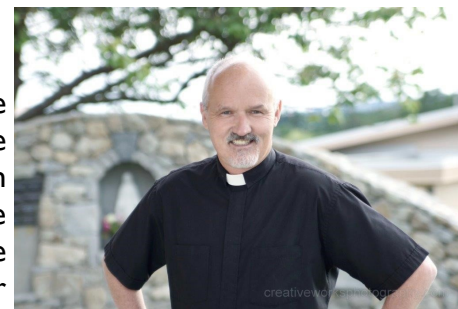
The people of Holy Cross Parish believe it is important:
to *welcome* all who come through its doors.
to *socially engage* the people of the parish.
to *serve* the parish and broader community, through *support* and *outreach*.

SUNDAY September 10th, 2017 Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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From Fr. William's Desk

Specifically, today's Gospel addresses a delicate matter; how to deal with members of the community who have been engaged in wrong, even sinful behavior? It suggests a procedure to be followed. Much depends on where we place the emphasis. I am afraid that if we are very sure of our own holiness and confident of our perfection, we may be inclined to read very quickly over the first three steps of the procedure. They may look too tedious to us. It is much easier to settle on the fourth step: if your brother/sister refuses to listen to the community, treat him/her like a pagan or a tax collector; in more colloquial language, if he or she does not do it our way, kick them out. We love to get tough with those who have fallen and sad to say exclusion happens, when all that is needed is to embrace. Kicking people out when they are down would be a serious misreading of the text. The basic intent of the text is not to set up a procedure to exclude or excommunicate people; it is precisely the opposite. Against the tendency of some groups to exclude less desirable elements, what is suggested is to do everything possible to keep people on the right track and to go all out in an effort to bring the lost sheep back into the fold.



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What the Gospel suggests is that instead of stepping on people when they are down, instead of trying to score points when correcting them, we owe it to each other to help one another up again. The point is that when we relate to each other in such a way that we try to build up instead of tearing down, or when we succeed in bringing people together instead of seeing them torn apart, then the Gospel assures us that we have God's own approval: "Whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven." The school of Christian charity is one that is life long. If only we could see ourselves and each other as God sees us. Jesus encourages us to resolve our differences at the lowest level possible, to avoid escalating the problem if at all possible. How do you handle differences with your friends or within your faith community? Are you carrying any unresolved disputes at the present time? Perhaps you can try putting the gospel directive into practice this week; it may bring a whole new level of meaning to the passage for you.

Love all the way, See you soon. Missing you...

Father William

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Closed

Tuesday/Wednesday:

9am—2:30pm

Thursday/Friday:

9am—2:00pm

Saturday—Closed

Sunday—Closed

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY	5:00pm
SUNDAY	8:30am 10:30am 4:00pm
MONDAY	No Mass
TUESDAY	9:00am
WEDNESDAY	9:00am
THURSDAY	9:00am
FRIDAY	9:00am

Mercy Chapel: Tues—Fri during office hours

PASTORAL CARE VISITS WHILE IN HOSPITAL

We remind the faithful that privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from your pastor or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Ian Stuart** to make this request.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

In today's second reading St. Paul reminds us of our duty as Christians to love our neighbours. God's unconditional love and infinite mercy is the source of all goodness, and a call to care for one another as true brothers and sisters. Development and Peace and its members across Canada work together to influence decision-makers to bring about changes to policies and structures that affect communities in the global south—all the way from Colombia to Afghanistan. It is a true sign of love turned into action! Join us in this journey as we act upon our call to love as followers of Jesus; abandoning ourselves fully to God, and acting fearlessly for justice and wellbeing for all. Visit www.devp.org and become a member today.

WISH TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

Also suitable for adult Catholics seeking Confirmation Are you searching for a Church to call your own? Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that begins to explore these and other faith issues for those who may be considering following the Catholic Christian way of life. If interested, please contact the parish office at 250- 477 5321 or contact Phil or Shelia Wall by email at walls_in_holland@hotmail.com or email Father William fatherwilliam@shaw.ca

DONATE YOUR 'TREASURE'

Just a reminder that Holy Cross offers the following options for your financial contributions to the parish:

- pre-numbered collection envelopes
- pre-authorized debit (automatically out of your bank account on a monthly basis)
- gifts of publicly traded securities and mutual fund

Please contact the office if you want more information on any of these. Thank you.

SOCIAL BRIDGE

The 35th year of this once a month gathering at Holy Cross commences **Sunday, October 1st** in the parish centre. The evening starts at 7pm with social bridge followed by refreshments. If you enjoy bridge in a hospitable and non competitive environment you are invited to join the group. All levels of bridge are most welcome! Please contact Tony Southwell for more information at 250-477-5738 or via email: tsouthwell@shaw.ca or Mike Neal at 250-477-1309 or via email: mneal49@shaw.ca

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2017-2018



Attention parents of children registered for Catechism this year, of those yet to register and those thinking of registering, please attend our Parent Meeting this **Wednesday, September 13th at 7pm** in the Church hall. We will discuss the program, meet the Catechists and have a question period, and of course partake in refreshments. *FYI, Catechism will begin Sunday September 17 at 9:30! We are looking forward to seeing you there!*

PRAYER REFLECTION

And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. —Roald Dahl

Because we are made in God's image, in fleeing from a relationship with a loving God, we are also running from being our most authentic selves. —Kathleen Norris

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **JOB POSTINGS:** Part-Time Youth ministry coordinator— The Cathedral parish is searching for a part-time youth ministry coordinator to animate and expand its present youth ministry (Grades 8 – 12). The successful candidate must be able to plan and lead youth ministry activities, including discussion nights, music nights, service projects and weekend retreats. A Canadian Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies (or well on the way to completion) is a necessary consideration. 15 hours per week with an appropriate wage is offered. Send resume with covering letter to Rita Fichtner at saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com no later than Friday, September 8th at 12 noon. Only those short listed will be contacted.
- **WOMENS BREAKFAST:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 8:00am, 620 Kenneth St, Victoria, BC. Guest Speaker: Reine Mykyte. Topic: "God's Design – The Story of a Family" Reine and her husband, Ian have 2 beautiful girls and will speak about her experiences as an adoptive parent. Cost: \$12.00. To Register: click the following link to the Women of Faith and Fellowship Breakfast and complete the form. [Http://bit.do/Womens-Breakfast](http://bit.do/Womens-Breakfast)
- **ESL CLASSES:** Join us! Cookies and Conversation: A Free ESL Conversation Class at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Langford, provided by one of our parishioners who is an ESL Teacher. Saturdays @ 3:45 pm. Starts on September 16. Improve your English and build vocabulary; practice speaking and listening, and improve pronunciation; learn about Canada and discover new cultures; have fun in a relaxed atmosphere and meet new people; all levels, all ages welcome. For registration and more information, please contact Penelope at 250-585-0015

MONTHLY GREEN TIP

Do you really need those extra plush bath towels that wrap around you twice? Smaller, thinner ones will dry you just as well, and take up less space in the washer/dryer.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, September 10th

8:30 am Mass: **Ian Jeanie Cosenf +**
10:30 am Mass: **Helen Hodson +**
4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, September 11th

No Mass

TUESDAY, September 12th

9:00 am Mass: **John Scoblick +**

WEDNESDAY, September 13th

9:00 am Mass: **Maria Huber +**

THURSDAY, September 14th

9:00 am Mass: **Arnest Ackroyd +**
9:30am Feast Day celebration in
hall (Coffee/Cake)
6:30 pm Rosary Group

FRIDAY, September 15th

9:00 am Mass: **Helen Krisnar +**

SATURDAY, September 16th

3:45—4:30 Sacrament of
Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass: **Sean O'Donnell +**

SUNDAY, September 17th

8:30 am Mass: **Lillarose McDonald +**
10:30 am Mass: **Amaro Martins +**
4:00 pm Mass

HOLY CROSS FEAST DAY

The feast day of Holy Cross is *Thursday September 14th*. We will be celebrating with cake and coffee after the 9am mass that day. If you can, please come and join the celebration!

SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS

Walking Group: Saturday's at 10am (meet rain or shine in church parking lot)

Wednesday Afternoon Social Group: every Wednesday, 1-3pm.

CONTACTS

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy Liturgical Ministers	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Music	Various Choirs	250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir.	Ann Francis	250-477-8650
Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
Sun. Coffee, 10:30	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Bulletin Folders	Vicki Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Sacramental Wine	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339

SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY

Responsible Min.	Martha Oleson Janita McHugh	250-477-6455 250-220-4778
Parish Council	Esther Gormley	250-360-0107
Finance	David Begg	250-658-0870
Maintenance/Bldg.	Ed Boomars	250-881-8124
Cleaning Kitchens	Loretta MacDonald	250-477-6682
Annual Shed Clean	Jack Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Parish Grounds	Joe Mendonca	250-888-8930
Social/Comm. Life		
Baptism Prep.	Cynthia Watson	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Mom's/Tots	Partnership with St. Patrick's	
Children's Rel. Ed.	Giacinta Bewley	250-652-0204



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COLLECTION September 3rd, 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 6, 357.00
Loose	\$ 340.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 962.00
TOTAL	\$ 7, 659.00

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891
Catholicism	Jona De Jesus	250-858-5924
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Bereavement / Funeral / Follow-Up	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Funeral Reception	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322

SERVING COMMUNITIES BEYOND OUR DOORS

Diocesan Appeal	Ed Chwyl	
Franciscans and Friends Youth	Maritza Chouza	778-533-1736
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky	250-477-5321 250-479-1331
RCIA	Phil / Sheila Wall	778-265-2134
RCIC	Dan Taft Jr.	250-721-0821
Ecumenism	Terry Marner	250-380-0157
Social & Eco. Justice	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Anawim	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent	Sheila Wall	778-265-2134
Refugees	Trudy Holden	250-472-1079
St. Vincent De Paul	Martin Fletcher	250-592-9297
Univ/Camosun Bursaries	Tony Southwell	250-477-5738
Uvic/Camosun Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455