

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1, 2026

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, February 28
4PM MASS: Pro Populo

SUNDAY, March 1
9AM INTSALLATION
MASS:

Eduardo & Noemia
Ribiero+ &
John Piggot+

MONDAY, March 2
9AM MASS: Gord Hague+

TUESDAY, March 3
9AM MASS

WEDNESDAY, March 4
9AM MASS

THURSDAY, March 5
9AM MASS: Members of
Henry Family+

FRIDAY, March 6
9AM MASS
9:30AM THE WAY OF
THE CROSS

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CHAPEL
Open 9am-12pm
TUESDAY-FRIDAY

RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY, February 28
3:30PM - 4PM

LIVESTREAMING
SATURDAY
February 28, 4PM

<https://www.youtube.com/@StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

There is a famous painting of Jesus knocking at a door that has no handle on the outside; it can only be opened from within. This image perfectly captures the mystery of our relationship with God. Jesus, the same Lord who shone with the blinding glory of the Transfiguration, chooses to stand at the threshold of our busy, cluttered lives and knock quietly.

He doesn't kick the door down. He doesn't demand entry. He waits for a response.

I often ask myself: What is the "noise" in my life that prevents me from hearing that knock? Sometimes it's the roar of anxiety, the distraction of a screen, or the heavy bolt of an old grudge. Yet, the Transfiguration reminds us that when we finally do turn the key and open the door, we aren't met by a judgmental stranger. We are met by the One who says, "Stand up, do not be afraid."

To open the door is to move from a life of "knowing about" Jesus to a life of "living with" Him. It is the difference between reading a map and actually embarking on the journey. When we let Him in, we don't just get a guest; we get a companion whose hand is on our shoulder and whose peace begins to quiet the storms in our hearts.

This week, take a moment of silence. Listen past the noise. He is there, He is knocking, and He is waiting for you.

Fr Silvichan Dominic



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

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[RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](https://www.rcd.victoria.org/Responsible-Ministry)
or call 1-800-968-3146.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

From the Pastor's Desk

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I prepare to be officially installed by Bishop Gary Gordon on March 1, 2026, I am filled with gratitude for the warmth with which you have welcomed me to Holy Cross Church. I humbly ask for your continued prayers for God's guidance in my ministry.

My car has arrived, and priests from my religious order have transported it from Edmonton. I am resolving my initial challenges one by one as I settle in.

I purchased six holy vestments (chasubles) from Edmonton at a very reasonable price. You will see them at the celebration of the Holy Mass. The Holy Eucharist is the essence of Christian life, so all the vestments and holy vessels are of high priority to make the worship profound and personal.

I have noticed that our current **chalice and ciboria**—the sacred vessels that hold the Precious Blood and Body of Christ—are showing signs of age. To honour the beauty of the Eucharist, I would like to invite the community to sponsor the acquisition of new, high-quality sacred vessels. We need four new ciboria and two new chalices.

How You Can Participate

There are three choices:

- **General Donations:** You could contribute to the “Sacred Vessels and Liturgical Objects Fund.” All your donations would be deeply appreciated. This fund would be used to buy the needed chalices and ciboria and any other needed items for our sacred celebrations.
- **Memorial Gifts:** You may choose to sponsor a complete vessel in memory of a loved one. You would have the option of having your name or the name of your loved one on the vessel.
- **Family Sponsorship:** You may choose to sponsor a complete vessel on behalf of your family and you would have the option of having your family name on the vessel. This is a beautiful way for a family to leave a legacy at Holy Cross.

These vessels will be used for years to come, serving as a physical reminder of our shared faith and the prayers we offer together at the altar. Information on the cost of these vessels will be shared in the near future.

In Christ Jesus, your pastor,

Fr Silvichan Dominic CFIC

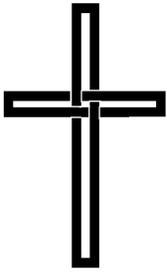


Lent Reconciliation Service

The Holy Cross Parish Reconciliation Service will be on Friday, March 20th at 7:00 pm in the church. The Reconciliation Service will be followed by the opportunity for individual, private confession. Listed below are all the Reconciliation Service options in Victoria during Lent.

- St. Patrick's Parish, Tuesday, March 17th at 7pm
- Holy Cross Parish, Friday, March 20th at 7pm
- St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Tuesday, March 24th, at 7 pm





QUOTATIONS OF THE WEEK

Always remember: to listen to Jesus, to make our faith stronger; to gaze at Jesus, to prepare our eyes for the beautiful vision of his Face, where we all — may the Lord grant us the grace — will be at a Mass without end. So be it. *Pope Francis*

Having climbed to the top of a mountain with Peter, James and John, Jesus immerses Himself in prayer and becomes radiant with light. In this way, He shows the disciples what is hidden behind the gestures He performs in their midst: the light of His infinite love. *Pope Francis*

Early Learning Operator Opportunity – Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Langford, BC is seeking expressions of interest from qualified Early Learning / Child Care operators for a long-term lease of newly built space within our parish facilities. The successful proponent will operate a high-quality, licensed early learning program that is consistent with Catholic values and supports families in need in our community. The leased area will include dedicated indoor classrooms, support spaces and an outdoor play yard, designed to meet current licensing and accessibility standards. Operators must demonstrate experience in early childhood education, a strong record of regulatory compliance, sound financial management, and a commitment to welcoming and inclusive services rooted in Christian compassion and respect for the dignity of every child and family. Interested organizations are invited to request the full Request for Proposals (RFP), which outlines space details, lease expectations, and submission requirements. Please contact the pastor, Fr. William Hann whann@rcdvictoria.org and include “Early Learning Operator RFP – Request” in the subject line.



The Soup Kitchen



The Soup Kitchen in the basement of St. Andrew's Cathedral is looking for volunteers to join the Tues, Thurs or Fri morning dine-in service teams. As well as, someone to pick up fresh eggs every Friday morning at Galey Morning Fresh Eggs located at 4400 Blenkinsop Road in Saanich. Lots of opportunities to help. To learn more about volunteering contact our Volunteer Director at info@thesoupkitchen.ca

HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The St. Andrew's International Student Program is very much in need of additional host families for the upcoming school year starting September 2026/27 for male students. Please contact Nina Timm at homestay@cisdv.bc.ca / Tel: 403-771-2519 for more information.



Development and Peace – Share Lent 2026: On Track for Justice

Development and Peace's 2026 Share Lent campaign, *On Track for Justice*, has been launched! This Lent, let us walk hand in hand with communities in the Global South who are working for justice, peace, and dignity. To learn more about the campaign, visit <https://devp.org>. Mini-magazines and Solidarity Calendars are available in the foyer. If you have questions, Leslie Saxson and other Development and Peace members will be at the back of the church after both Masses this weekend.





Social & Ecological Justice Ministry Project: UVIC Food Insecurity

SEJC invites parishioners to bring pasta/ rice, sauces this month (teriyaki, soya, chilli, curry, hot) & healthy snacks (granola bars, dried fruits, nuts etc.) and place them in the collection bins in the foyer. Donations can still be dropped off throughout the month.

Dying to Meet You: Preventing Euthanasia, Encouraging Hope.

On Friday, March 6, 2026, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm Amanda Achtman will be coming to Holy Cross Parish Hall (Victoria, BC) to give a talk on her project Dying to Meet You: Preventing Euthanasia, Encouraging Hope. As the Ethics Education & Cultural Engagement Lead for Canadian Physicians for Life, and the founder of Dying to Meet You, Amanda will explore questions around death and dying through storytelling, beauty, and a deeply hopeful vision rooted in the dignity of the human person. There are sign up sheets in the entrance foyer. Please sign up so that we can make sure there are enough chairs set up in the hall and enough snacks provided. The Diocese of Victoria is seeking input in advance of the Dying to Meet You tour: <https://forms.gle/8QRGCnUcGMQcyvKo9>



Pastoral Care Home Visits

Would you or someone you love benefit from a friendly visit? Our Pastoral Care Ministry offers in-person visits to those living at homes, in care facilities, or in hospitals. These visits provide the comfort of companionship, a listening ear, and the ministry of presence, bringing warmth and encouragement to those who may be feeling alone or disconnected. When requested, Holy Communion and time for prayer can be included as part of the visit. To arrange a visit, please call 250-477-5321 or email: office@holycrossvictoria.org.

COLLECTIONS

February 23, 2025

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$1,050.00
Loose	\$ 345.00
Social Eco Justice	\$ 200.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$1,362.91
Total	\$2,957.91

Thank You

As you know a number of our parishioners are not able to participate with us at the Holy Mass in person. What a gift that they can be with us in spirit as they watch and pray the weekly live stream! Thank you to Calvin Jones, Jim Ross, and Phil Wall, who continue to volunteer as the live stream engineers. We are also grateful to Tony Joe and Sean McKeown who provide our engineers with generous technical support. As always it takes a team to offer this wonderful service. Thank you Live Stream Team for your patience, efforts, and faithfulness. You are making a difference for so many!

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Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Saturday-Monday: closed

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

See front page for daily Mass.

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