



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

Mission Statement: Rooted in the community of Gordon Head and the University, in communion with the Roman Catholic Church, Holy Cross Parish serves the people of God by sharing, teaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY - September 19, 2021
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's amazing to think that the disciples were arguing about which of them was the greatest just after Jesus had told them—for the second time—of his Passion to come. The very thing Christ was talking about, the way of lowliness and submission was the exact opposite of their game of spiritual one-upmanship. Jesus opts for a complete reversal of the ordinary meaning of greatness. He takes the pecking order that holds our society together, turns it upside down, and introduces a new one which is the measure of greatness in God's kind of world.

The way to greatness in the Kingdom, as noted, is by entering into real community with the lowly. The trajectory of first to last, leader to servant, is a reliable one in the gospel. If we're not counted among the meek ourselves, we ought to make friends with those who are so that they might speak kindly about us on the Day of Judgment. Worldly success might have something to do with the ability to drop the names of the rich and famous. But as followers of Jesus, our goal is to have our names, or at least our intentions, on the lips of the humble when they offer thanksgiving for those who uphold their cause. When the disciples argued about who among them was first, Jesus placed a child in their midst—an irrelevant, powerless, nonperson by the standards of the ancient world. Not only does Jesus identify himself with such a shockingly negligible representative ("Whoever receives one such as this receives me"), but he also insists that when his disciples receive a child, God stands revealed in their midst.

The first are last, the leader is the servant, God is in the child—does any of this make sense? Not by worldly standards. Nor is such a vision compatible with the ambition of those who have much and would obtain more. If we want to embrace the Kingdom vision, we have to shake ourselves loose from the desire to climb, to possess, to be in charge, and to be invulnerable. The just one cannot protect himself or herself. The just have only the confidence of the word of God, and it is enough. Put the last first, Jesus says. That's an ambition worthy of discipleship. When Jesus embraces a child, he gives us an indication of what the measure of greatness is in the Kingdom of God. It is not power, but service that decides who is first in God's kingdom. By becoming servant to the least significant members of society, by devoting oneself to those who are least able to reward us for such service, we fulfill Jesus' mandate about true greatness.

Love and peace
Father William

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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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.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this Saturday! Fr. William is BACK and that means so is our livestreaming. Mass is livestreamed from Holy Cross Parish on Saturday at 4pm: Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

NOTICE FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Attention Liturgical Ministry Volunteers: We had originally hoped to hold a “Ministries Fair” this month to invite parishioners to consider this worthwhile and fun parish ministry. However, due to the continuing uncertainty around COVID restrictions, we’ve decided to hold off for now. The new Ministry Schedule, for Oct/2021-June/2022, however, will be sent out next week to those presently on the list. Thanks to all our volunteers for your kindness and commitment. Any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact either Fr. William, Valentina, or me. – Joanie Bidlake

THANK YOU GARDEN TEAM!

A heartfelt thankyou to John and Matthew Seale from the Garden Path Garden and Outdoor Maintenance. Their incredible hard work, through long hours in the summer resulted in the beautifully maintained garden beds, and parking lot beds you see today. We also have to credit the many parish volunteers who gave up their time to come assist in the weeding and garden work. **Thank you for your outstanding work!**

RECONCILIATION CORNER

This article, published in the *Capital Daily* (July 6, 2021), speaks to **the importance of teaching Indigenous language and culture to Indigenous (and non-Indigenous) students in Vancouver Island schools**. Reconnection to their culture is a crucial part of healing for children and youth in government care who have been removed from their families and communities. Currently, 67% of children and youth in foster care in B. C. are Indigenous. For many, the foster care system is tantamount to a continuation of the residential school system.

LIBRARY CORNER

Sept 21 is the Feast Day of St Matthew, the tax collector and companion that Christ called. His gospel reveals many memorably-beautiful passages. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matthew_the_Apostle

“Come to me all you that labour”

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2011%3A28-30&version=NIV>

“I was thirsty and you gave me drink”:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2025:35-40&version=NKJV>

“Ask, and the gift will come”:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%207%3A7-12&version=KJV>

“Consider the lilies of the field”:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+6%3A24-34&version=KJV>

“Blessed are the pure in spirit”:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%205%3A3-12&version=KJV>



Homegrown garlic by donation! One of our parishioners - Harry Wan - has grown some Red Russian Garlic. This garlic is flavourful and orderless. The bulbs are a bit smaller this year, but there is a whole pile of them. They are available at the parish office by donation. Proceeds will go to Anawim House.

PRAYER REFLECTION

I believe in that great love, that comes, or should come, from our heart, should start at home: with my family, my neighbors across the street, those right next door. And this love should then reach everyone.

—Mother Teresa

The whole world cannot rob of its peace the soul who really rests in God's love . . . because genuine love of God in God is for the soul a rampart that no violence can break down. Christ's peace is a rock

—Blessed Paul Giustiniana

A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

To access the live stream link from the Diocese of Victoria website simply google: Diocese of Victoria or go to www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream. Celebrate Mass on-line with Bishop Gary.

SUNDAY 10 AM

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 7 PM

Bishop Gary's letter regarding Truth and Reconciliation Day on Thursday, September 30th has just been added to the Diocesan website:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/special-announcements/bishop-gordons-letter-regarding-truth-and-reconciliation-day>

**CATECHIST RETREAT:
LISTENING TO INDIGENOUS VOICES**

Come. Listen. Learn. This retreat is encouraged for catechists but all who can benefit are invited. **Saturday, September 25, 2021 8:30am -3:00pm** At St. Peter's Church hall in Nanaimo. Lunch is provided. Registration is limited and required. Email: gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org Participants will take part in a KAIROS blanket exercise and be introduced to "Listening to Indigenous Voices: A Dialogue Guide on Justice & Right Relationships". *All current COVID protocols will be followed.

UNIVERSITY SUPPERS: CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

I have been planning with the new Catholic Chaplain at UVic and Camosun, Lydia Foch, with Maria Arsenault of CCO, and with Fr. William the renewal of the monthly student suppers that had to be suspended when the pandemic began. The first one is planned for Sunday, October 3 at 5:00 pm in the parish hall. We will need volunteers to drop off chili, or salad, or garlic bread by 4:30 pm on that day. I will put sign-up sheets in the church foyer this Sunday with details, but if you are not attending mass in person and wish to help, just e-mail me. This outreach to university students has been very popular in past years, prior to the hiatus caused by the pandemic, and it is a good way for our parishioners to show community with them. We are planning suppers for November and December as well, details to follow in a subsequent Bulletin. Many thanks! John Oleson (jpoleson@uvic.ca)

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, September 18th

4pm Mass: Serafino & Giuseppina Spada +

SUNDAY, September 19th

9am Mass: Jack Jakubowski +

MONDAY, September 20th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, September 21st

9am Mass: Susan Qualley +

WEDNESDAY, September 22nd

9am Mass: Mercy & Nicholas +

THURSDAY, September 23rd

9am Mass: Lucille & Joe Dubies +

FRIDAY, September 24th

9am Mass: Anthony Diaz +

In-person Masses have resumed now with no restrictions on numbers. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact the Office (250-477-5321.)

Masks are now mandatory for everyone in the Church and the parish centre.



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COLLECTION for Sept. 12, 2021

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3,455.00
Loose	\$ 295.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,427.00

Thanksgiving Bake Sale at St. Patrick's Parish!

Sun. Sept. 26 before & after 11am Mass at St. Patrick's Parish. All attendees must wear masks and show proof of vaccination. Proceeds go to all charities the CWL support.

Poster available



ST. PATRICK'S
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Celebrate the season

THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE

NOTE!

ALL
ATTENDEES
must wear a
mask and show
proof of two
vaccines.

*Connecting and supporting for
a stronger community*



Sun. Sept. 26 before & after **11 a.m. Mass**

St. Patrick's Parish Centre 2060 Haultain St.

**BAKING
DONATIONS**

Baking can be donated and delivered to the church Friday during office hours, Saturday 1:00-4:00pm and before and after the Saturday Mass, and before the Sunday mass.

The Local Charities St. Patrick's CWL Support Are:

African Eloquence Society, Anawim House, Birthright, Compassionate Warehouse, Development and Peace, Missions in Canada and abroad, 9/10 Club (Soup Kitchen) Oak Bay Volunteers, Sandy Merriman House, Single Parent Resource Centre, St. Vincent de Paul (Rosalie's Village), Bursaries to St. Andrew's School and St. Patrick's School