

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

June 29, 2025

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, June 28
4PM MASS: Kathleen
Matlock (INT)

SUNDAY, June 29
9AM MASS: Pro Populo

MONDAY, June 30
7PM MASS

TUESDAY, July 1
9AM LITURGY OF THE
WORD WITH HOLY
COMMUNION
7PM MASS

WEDNESDAY, July 2
7PM MASS

THURSDAY, July 3
9AM LITURGY OF THE
WORD WITH HOLY
COMMUNION
7PM MASS

FRIDAY, July 4
7PM MASS

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CHAPEL

Open 9am-12pm
WEDNESDAY

RECONCILIATION
No scheduled events

LIVESTREAMING
SUNDAY, June 29, 4PM
[https://www.youtube.com/
@StPatricksHolyCross-](https://www.youtube.com/@StPatricksHolyCross-)

This Sunday, June 29th, is the Feast Day of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. These past weeks we have celebrated the mystery, love, and gifts of our God; Ascension of the Lord, Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Today we celebrate two men who embraced the teachings of Jesus and by the grace of the Holy Spirit became pillars of our faith. We celebrate with gratitude today all that Peter and Paul did to build the Kingdom of God.

In today's Gospel by Matthew, Peter recognizes who Jesus is and declares: *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.* In response, Jesus tells Peter who he is. *You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.* Peter spent the rest of his life building the Church, leading the people to God. Paul, on the other hand did not recognize Jesus until his conversion. Then he, too, was given a great responsibility. He was chosen to share the Good News with the Gentiles. *I have chosen [Paul] to serve me, to make my name known to Gentiles and kings and to the people of Israel.* (Acts 9:15) Paul spent the rest of his life traveling and writing to share the Good News of God's love. We are indebted to both Peter and Paul for responding to God's call with all their heart.

We know that these great leaders of the faith community had their struggles. Peter denied knowing Jesus, ran away in fear, and did not stand at the foot of the cross, comforting Jesus in his hour of need. Paul, blind to the message of Jesus, actively persecuted people who were following Jesus' way and placed them in prison. Despite these failings, Peter and Paul were both called to build the Kingdom of God. We, who have our own struggles with fear and blindness, we, too, have a role to play in the building of the Kingdom. God entrusted not only Peter and Paul with this mission but each one of us. He gives us everything we need and then counts on us to fulfill our call, our purpose. *I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.* All of us are given this great trust and responsibility and must not let our failings paralyze us, preventing us from following God's call. Most of us are not pillars, like Peter and Paul, but we can be building blocks. Without building blocks the pillars stand alone. We are all given the keys to heaven and we are all called to help loosen the bonds of fear and hate, of despair and anger. Maybe we are not pillars, like Pope Francis, Mother Teresa, Oscar Romero, and Dorothy Day; but we are Jane, John, Judy, and Joe, we are God's people, and we build the Kingdom of God.

Tanya Taft

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.

Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse at
[RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry)
or call 1-800-968-3146.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Canada Day BBQ

Holy Cross Parish is hosting a Canada Day BBQ on Sunday, June 29th for Holy Cross Parishioners.

- ⇒ 9am Mass
- ⇒ 10am Coffee/Tea
- ⇒ 11am Lunch in the Church Hall and Gardens

This event is FREE. Donations to contribute to costs are welcome!



July 1st Canada Day 7pm Mass

Join us on Canada Day in the Chapel with Bishop Gary! All are invited to join on celebrating and praying for our nation.

Knights of Columbus Presents: "K of C Multicultural Festival 2025"

A **Potluck Festival** will be held on Saturday, July 5th from 5:30pm to 9:30pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall (4040 Nelthorpe St., Saanich). Bring your family's most delicious ethnic specialty (between 5:00pm - 5:30pm) and then watch & listen to colourful Mexican dancers, Philippine bamboo dancers, Persian & Belly Dancers, Hawaiian Hula Girls & other ethnic performing groups. Join us in celebrating Canadian multiculturalism on the week of Canada Day! Call 778-265-0013 or email perezdetagleoscar@gmail.com for more information.

Not Getting the Bulletin by Email Anymore? Getting a spam notification?

Many email chain companies (Yahoo, Gmail, Shaw etc.) have updated their security settings and 'mass emails' are frequently sent to people's spam or junk folders in order to keep people safe from hackers and scammers. Many parishioners have contacted the office about this issue. However, it is up to each parishioner to mark their preferences in the settings of their email. **HOW TO:**

Find an email from the Holy Cross Office in either your Junk or Spam folders. Go to the three dots on the right side of the email, you should be able to "Mark Sender as Not Spam" or "Mark as Not Phishing." Select either option. For ongoing issues, bring your device to the office for support from Sloane.



Humanitarian Trip to Nicaragua

Mary Hof from St. Edward's Parish in Duncan is going to Nicaragua, on February 10-24th, 2026 for a Humanitarian Trip. She is working with the Catholic Church in Nicaragua to bring aid and humanitarian help. This requires lots of physical activity including hiking. Catholics from our Island community are welcome to join. For more information about this humanitarian trip, email mhof126@gmail.com

Baptismal Prep

Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a Baptismal Prep registration form and participate in a Baptismal Prep course. The next Baptismal Prep course is on Sat, July 5 (10:00 am - 12 noon). Please email hcsppbaptismal-prep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information.

Hearing Loop System & Headphones

If you wear hearing aids, switch your hearing aid to T-Coil and you will be connected to the hearing loop system. See: www.advancedlistening.ca If your hearing aids can't support this looping system, we have two headsets available in the Church kitchen wired to the microphones to allow you to listen to the readings, homily and the music.



QUOTATIONS OF THE WEEK

I die the King's good servant but God's first.

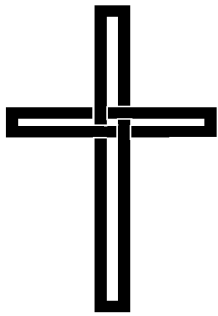
—Saint Thomas More

The Church is not a community of the perfect, but a community of sinners, obliged to recognize their need for God's love, their need to be purified through the cross of Jesus Christ.

—Pope Benedict XVI, 2012 Feast of Saints Peter & Paul

The Christian view boldly denies the Greek axiom that love is an aspiration of the lower towards the higher. On the contrary, now the criterion of love is . . . the healthy to the sick, the rich to the poor . . . the good and saintly to the bad and common, the Messiah to the sinners and publicans.

—Max Scheler



Job Opportunity: a Director of Philanthropy and Communications

The Cridge Centre for the Family, located in beautiful Victoria, British Columbia, is seeking a Director of Philanthropy and Communications. Reporting directly to the CEO while overseeing the fundraising and communications team, this role balances both high-level strategy and hands-on execution. This position is integral in developing and implementing a comprehensive fundraising, communication and developmental strategy to align with the organization's mission and long-term goals while also directly managing select initiatives.

Taize Prayer

All are invited to come pray in the style of Taize resumes at 6pm at the Esquimalt United Church, 500 Admirals Road on the following Fridays: September 19, October 17, and November 21. All are welcome to come pray. www.taize.fr



Donate to Maryam's Education

Maryam, our Holy Cross newcomer, has enrolled at Camosun College in the social work program. She continues to work full-time while pursuing her studies. Some parishioners have requested the opportunity to help with her course fees. Hence, donors who wish to contribute to her education may now do so through the Holy Cross Refugee Fund. Checks must be made out to the "Holy Cross Refugee Fund: Maryam's Education". Tax receipts will be issued. If you have questions, call Martha at 250-477-6455 or the Holy Cross Office.

Holy Cross Library

The Holy Cross Library, located in the Parish Centre, contains approximately 1800 books concerning all aspects of our catholic faith, liturgy, and church history. The collection can be browsed during office hours, unless the room is booked for a meeting, and books can be signed out (except for the reference collection). We will try to keep some books on display in the church foyer that relate to themes in the liturgical year and can also be signed out right there. Please let us know if there are recently published books you feel should be added to the collection. We also welcome the donation of recently published books in good condition that are relevant to the collection and its purpose. Contact John or Martha Oleson for information by emailing the office.



Library Corner

PLEASE NOTE: The Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 1, Thursday and Friday, July 3 & 4.

NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY & ICS

1) The deadline to nominate a recipient for the 2025 Char Deslippe Award is upcoming on July 15, 2025. Parish and school communities across the Diocese of Victoria are encouraged to submit the names of outstanding teachers or parish catechists for consideration; the award will be presented at a future Diocesan event. Learn more about this award here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/char-deslippe-award>

2) Grief to Grace is a Christ-centered retreat program led by mental health professionals that offers healing for those who have experienced abuse or neglect in any area of life. The next Canadian retreat will take place in Kelowna in late October 2025; for more information, email griegtograckelowna@gmail.com or call 250-808-6403 confidentially.

A Call for Volunteers

Interested in volunteering, email us at office@holycrossvictoria.org! Check out the open positions:

- ⇒ Liturgical ministry: 2 Gift Bearers (one for the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month - 4pm Mass) and Eucharistic Ministers (Body and Blood)
- ⇒ Social Committee Members
- ⇒ Building Maintenance Coordinator
- ⇒ Parish Council Members

Pastoral Care: Communion Visits

Do you know someone who cannot attend Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion at home or in care? Through our Outreach Ministry, trained volunteers bring the Eucharist to those who are homebound, in long-term care, or recovering from illness or injury. This is a sacred opportunity to share Christ's healing love and spiritual nourishment with those unable to attend Mass. To request a Communion Visit, contact the parish office at 250-477-5321 or email: office@holycrossvictoria.org. For urgent sacramental care for someone who is sick or dying, please contact the Hospital Chaplain at 250-889-3761

THANK YOU

Following our AGM last weekend, we would like to thank all of our committees, the leads and the volunteers for the excellent and extensive work they do in our parish. These reports truly showcases the enormous amount of passions and ministries we do as a church. Thank you!



COLLECTIONS

June 21, 2025

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$1,753.00
Loose	\$ 545.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 40.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$1,064.34
Total	3,402.34

CONTACT US

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OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30am-3:30pm

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9AM

Saturday 4PM

Sunday: 9AM