

# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## Our Vision

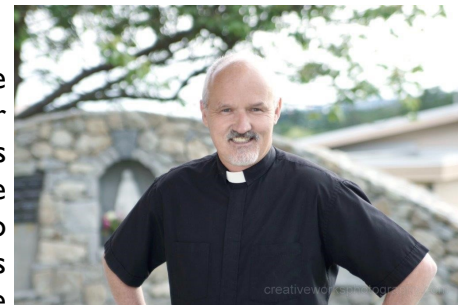
Holy Cross Parish strives to be a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, and inclusive Catholic community that gathers in unity and reaches out to attend to the needs of others.

## SUNDAY September 17th, 2017 Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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## From Fr. William's Desk

Today's readings are filled with anger. Wise Sirach calls anger and wrath abominations. Our psalm soothes us with the message that the Lord is "slow to anger." And the gospel encourages us to be forgiving rather than angry. Everyone loses and no one wins. Sirach asks two very important questions today and they are questions we struggle with. He asks us to think of our death and he asks us: do we wish to die with resentment and anger in our hearts or will we remember the covenant and overlook faults?



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The multitudes of us who struggle with the task of forgiveness will find that tackling the problem from Peter's end—"How much and how long am I expected to forgive?"—only entangles us in a numbers game, meting out pardon by the spoonful. That may seem reasonable. But God's forgiveness, which comes first, is hardly reasonable, and it is by God's standard alone that we are to measure our own obligation to forgive.

But even Peter, who had Jesus in front of him in person on a daily basis, didn't seem to know what Jesus would do the eighth time a brother might sin against him. Peter experiences the limits of human patience and forbearance in his own relationships. He wants to know how long a truly good person ought to put up with the abuse of his or her charity. Forgiveness may be the most challenging work of Christians, but it comes with the greatest reward: the peace of Christ. Those who have suffered the most are often our greatest teachers in the practice of forgiveness.

Who are they?

In 1945, as the Nazi regime neared defeat, tens of thousands of women and children imprisoned in the Ravensbrück Concentration Camp were either slaughtered outright or forced on a death march where an estimated 40,000 more perished. The following prayer was found on a note near the body of a slain child. "O Lord, remember not only the men and women of good will, but also those of ill will. But do not remember all the suffering they have inflicted on us, remember the fruits we have bought, because of this suffering--our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, our courage, our generosity, the greatness of heart that has grown out of all of this, and when they come to judgment, let all the fruits we have borne be their forgiveness." A wise man wrote: He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.

Forgive... see you next week.  
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	9:00am
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.

**CONDOLENCES**

We extend our most heartfelt condolences to the families of **Dolly Bond** and **Tom Browne**. Our prayers are with their children, relatives, and friends during this time of grief and loss. The memorial mass for Dolly will be on Monday, September 18th at 1pm. There will be a memorial mass for Tom Browne on Saturday, October 7th at 11:00am.

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE**

Development and Peace is celebrating 50 years of solidarity. That means 50 years of working with partners in the global south, as well as with the Canadian population, to build a world of justice and peace for all. We would like to express our most sincere gratitude to all of those who support us in this important mission. Thank you for saying YES to positive change. For more information about Development and Peace and to become part of the movement check out our website: [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org), or contact your regional animator at 1-844-480-3387

**SERVING BREAKFAST AT OUR PLACE**

**Serving Breakfast at Our Place II – Sat. Oct. 14.** Ever wondered how Our Place Society can serve 1600 meals/day (400 at breakfast alone . . . in little over an hour's time)? Come find out on Oct. 14, when Holy Cross returns to sponsor a breakfast there. Join the team of volunteer servers representing our parish. The setup, service and cleanup will take place between 8 and 10:15 am. (No heavy work is involved.) Anyone interested can stay on for a 20-minute guided tour of Our Place, and discover the variety of services offered to help the homeless and the working poor of Victoria. The 14 of us who went in March found it an unforgettable experience. For more information, please contact Yvonne Hsieh ([yhsieh@uvic.ca](mailto:yhsieh@uvic.ca), 250-385-8322).

**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](mailto:walls_in_holland@hotmail.com) or email Father William

**AT THE LIBRARY**

(in the Parish Centre –Tue- Fri: 9am-2:00pm)

**Reasons to Believe:** In an age of cynicism and doubt, listen to these strong voices.

- Why I am a Catholic, by Garry Wills
- The language of God: Evidence for belief, by Francis Collins (Head of the Genome Mapping Project)
- Who Needs God, by (Rabbi) Harold Kushner
- The Good Enough Catholic: A Guide for the Perplexed, by P. Wilkes

### PRAYER REFLECTION

He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.  
-George Herbert (1593-1633)

If, then, you are looking for the way by which you should go, take Christ, because he himself is the way.

-Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225-1274)

### AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** You are invited to **Development and Peace's** 50th anniversary multicultural dinner and awards evening. Please join us for an evening of delicious food from a variety of countries while we celebrate 50 years of Development and Peace accomplishments and honour its dedicated supporters in the diocese. **Friday October 20 at St. Patrick's Lourdes Hall**, 2060 Haultain St. **Dinner at 6:00**, doors open at 5:30. **Tickets: \$10 per person**, available from Sheila Wall: [250-686-5996](tel:250-686-5996), [asheilawall@gmail.com](mailto:asheilawall@gmail.com); Nancy Stuart: [250-477-6952](tel:250-477-6952), [nancy-stuart@shaw.ca](mailto:nancy-stuart@shaw.ca); Christine O'Leary: [250-370-7471](tel:250-370-7471), [caoleary54@gmail.com](mailto:caoleary54@gmail.com). No tickets at the door. All are welcome.
- **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)
- **PASTORAL CARE SESSION 1&2 DATES: 9:00 am–3:00 pm) Saturday, October 14, 2017 –** Session 1: *The Healing Ministry of Christ* **Saturday, November 18, 2017 –** Session 2: *Listening & Communication and Mental Health* Sessions 1 & 2 will be held at St. Edwards Church Hall (Duncan) **Bring a bag lunch. To register: call the parish office at 250. 746-6831 or [ed123a@shaw.ca](mailto:ed123a@shaw.ca)**
- **FRANCISCAN DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** The Secular Franciscans invite you to join them in a Day of Recollection on **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, from 9:45 am to 3:30 pm at St. Joseph Friary, 1076 Joan Crescent. The presenter will be Fr. Joachim Osterman OFM, and the theme is "The Franciscan View of Creation". Bring a bag lunch. Coffee, tea and desserts included. Cost is by a free will offering. To register, call Roger at 250-385-3324.

### OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

#### SUNDAY, September 17th

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

#### MONDAY, September 18th

9:00 am Mass: **Jose Lazaro +**  
11:00 am Memorial Mass for Dolly Bond

#### TUESDAY, September 19th

9:00 am Mass: **Manuel & Maria Rose  
Craveiro +**

#### WEDNESDAY, September 20th

9:00 am Mass: **Jim & Jeanette  
Hounsome Anniversary Int.**

#### THURSDAY, September 21st

9:00 am Mass: **Mercy & Nicholas +**  
6:30 pm Rosary Group

#### FRIDAY, September 22nd

9:00 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**

#### SATURDAY, September 23rd

3:45—4:30 Sacrament of  
Reconciliation  
5:00 pm Mass: **Trixie Kramer +**

#### SUNDAY, September 24th

8:30 am Mass: **Bradley Graham +**  
10:30 am Mass: **Mike Caputo +**  
4:00 pm Mass

## THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to all the liturgical ministers who have signed up for their new two year term. We are grateful for your commitment to being a part of our celebration of the Liturgy. Your service is essential. Thank you.

### 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**

250-477-5321 after hours: 250-294-9615

### **Associate Pastor: Fr. Karam Alraban**

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### **Pastoral Assistant: Anna Mendonca**

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### **Administrative Assistant: Valentina Boyd**

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### **Parish Council: Esther Sangster-Gormley**

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### **University Chaplain: Fr. Dean Henderson**

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### **Refugees: refugees@holycrossvictoria.org**

## **HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
Liturgy Liturgical Ministers	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server Music	Fr. William Hann Various Choirs	250-477-5321 250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir. Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Ann Francis Darlene Southwell	250-477-8650 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 Annual Shed Clean	Loretta MacDonald Jack Ponsioen	250-477-6682 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 17th, 2017**

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 2, 513.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 530.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 962.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4, 005.00</b>

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