



# 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 29, 2019**  
**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:26***

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of the Rich man and Lazarus. It would be so easy to judge the rich man as bad and the poor man as good but that is not Jesus' message. Jesus' message is about salvation. "Our salvation is God's great gift to us, but it's meant to be a gift that prompts action. It is meant to give us purpose." We cannot be people who listen to God's word on Sunday and then keep Jesus on the periphery of our lives the rest of the week. Jesus' message is about our ongoing transformation of our hearts; taking us from the rich man's closed heart to that of the poor man's open heart. It's a life long struggle. It requires us letting go and putting our trust in God. It's in our letting go and allowing God to enter our hearts that we are transformed into the person God created us to be.

In the parable, the rich man, like us, is absorbed in the life he has built for himself. He is self-sufficient. He's in control. He needs no one. He follows all the commandments and rules of his faith; so he feels secure in his salvation. But in the parable, Jesus is telling us that following the rules and commandments is not enough. If we believe in the scriptures then that belief has to be reflected in our actions.

Pope Francis is encouraging the church/us to get out there in the world and get our hands dirty. He sees the church as a field hospital after a battle, healing the wounded. Jesus modeled this for us in his ministry. He looked into the eyes of the poor; he listened to their stories; he touched them. He was totally present to them in the moment. And this brings me to the chasm in my life. The chasm between knowing what I should be doing and actually doing it. I pray that Jesus gives me the courage to walk his walk. Unfortunately, it often takes our world being turned upside down by a serious illness or death of a loved one to get us to take those first steps. And then like Lazarus, we are naked, broken and wounded, surrendering all of our selves to God, begging Him for some crumbs off his table. But our God doesn't do crumbs. Our God lavishes his love and mercy on us. We are his children and he embraces us. All he asks of us is that we let him into our hearts, that we follow his Son Jesus back to Him. Then, with new eyes and a new heart we are able to see Jesus in everyone we meet. Mary Jo Leddy once said that we must refuse to make the Holy Spirit a piece of private property. We must open our hearts to our brothers and sisters and share the gifts we have been given.

The transformation of our hearts takes courage. Just when we think we have it all figured out, we don't. But with prayer and God's help we will be given the strength to bring our own gates down. It's a lifelong process, but that's ok; our God is patient; he meets us where we're at on our journey. It does get easier as we get older. The things of this world no longer hold the same value for us. Our thoughts are more on finding who we truly are meant to be; finding the divinity within us and the divinity in others.

Blessings,

Anna Mendonca

#### OFFICE HOURS

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

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**HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS**

**Important Notice:** Due to the fact that Victoria General Hospital currently has no onsite Spiritual Care employee, there is no notification at this time of Catholic patients to our Catholic Hospital Chaplain (Fr. Thomas). This means that if you know of someone in the hospital who would like to receive Holy Communion or even a prayerful visit, it is imperative that you let your parish office know. Your parish office will then contact Father Thomas, the Catholic Hospital Chaplain for visits and he will further communicate to the outreach Eucharistic volunteers. For the past few months we have been notified of very few Catholic patients in the hospital and we would like to make sure patients don't miss the opportunity of Holy Communion at a time when they may need it the most.

**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 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.

**HOLY CROSS WINTER BAZAAR**

We are trying something new this year! Holy Cross will be having a Winter Bazaar on Saturday, November 2nd in the parish hall. At this time we are collecting new or gently used donations of books, jewelry, near new items for our White Elephant table, Christmas items, children's items, or anything else of good quality you would like to donate. Please note we will *not be accepting donations of clothing*. Items can be brought to the office for donation. The proceeds of this sale will all go to John Paul II school in Port Alberni. If you have any questions about donations or the sale itself please call the coordinator of the bazaar Linda Boomars at 250-881-8124

**OUR PLACE BREAKFAST—CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, let's not forget the less fortunate in our city. Holy Cross will be sponsoring and serving another **breakfast at Our Place** (919 Pandora, 8 – 10:30 am) on **Saturday Oct. 19**. We are looking for **volunteers** to constitute a team of about 10 people. No heavy work is involved, and those who have never been to Our Place before will get a guided tour of their facilities afterwards. Please contact Yvonne Hsieh at 250-385-8322 or at [yhsieh@uvic.ca](mailto:yhsieh@uvic.ca).

**BLING WANTED!**

**BLING** Wanted for African Aids Angels!! Your lonely unwanted brooches, pendants, big earrings would make beautiful adornments for the angels that are crafted and sold to raise money for an orphanage in South Africa. If you have any of these items please drop them in the labelled box on the foyer. Thanks and blessings.

### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

Don't forget the poor. —Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes, to newly elected Pope Francis

Every person who has more than is indispensable for material and spiritual well-being is a millionaire, and thus a debtor of those who have nothing. —Basil the Great

Abraham was hospitable, and so the sight of Lazarus with Abraham was meant to reproach the rich man for his own inhospitality. —John Chrysostom

### **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@mfaff.org](mailto:info@mfaff.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. *No sign up necessary!* **St. Joseph the Worker**, Sunday, October 20 & 29 following 6pm Mass. For more info please email: [gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org)
- **ST. PATRICK'S PARISH FALL FAIR:** St. Patrick's CWL are very excited to announce their Annual Fall Good Used Clothing Sale, Parish Bazaar, and Silent Auction. The Good Used Clothing runs, Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 to 2:00 pm. Our Bazaar and Silent Auction is only on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 to 2:00 pm. Come join the fun!
- **WOMEN'S RETREAT:** We are excited to announce our 2nd annual Women's Retreat "*Merciful Love*" Nov 15th- 17th 2019 at Camp Imadene near Lake Cowichan. This year, we invite all women 19+ to join us for a weekend away. Our keynote speaker is the very popular Angele Regnier along with Bonnie Landry, Gwen Jahelka and Laura- Anne Smid who will provide breakout sessions throughout the weekend. Our chaplain, Fr Harrison Ayre will be present all weekend to offer Mass, Reconciliation and Spiritual Direction. Email [vicatholicwomensretreat@gmail.com](mailto:vicatholicwomensretreat@gmail.com) for more information and a link to register.

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

#### **SUNDAY, September 29th**

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

#### **MONDAY, September 30th**

No Mass

#### **TUESDAY, October 1st**

9:00am Mass: **Dr. Peter Reardon +**

11:30 Uvic mass at Interfaith chapel

#### **WEDNESDAY, October 2nd**

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

#### **THURSDAY, October 3rd**

9:00am Mass: **Leung Clang Toh,  
Leung Han Mochien +**

#### **FRIDAY, October 4th**

9:00am Mass: **Oliver McLoughlin +**  
**Pet blessing after mass: Bring your  
fur babies!**

#### **SATURDAY, October 5th**

4:00pm Mass: **Piero & Elvira Magro +**

#### **SUNDAY, October 6th**

9:00am Mass: **Jose Pacheco +**



### **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.

### **SHARE THE JOURNEY WITH OUR STUDENTS**

The students of Grade 5B at St. Patrick's Elementary are excited to share our spiritual journey with you, the parishioners of Holy Cross Parish, this school year. As members of a Catholic School community dedicated to the spirit of Christian education, our class has chosen to support the ministry of Holy Cross Parish this school year while engaging in our own faith development. This includes praying for your community and sharing a little bit about what we are learning at school each month.

This month, our class has prepared a Prayer Bookmark that will be handed out after mass next week by members of our community. In the first weeks of school we explored how scripture can be both a source of inspiration and a source of comfort when we need it. We have included some of the verses that we found especially inspirational on the bookmarks. Please know that we will be praying for you!

## **CONTACTS**

### **Pastor: Fr. William Hann**

250-477-5321 whann@rcdvictoria.org

250-294-9615 after hours

### **Hospital Chaplain: 250-889-3761**

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

250-477-5321 office@holycrossvictoria.org

### **Parish Council: Debra Prior**

250-661-0250 debroussel@hotmail.com

### **Children's Religious Education: Barbara Shenton**

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## **COLLECTION for September 22, 2019**

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

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| <b>Envelopes</b>            | \$ 2,318.00        |
| <b>Loose</b>                | \$ 365.00          |
| <b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b> | \$ 1,095.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>\$ 3,778.00</b> |

## **HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES**

| <b>MINISTRY</b>        | <b>COORDINATOR</b> | <b>PHONE</b> |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 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<br>Muna Haddad | 250-477-6455<br>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                   |

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| 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**

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| 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<br>Phil / Sheila Wall | 250-479-1331<br>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                 |