

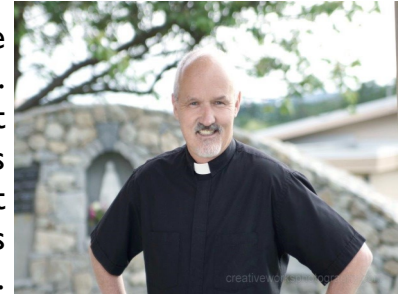
Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Mission Statement: Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

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 1, 2019
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September beginning! As the new school year begins so does the invitation to welcome and the reminder to be hospitable to all we meet. Who is the other? The other is us!!! Do we believe what Jesus said at that Pharisee's Sabbath table? Do we believe we are the recipients of God's great mercy? Gathering around God's table doesn't involve a seating chart or a recommended dress code. What counts is not how others perceive us on but the degree of care and compassion with which we offer them. Gathering around God's table simply requires hungry people longing to be fed.



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Our culture is addicted to celebrity, prestige, power, and attention. It is not a place where humility is cultivated or valued. Humility will not provide us with most worldly goals. But Jesus advises us to take the lowest place if we seek heavenly goal. The wise of every age have sought humility and taught it to their disciples. Humility might make good social policy, but the main reason to acquire this virtue is because it enables us to live in the truth about ourselves before God.

The word "humility" has its root in the Latin word "**humus**," which means "soil" or "earth." From this root meaning, "humility" gets its connotations of lowly or close to the earth, modest, rooted, comfortable just being oneself. Quite literally, a humble person, like soil, has gone through a process which has involved some dying and transformation - a loss of ego and self-centered energy - and has grown to become a marvelously nurturing, for-others type of person. Is that not what Jesus is saying to the Pharisees? Look! Open your eyes. Invite those who, through no fault of their own, have been condemned to the last place. There was a residual prejudice in the culture of that time against those who were physically or mentally impaired.

Dear parishioners, the Jesus of scripture preaches a God of love. What does this say to us today? Let us continue to welcome the outsider and support each other when we place our trust and confidence in God who gives a home to the forsaken. That's what God has done for us at our table today. And, he promises us that this communion with his very heart "will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Blessings from Champneys's West

Father William

OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:00pm

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from your office or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Thomas Chinnappa** to make this request.

FRAUD ALERT

Please be aware that new fraud and money scams now come via email, phone, and text messages! Priests and church employees will not request for gift cards, bitcoin, wire transfers, and e-transfers. All donations for legitimate parish and diocesan activities are through traditional verifiable methods and to the charitable organization, not individuals. Please refer to the Diocesan website for more information: www.rcdvictoria.org

THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY WITH DIARMAID MacCULLOCH

Screenings of his 6 part BBC-TV series with facilitated discussions, plus a live, in-person interaction with Prof. MacCulloch:

Saturday, September 7, 9:00am-Noon—Christ Church Cathedral, Quadra St. & Rockland Ave.

Episode 1: The First Christianity

Episode 2: Catholicism: the Unpredictable Rise of Rome

Saturday, September 14, 9:00am-Noon—Lutheran Church of the Cross, 3787 Cedar Hill Rd.

Episode 3: Orthodoxy: From Empire to Empire

Episode 4: Reformation: The Individual Before God

Saturday, September 21, 9:00am-Noon—Holy Cross Catholic Parish, 4049 Gordon Head Rd.

Episode 5: Protestantism: The evangelical Explosion

Episode 6: God in the Dock

Saturday, October 5, 9:30am-11:30am—Christ Church Cathedral, Quadra St. & Rockland Ave.

Join Diarmaid MacCulloch in person for conversation on various relevant topics.

*Admission free. Attend as much of the series as you can. More info on the bulletin board or at the office.

The John Albert Hall Lecture Series presents two lectures by Diarmaid MacCulloch,

“Christianity Past, Present, and Future: The Big Picture” - Thursday, October 3rd, 5:30– 7:00pm. Engineering Building (ECS), Room 123

“Christianity and Islam : Drawing the Right Lessons from History” - Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 5:30-7:00pm, Engineering Building (ECS), Room 123

*All lectures are free and open to the public. More info on the bulletin board.

RIGHT OF CATHOLIC INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Interested in exploring the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults? Parishes in the Victoria region have banded together to do one RCIA Journey of Faith Program. The RCIA program begins in late September. For further information contact Father William at the office, 250-477-5321, or contact Shelia and Phil at walls_in_holland@hotmail.com or 250-385-7007.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Credible Christian: Countering the New Atheism - Five Wednesday evenings starting Sept 25th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm @ Pastoral Center. Register on Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/credible-christian-countering-the-new-atheism-out-there-and-within-tickets-49451107594>

Beloved: Spirituality for the Autumn of Life- Six Thursday evenings starting Sept 26th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm @ St. Patrick's Parish Victoria. No registration needed.

Contact Glen Palahicky for further information. gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org

PRAYER REFLECTION

When you have pity on the poor, you lend to God; and whoever gives to the least, gives to God. —Saint Cyprian of Carthage (3rd Century)

If there is no humility, love remains blocked.

—Pope Francis, Feast of the Annunciation, 2013

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST:** Fall Catechist Retreat & Workshop; Saturday, September 21st Church of the Ascension ~ Parksville 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. Guest Speaker & Retreat Leader: Mike Landry, Chaplain for Evergreen Catholic Schools (Archdiocese of Edmonton) Lunch is provided. All Catechists, Youth Leaders, Ministers of the Liturgy of the Word for Children, or those discerning a ministry working with young people! Register on Eventbrite at www.rcdvictoria.org. Participants may also register by emailing gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org or calling (403) 479 1331
- **THE EUTHANASIA FALL OUT: Euthanasia, Canadian Law and You!** Dr. Jim Lane will speak on the very serious implications of the new regulations on Medical Assistance in Dying for every Canadian citizen. This event will take place on Sunday, September 29 from 1-3:30 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** If you deliver care and services to the sick and ailing; are a nurse or doctor; a health aide, pharmacist, specialist, or health care provider; clergy, deacon or religious; or a hospital, extended care, or homebound visiting minister, then you are invited to join Bishop Gary Gordon as he celebrates a special Mass in honour of health care workers and volunteers on **Wed., Sept. 18, 2019 @ 7 pm at St. Andrew's Cathedral**. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/2019healthcaremass>
- **CONCERNED ABOUT THE AMAZON?:** Pope Francis has called a Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the theme "Amazonia: New Paths for the Church and for an Integral Ecology". Why has Pope Francis placed a special focus on the Amazon? What does it mean for the Church, for the people of the Amazon and for all of humanity? Join us for a special webinar to launch the Fall campaign, *For our Common Home: A future for the Amazon, a future for all*, where a panel of special guests will provide insight on the Synod and how we can take action. St. Joseph the Worker Church, 753 W. Burnside Rd. on **Tuesday Sept. 10th, 10am-12noon**. Hosted by Development and Peace
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Build a relationship with residents at Mount St. Mary Hospital. Volunteer to bring them to and from Mass on Sundays at 9:45am. The spiritual health of our residents is important. Please help us to help them practice their faith. Training and orientation will be included. To join the volunteer team, please contact Anne McCaffrey at 250-480-3118 or amccaffrey@mountstmary.ca.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, September 1st

9:00am Mass: **Amaro Martins +**

MONDAY, September 2nd

No Mass

TUESDAY, September 3rd

9:00am Mass: **Peter Campbell +**

WEDNESDAY, September 4th

9:00am Mass: **Eileen Cobb +**

THURSDAY, September 5th

9:00am Mass: **Michael Gormley +**

FRIDAY, September 6th

9:00am Mass: **Louis Fulop +**

SATURDAY, September 7th

4:00pm Mass: **Pietro & Leonarda
Ciccone +**

SUNDAY, September 8th

9:00am Mass: **Barbara Thompson +**

Missing:

*If you have accidentally walked out the church with a hymnal in hand you're not alone! But please remember to return them as we are slowing running out of hymnals and they are not easy to replace.

FUNERAL SERVICE

The funeral for Fernando Antoniazzi will be held on **Saturday, September 14th at 1pm.**

SET YOUR SCHEDULE!

Calling all parents from Holy Cross & St. Patrick's. Registrations for Confession, Confirmation & First Holy Communion classes are available at St. Patrick's Parish or, contact Barb Shenton, our sacramental prep coordinator at bjeens958@gmail.com Classes will take place on Sunday mornings before the 11am Mass at St. Patrick's Parish beginning in the fall.

CONTACTS

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COLLECTION for August 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

August 4, 2019	\$ 5, 780.30
August 11, 2019	\$ 5, 103.00
August 18, 2019	\$ 3, 103.00
August 25, 2019	\$ 3, 405.70
SVPD	\$ 946.00

HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy Liturgical Ministries:	Debby Pietraszek	250-477-7375
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, 9:00	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
Bulletin Folders	Vicki Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Sacramental Wine	John Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891

SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY

Responsible Min.	Martha Oleson Muna Haddad	250-477-6455 1-778-881-5843
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.	Call office	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Children's Rel. Ed.	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391

Children's Liturgy of the Word Catholicism	Valentina Boyd	250-813-0230
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Sheridan Cooper	250-598-0248
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	
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky	250-477-5321 250-479-1331
RCIA	Phil / Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
RCIC	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391
Ecumenism	Terry Marner	250-380-0157
Social & Eco. Justice	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Anawim	Parish Office	250-477-5321
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322
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 Out- reach	John Oleson	250-477-6455