

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Our Vision

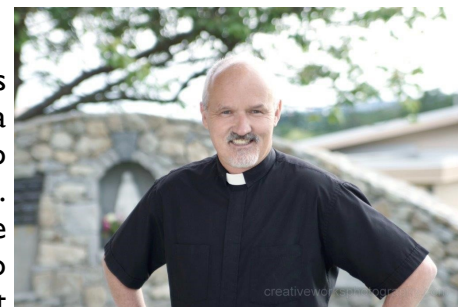
Holy Cross Parish strives to be a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, and inclusive Catholic community that gathers in unity and reaches out to attend to the needs of others.

SUNDAY September 3rd, 2017 Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

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From Fr. William's Desk

Although Jeremiah lived hundreds of years before Jesus, his lament about his ministry shows a person who, albeit with some reluctance, picked up the "cross" of prophetic ministry and carried it. Whenever he was about to despair, the "fire burning in my heart" would motivate him to continue! It's like St. Paul's expression: "to present your bodies as a living sacrifice." What indeed has motivated so many men and women to endure terrible suffering for the sake of God's service? We know that even for the holiest and best known of saints, the going was almost beyond belief at times. The publication of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta's diary was a shock to some people but it simply shows how deeply the call can run that she continued in the face of terrible depression and a sense of God's absence! It is a graphic recognition of how important certain values are in comparison with what the "world" has to offer.



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Is there anything any of us knows of, that would be worth giving our life to, day in and day out, for better or for worse? Would it be a marriage and family? A career? A cause? I know that I became a priest because the idea wouldn't leave me alone and it still won't! Jeremiah reminds us that such a commitment will ebb and flow even as it continues. Jesus promised the disciples (and that includes us) that he would be with them till the end of time. I'm counting on that! "What can one give in exchange for his life?" Jesus asks. What in your life is worth death? Who in your life is worth dying for? Do you think someone is crazy for loving until death? Is that love gone too far? Does that kind of love fill you with fear? The drama and passion of a life lived in relationship with God includes "until death." Jesus is able and willing. Are you?

What does Jesus want from you? Here goes.... "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for? Don't be in such a hurry to go into business for yourself. Before you know it the Son of Man will arrive with all the splendor of his Father, accompanied by an army of angels. You'll get everything you have coming to you, a personal gift." Happy September from Newfoundland

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	No Mass
TUESDAY	9:00am
WEDNESDAY	9:00am
THURSDAY	9:00am
FRIDAY	9:00am

Mercy Chapel: Tues—Fri during office hours

Think forever,
Father William

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.

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 or email Father William fatherwilliam@shaw.ca

DONATE YOUR 'TREASURE'

Just a reminder that Holy Cross offers the following options for your financial contributions to the parish:

- pre-numbered collection envelopes
- pre-authorized debit (automatically out of your bank account on a monthly basis)
- gifts of publicly traded securities and mutual fund

Please contact the office if you want more information on any of these. Thank you.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL GROUP

The Wednesday Afternoon Social group will be reconvening on **Wednesday, September 6th, 2017** from 1-3pm in the parish hall. New members are always welcome. Come join the fun playing bridge and enjoying coffee/tea and baked goods afterwards. Contact Angie Speller (250-382-3908) or Veronica Rampon (250-477-1963) if you have inquiries.

SOCIAL BRIDGE

The 35th year of this once a month gathering at Holy Cross commences **Sunday, October 1st** in the parish centre. The evening starts at 7pm 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 email: tsouthwell@shaw.ca or Mike Neal at 250-477-1309 or via email: mneal49@shaw.ca

AT THE LIBRARY

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

Two of the great thinkers of the late century ---- Gerard Manley Hopkins, a fine poet (whom Fr William likes to quote) and the other, Simone Weil, a young philosopher caught in WW II who offered “a bridge between human suffering and divine perfection”.

- Gerard Manley Hopkins: A Very Private Life, a biography by R Martin
- Gerard Manley Hopkins: Poems and Prose
- Simone Weil, a biography by P Yourgrau
- Simone Weil: An Anthology of her thinking edited and comment by Sian Miles



PRAYER REFLECTION

Being friends . . . love, these open the prison by supreme power, by some magic force. Where sympathy is renewed, life is restored.

—Vincent van Gogh

There can only be two basic loves . . . the love of God unto the forgetfulness of self, or the love of self unto the forgetfulness and denial of God.

—Saint Augustine of Hippo

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **JOB POSTINGS:** St. Patrick's Parish is looking for a part-time office assistant Tuesday-Friday, with some Saturday hours. A full job description is available at our parish office or by calling St. Patrick's directly at: 250-592-7391
- **JOB POSTINGS:** Part-Time Youth ministry coordinator—The Cathedral parish is searching for a part-time youth ministry coordinator to animate and expand its present youth ministry (Grades 8 – 12). The successful candidate must be able to plan and lead youth ministry activities, including discussion nights, music nights, service projects and weekend retreats. A Canadian Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies (or well on the way to completion) is a necessary consideration. 15 hours per week with an appropriate wage is offered. Send resume with covering letter to Rita Fichtner at saintandrewsoffice@gmail.com no later than Friday, September 8th at 12 noon. Only those short listed will be contacted.
- **JOB POSTING—ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:** After School Care Workers at St. Joseph's School, Victoria and St. Patrick's School, Victoria. These positions would be a great part-time job for university students. Application forms and details are posted on <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>
- **FRANCISCAN DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** The Secular Franciscans invite you to join them in a Day of Recollection on **Saturday, September 23rd**, 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.
- **PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND:** Tour extends from Holy Land to exotic Dubai & Abu Dhabi. **October 29th-November 11th, 2017!** This tour is being offered at a very reasonable cost and the spiritual director will be Fr. Eduardo Santos. If interested please contact Fili Acebedo at 250-721-5113 or email: filipinasacebedo@msn.com . More info up in the foyer.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, September 3rd

8:30 am Mass: **Ian Stewart +**

10:30 am Mass: **Sr. Reynaldo Calleja +**

MONDAY, September 4th

No Mass

TUESDAY, September 5th

9:00 am Mass: **Jose Pacheco & family**

WEDNESDAY, September 6th

9:00 am Mass: **Helen Krisnar +**

THURSDAY, September 7th

9:00 am Mass: **Yolande Cain +**

6:30 pm Rosary Group

FRIDAY, September 8th

9:00 am Mass: **Special Intention**

SATURDAY, September 9th

3:45—4:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass: **Judith Ann +**

SUNDAY, September 10th

8:30 am Mass: **Ian Jeanie Cosenf +**

10:30 am Mass: **Helen Hodson +**

4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

The Taft family would like to extend their thanks to the Holy Cross community who continue to support them and the fruit and vegetable farm. Thank you for helping us have another successful year! We look forward to next year!

OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS

Holy Cross is in need of more outreach volunteers who can go out to visit the elderly parishioners who are isolated in their own homes or in care homes. This ministry is essential in our community. If you are interested please call Anna at 250-477-5321

CONTACTS

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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Liturgical Ministers		
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, 8:30	Darlene Southwell	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	250-477-6455
	Janita McHugh	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	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.	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 Aug. 27th, 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,642.00
Loose	\$ 462.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 962.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,066.00

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	250-477-5321
RCIA	Glenn Palahicky	250-479-1331
RCIC	Phil / Sheila Wall	778-265-2134
Ecumenism	Dan Taft Jr.	250-721-0821
Social & Eco. Justice	Terry Marner	250-380-0157
Anawim	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Christmas Project	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339
D&P/Share Lent	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
Refugees	Sheila Wall	778-265-2134
St. Vincent De Paul	Trudy Holden	250-472-1079
Univ/Camosun Bursaries	Martin Fletcher	250-592-9297
Uvic/Camosun Outreach	Tony Southwell	250-477-5738
	John Oleson	250-477-6455