



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 22, 2019
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A difficult parable! The *ways of the world* are very much on trial in the readings this week. Today's Gospel is all about money and nobody likes to talk about money. It is one of those things that most of us would like to have more of. Money has and continues to do much good in the world and it will god willing lift the poor of many nations if we want it too. Money has not always been used for good in history and oftentimes was gained at the expense of the poor. And yet, Jesus does not say do away with it. He says not to make it our idol, because in that case we would be tainted too, and corrupt and rotten. He says to use it well, in such a way, that, though it will make our hands dirty, we will be able to continue to lift those very same hands up to God in prayer. No one in church this weekend can escape the need to earn and manage money. Every ministry costs money and balancing the books and our collective debt is the responsibility of us all. That is what Scripture puts before us today. Do we give of our time, treasure and talent?



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The issue scripture puts before us today is how we use it. Which master do we serve? Service requires a total commitment of ourselves, and we are free to direct our energies to whatever we choose. Do we devote ourselves to matters of money in such a way that it rules our lives, makes us exploiters of others, and gets between us and God? Or do we use our resources to lift the needy--cleverly, if need be, like the steward in the gospel--not grasping money but letting it pass through our hands, which we keep open in prayer and service? When Jesus suggests we use our money to befriend the Kingdom of God, it means that we should invest it wisely in the Kingdom of God here on earth, a kingdom that is nothing else but human life. That is already an important yardstick that we could profitably use to assess whether we spend our money wisely: does it serve and enhance the authentic dignity of us and of people around us?

The greater our gifts, the greater our responsibility to share them with those who have less! And so, the Gospel speaks about stewardship. A steward is a person who is made responsible to handle the goods and property of his employer. The steward in the Gospel today was a bad steward because he was wasteful of his master's property. He was going to be fired so he took steps to guarantee his future employability. And "the master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness." We need to be constantly reminded that we are the stewards and never the owners of what we possess. We have no absolute right to anything we have. "I can do what I like with my money and property because it's mine" is not a statement any committed Christian can make. So, the question of a successful life is not "How much did you make?" but "How did you use what you had to creative purposes for the general welfare of all?" That is the way to make the friends Jesus talks about in the Gospel.

Gospel economics in a nutshell,

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.

SMALL GLORIES CONCERT

A Starfields Speical Event Fund Raiser! The Small Glories will be here at Holy Cross on **Wednesday October 9th at 7:30pm**. The Small Glories, aka Cara Luft and J.D. Edwards from Winnipeg, Manitoba, are indeed second to none musicians. Our Starfields Festival presented the duo in 2018 where they performed within the spirit of the festival to a rapt multigenerational audience who mostly had never heard of them before. This is an exciting opportunity to see them live again! **Tickets are \$20 each** and are available through the Holy Cross Parish office as well as Munro's Books and Ivy's Bookstore. For more information call the office: 250-477-5321 or visit the Small Glories website: <https://thesmallglories.com/home>

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, 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.

THE SULTAN AND THE SAINT

“**The Sultan and the Saint**” – **Friday Oct. 4, 7 – 9 pm**, Holy Cross Parish Hall. In the year 1219, in the midst of the Fifth Crusade, Francis of Assisi travelled to Egypt to meet with its Sultan. Have you ever heard of this remarkable encounter? To **celebrate the Feast of St. Francis**, the Social & Eco Justice Committee invites all to come watch a short film on this interfaith meeting, which shows Francis's determination to pursue peace, no matter how difficult. (The film contains some battle scenes.) Discussion and fellowship will follow film. Refreshments served. Sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

SOCIAL BRIDGE

The 37th year of this once a month social gathering at Holy Cross commences **Sunday, October 6th**, in the Parish Centre. The evening starts at 7:00 p.m. 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 e-mail: tsouthwell@shaw.ca or Mike Neal at (250) 477-1309 or via e-mail: mneal49@shaw.ca

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's liturgy of the word will begin Sunday, September 22nd. Children's liturgy is *for children aged 4 to 8 who have not yet completed their sacraments*. If they have completed their sacraments we encourage children to stay in the church for mass with their parents. Children's Liturgy will take place at most Sunday morning masses and every 2nd Saturday of the month at the 4pm mass.



PRAYER REFLECTION

Working for a just distribution of the fruits of the earth and human labor is not mere philanthropy. It is a moral obligation.
—Pope Francis

The bread that you have stored up belongs to the hungry; the cloak that lies in your chest belongs to the naked; the gold that you have hidden in the ground belongs to the poor.
—Saint Basil the Great

We have to serve God in God's way, not ours.
—Teresa of Ávila

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **MEN'S FAITH & FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** with Bishop Gary Gordon presenting on Saturday October 5th, 8:00A.M. at the Victoria Horseshoe club (620 Kenneth St, Victoria, BC V8Z 2B9). Please RSVP to info@mcaff.org by September 27 to ensure a seat. \$12.00
- **EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH:** Pope Francis is calling us to an Extraordinary Missionary Month! This is an hour of prayer and reflection to help us grow as missionary disciples; Baptized & Sent. Attend one or both sessions (repeated in 2 locations.) Everyone Welcome! **NO SIGN UP NECESSARY!** St. Peter's, Nanaimo ~ SUNDAY, September 29 & October 6 following 7pm Mass St. Joseph the Worker, Victoria ~ SUNDAY, October 20 & 29 following 6pm Mass. For more information please email: gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org OR gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org
- **ST. PATRICK'S PARISH FALL FAIR:** St. Patrick's Catholic Women' League are very excited to announce their Annual Fall Good Used Clothing Sale, Parish Bazaar, Silent Auction, and lots of other amazing kiosks to enjoy. The Good Used Clothing runs for two days, Friday October 4th and Saturday October 5th, from 9:30 to 2:00 pm. Our Bazaar and Silent Auction is only on Saturday October 5th, from 9:30 to 2:00 pm. This is a great event for all ages, an event you don't want to miss

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, September 22nd

9:00am Mass: **Mercy & Nickolas+ Patricia Munro +**

MONDAY, September 23rd

No Mass

TUESDAY, September 24th

9:00am Mass: **Jun Aniban +**

11:30 Uvic mass at Interfaith chapel

WEDNESDAY, September 25th

9:00am Mass: **Oliver McLoughlin +**

THURSDAY, September 26th

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

FRIDAY, September 27th

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

SATURDAY, September 28th

4:00pm Mass: **Domenico + Teresa Bruni +**

SUNDAY, September 29th

9:00am Mass: **Mike Caputo +**

PARISH SOCIAL LIFE

Wednesday Social group— 1-3pm
Starting Wednesday Sept. 11th.

Duplicate Bridge—Start up
October 16th at 7pm.

Social Bridge—Start up October
6th at 7pm.

Joint Wellness—starts Thursday
October 17th.

As The Refugee Sponsorship Comes To A Close

THANK YOU

... to Fr. William for the inspiration to sponsor a refugee family ... to our Church community that wholeheartedly supported his idea through prayer, financial support, donations, committee-serving and volunteering ... to supporters beyond our Holy Cross doors ... to SJTW for their significant hard work contribution ... to St. Pat's for working with us to bring the refugee families to a new life in safety ... to our Newcomer Family – Sandra, Martin, Aneeta and Aytala for affording us the privilege to walk with them as they become part of the great mosaic of diversity that is Canada!

Note: If you have yarn/wool that you do not need, half used balls, scraps from finished projects, etc. please pass them on to the office. We have a parishioner who is knitting warm winter hats and booties for babies in need in our country and beyond.

CONTACTS

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COLLECTION for September 15, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,283.00
Loose	\$ 350.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,095.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,728.00

SVPD: **\$ 947.00**

HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy	Debby Pietraszek	250-477-7375
Liturgical Ministries:		
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	Debra Prior	250-661-0252
Finance	David Begg	250-658-0870
Maintenance/Bldg.	Ed Boomars	250-881-8124
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	Valentina Boyd	250-813-0230
Catholicism		
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	John Bartle Clar	250-995-1891
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
RCIA	Glenn Palahicky Phil / Sheila Wall	250-479-1331 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
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