

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2026

### OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

**SATURDAY, April 18**

4PM MASS:

Pro Populo

**SUNDAY, April 19**

9AM MASS:

Madeleine & Peter  
Cranston

**TUESDAY, April 21**

9AM MASS:

Madeleine & Peter  
Cranston

**WEDNESDAY, April 22**

5:30PM-6:30PM

ADORATION

6:30PM MASS

**THURSDAY, April 23**

9AM MASS

**FRIDAY, April 24**

9AM MASS

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CHAPEL

Open 9AM-12PM

TUESDAY-FRIDAY

### RECONCILIATION

**SATURDAY**

3:30PM - 4PM

**TUES, THURS, FRIDAY**

8:30AM - 9AM

**WEDNESDAY**

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

### LIVESTREAMING

**Sunday**

April 19, 11AM

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

**Luke 24. 21-35**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

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It was now the first day of the week. The apostles and disciples were coming back to the upper room in dribs and drabs. The upper room where just a few days ago they had celebrated Passover with Jesus and where they had had a deeply, profound, transformative experience when Jesus humbly knelt before each one of them and washed their feet; the master became the servant! In a matter of only a few hours everything changed. While in deep, piercing prayer in Gethsemane Jesus was betrayed, abandoned, arrested, humiliated and tortured. He was crucified and died. Now, on this the first day of the week, the women, who had gone to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body, rushed back and told the disciples that angels had greeted them at the open and empty tomb and asked, "Why do you seek the living among the dead. Jesus has risen".

The disciples were, each one of them, as confused, grief-and-guilt-stricken, afraid, desolate and heart broken as the other. Jesus whom they had followed for three years, whom they thought to be the Messiah, the one to liberate them from the Romans, was dead yet was risen! They struggled to understand, to make sense out of all that they had hoped for, what they had witnessed and what they now heard. The future seemed uncertain and fearful.

Cleopas knew he needed to put some distance between himself and Jerusalem, and certainly the confusion and fear that permeated the upper room. It was too much, too overwhelming. Another disciple went with him and together, they walked the road to Emmaus. On the way they repeatedly relived what had happened in the last days. They were so consumed by their suffering and held prisoners of their own expectations and hopes that they did not recognize Jesus when he came to them as a fellow traveller on the road. Now a company of three, the disciples told Jesus all that had happened. Jesus listened. Patiently and lovingly, he helped them to see how the scriptures had been fulfilled in the events that had taken place. Their hearts were opened, as they would later say to each other "were not our hearts burning". As Jesus blessed and broke bread with them, the first celebration of the Lord's Supper after the resurrection, he revealed himself to them. Jesus was risen! Their narrow vision and expectation of Jesus was broken wide-open and gave way to a broader magnificence - passing from death to new life. They were resurrection people. Hope, joy, delight, excitement, emotions untold filled them. They almost danced their way back to Jerusalem, back to community, back to share the good news and encourage one another, united as never before.

What does this gospel mean for us today? It is not a stretch to suggest that we can relate to these two disciples - broken hearts, disappointments, discouragement, fear; all and more beset us. But Jesus meets us on our road; he is always with us, loving us in our wounded places. He walks with us even when we fail to notice - Remember 'Foot Prints in the Sand'? He listens to us as we vent our sorrows. When our hopes and expectations, 'how things should go', don't blind us, or keep us prisoners and afraid, we allow something new to break into our lives, we "allow the risen Jesus and his love to live inside us and we love with God's love". When we reflect on scripture and seriously and intentionally ask 'what does it mean for us in our everyday lives', and when we 'break bread' in the Eucharist we live resurrection, we go from death to new life. Our journey is one of continual death and resurrection, one of continual transformation into God, into love. And yes, it takes our lifetime but we're never alone.

Trudy Holden

*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.*

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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 Risen Christ,

“Stay with us, Lord.” These simple yet profound words from the disciples on the road to Emmaus echo deeply in our hearts. In moments of confusion, uncertainty, and even quiet disappointment, we too are invited to recognize the Risen Lord walking beside us, often unseen, yet ever present.

As Pope Leo visits Algeria, let us stand united with him in prayer for peace in our world. May his journey be a sign of hope, dialogue, and unity among nations. Like the disciples, may our eyes be opened in the breaking of the bread, and may our hearts burn within us as we encounter Christ in the Eucharist and in one another.

I would also like to inform you that we are installing new LED lights in our church as part of our effort to conserve energy and be faithful stewards of God's creation. The Parish Council is also discussing the possibility of a solar energy system, seeking sustainable ways to care for our common home.

May we continue our journey of faith with renewed hope, always inviting the Lord to remain with us.

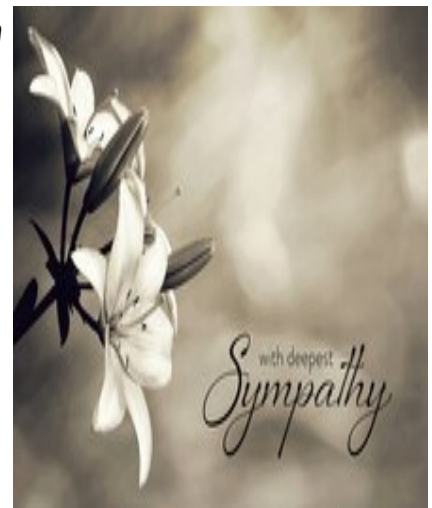
Stay blessed.

Your Pastor,

Fr. Silvichan Dominic CFIC

## Sister Judy Morin

*It is with great sadness that we inform you that Sister Judy Morin, a Sister of St. Ann, passed into eternal life last Tuesday, April 14th. Many of you will remember when she collaborated with Father Leo Robert at Holy Cross in the UVic chaplaincy in the 1980's. Sister Judy's dedicated work for 26 years in prison ministry brought healing and consolation to many people. She was also a well-known teacher and champion of "Non-violent Communication". Sister Judy's welcoming and loving spirit will be very missed in our Victoria Community. We extend our sincere condolences to her family and the Sisters of St. Ann.*



## Fr. Ian Stuart

Fr. Ian Stuart, passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at Mount St. Mary Hospital. Fr. Ian was 74 years old.

Born in Winnipeg, Fr. Ian moved to Victoria as a young child. He attended St. Patrick's Elementary School and St. Louis College. In 1987 he was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Vancouver. He moved back to Victoria in 2014 and served in parishes and as hospital chaplain.

Please keep Fr. Ian and his family and friends in your prayers. May he rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon him.

A funeral Mass will be held on Friday, May 8 at 1:00PM at St. Patrick's Church, 2060 Haultain St.

### Fr. Mike Favero

Fr. Favero, a former pastor, has had a second relapse of his lymphoma. He hopes his treatments will be finished by mid August. Please, keep Fr. Favero in your prayers.

### 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](mailto:office@holycrossvictoria.org).

### Breakfast for HealthCare Workers & Volunteers

At St. Patrick's Church, Our Lady of Lourdes Hall, Sunday April 19 from 10:00am - 1:00pm. We gratefully host our workers and volunteers breakfast and the cost for others is \$10. At 11:00am there will be a special mass for our health care workers & volunteers in the Church. Bishop Gary will preside. All are welcome. Come share prayer and break bread together.

### Diocese of Victoria Family Camp and Conference - August 2026

Registration is now open for the 12th Annual Diocese of Victoria Family Camp and Conference. Families are invited to gather for a fun, faith-filled weekend of fellowship, play, and prayer, taking place August 20-23 at beautiful Nanose Bay Camp.

Details are at: <https://12thAnnualVictoriaDioceseFamilyCampandConference.eventbrite.ca>

### Don't Miss - SARHS Production of ANNIE JR

Thursday, May 7 at 7:00PM

Friday, May 8 at 7:00PM

Saturday, May 9 at 2:00PM and 7:00PM

Playing at Spectrum High School Theatre

Tickets \$20.00 each available at: <https://cisdv.schoolcashionline.com/>

Limited number of tickets available at the theatre, cash



### Baptismal Preparation for the Parents

The next Baptismal Prep course is on Saturday, April 25 (10:00am-12pm noon). Please email [hcsp-baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsp-baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org) - the coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism and forward you the baptism registration form.

## CHANCERY NEWS

1. A "Conversation in the Spirit" synodal session is planned for Saturday, April 25 from 10:30-11:45. As part of the Diocese of Victoria Permanent Pastoral Synod this safe, respectful and nonjudgemental session will explore questions about **how** to bring the good news to our communities. All are invited to attend.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81881926381?pwd=K8hfpYtrbBlv18YHYjbIa0Tmotzcub.1>

2. St. Mark's College at UBC is accepting applications for bursaries/awards offered to people in the Diocese of Victoria. Applications are being accepted for the following on a rolling basis.

The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary (\$1,500): for a lay woman accepted or enrolled in a program/course for ministry in the Church, such as religious education, social justice, etc. Candidates must demonstrate financial needs.

Formation for Catholic Ministry Award (\$3,330): for a teacher, or parish or diocesan lay leader pursuing theological education to deepen their understanding of the faith and better be able to teach it and/or deepen ones spiritual life. More information and application forms are available at:

<https://stmarkscollege.ca/scholarships-and-financial-aid/#GraduateScholarships>

### BASKETS ARE NOW BEING PLANTED FOR MT. ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL

Mount St Mary's Hospital sales of baskets, flowers, and veggies are going well. Daisies and scented Pelargoniums SOLD OUT. Lettuce starters can be planted now; pick up baskets, geraniums, veggies and tomatoes by May 15th. Please order now. Thanks for helping the Hospital.

Ellis Achtem                      250 477 6754



### Social & Ecological Justice Ministry Project: UVIC Food Insecurity

Thank you for your generous donations to the UVIC Food Insecurity Project over the past 8 months. We are pausing our project over the summer and will start collecting donations in August 2026 to stock the shelves for the student's return in September. Once again, thank you for your donations!

COLLECTIONS	
April 19, 2026	
WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS	
Envelopes	\$1365.00
Loose	\$320.00
Devel. & Peace	\$125.00
Church in the Holy Land	\$40.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$1,362.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,212.91</b>

This week we share a quote from Pope Francis reflecting on the Road to Emmaus. Something to ponder.

*Despite appearances to the contrary, we continue to be loved and God will never stop loving us. God will walk with us always, always, even in the most painful moments, even in the worst moments, even in moments of defeat. That is where the Lord is.*

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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 times.

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