

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 24, 2026

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, May 23

4PM MASS:

Angelo Rampon+

SUNDAY, May 24

9AM MASS:

Pro Populo

TUESDAY, May 26

9AM MASS:

Sr. Judi Morin+

WEDNESDAY, May 27

9AM MASS:

Denis Dierker+

THURSDAY, May 28

9AM MASS:

Fr Ian Stuart+

FRIDAY, May 29

9AM MASS

11AM MASS:

SSA Jubilee Mass

—

CHAPEL

Open 9AM-12PM

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY

3:30PM - 4PM

TUES. to FRI.

8:45AM - 9AM

LIVESTREAMING

SATURDAY

May 24, 11:00AM

[https://www.youtube.com/
@StPatricksHolyCross-
Church](https://www.youtube.com/@StPatricksHolyCross-Church)

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. Fifty days after Easter, the disciples who had been fearful and uncertain are transformed by the coming of the Holy Spirit. Doors that were once locked are opened. Hearts that were once afraid are filled with courage. And people who were once divided begin to understand one another.

One of the beautiful works of the Holy Spirit is to bring people together. At the Last Supper, Jesus prayed: "That they may all be one" (Jn 17:21). On Pentecost, that prayer begins to be fulfilled as people from many nations hear the Gospel in their own languages. Different cultures and languages are united by the same experience of the Risen Christ.

The miracle of Pentecost is not that everyone became the same, but that people remained different while becoming one in faith. Unity does not mean uniformity. The Holy Spirit celebrates diversity while creating communion.

St. Paul reminds us in today's second reading: "There are many different gifts, but always the same Spirit." Each person has unique gifts and ways of serving, yet all belong to the one Body of Christ.

In a world often divided by fear and misunderstanding, Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit still brings peace, reconciliation, and unity. May we open our hearts to the Spirit and become instruments of unity in our families, parish, and community.

Fulton J. Sheen once said about the Church, "Even though we are God's chosen people, we often behave more like God's frozen people, frozen in our prayer life, frozen in the way we relate with one another, frozen in the way we celebrate our faith."

Friends. Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm with the fire of God's love. "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth".

In Christ Jesus,

Your pastor,

Fr Silvichan Dominic CFIC

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

Pastoral News Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Father Silvan asked me to highlight some of the events happening this week in our parish.

The three scheduled Conversations in the Spirit will be running Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday. The purpose of these Conversations is to strengthen people's sense of belonging in the Church and to provide our Bishop, Pastors, and Leadership with a way to hear the voices of all people for strategic planning and pastoral priorities. Thank you for joining us!

As many of you know we have a Catholic High School in Victoria, St. Andrew's Regional High School, and the music program under the direction of Phil O'Reilly is outstanding! The choir and bands will present their annual Spring Fling concert this Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Holy Cross Church. Tickets, available at the door, are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Everyone is welcome!

On Friday, the Sisters of St. Ann will be celebrating the yearly Jubilee Celebration Mass of their community members at 11:00 am at Holy Cross. Jubilee celebrations are a wonderful time to reflect with gratitude on the lives of service that the Sisters of St. Ann have contributed to our home. The first four sisters of St. Ann arrived in Victoria on June 8th, 1858. They provided education, hospital care and looked after orphans. They dedicated their lives to following the way of compassion and mercy, the way of Jesus. We are grateful for their faithful service.

Have a wonderful and beautiful week, Tanya

Rosemary for Sale

A parishioner will be selling dried rosemary from her garden at the 4:00 pm and 9:00 am masses this weekend, May 23 and 24. All proceeds will go to the altar flower budget. The dried bundles will be sold for \$1.00 each or larger donations gratefully accepted.

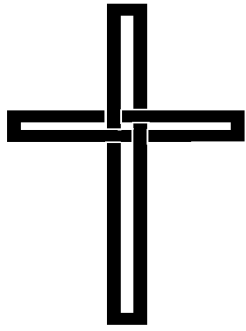


GVAT Invites you to the 'Let's Stay Cool Climate Academy' Event

Holy Cross is a member of GVAT (Greater Victoria Acting Together), a social and climate justice alliance made up of faith communities, environmental organizations, unions, student societies and front-line service providers. Members of the SEJC have been active in GVAT since 2018. You're invited to 'Let's Stay Cool Climate Academy' on Thursday May 28 (7:00-8:30 pm at Broad View United Church), to hear speaker Dr. Trevor Hancock discuss climate action at the local level (e.g. ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings, mitigate the impact of extreme heat on our health). For more information and to register for this event, please contact Yvonne Hsieh (yhsieh@uvic.ca).

Preventing MAiD for Mental Illness: Presentation by Dr. Sephora Tang

Dr. Sephora Tang will be visiting Victoria at the end of the month and will give a presentation about the professional concerns around the expansion of MAiD to include mental illness. The presentation will take place on Sunday, May 31st at 10:30 am in the Holy Cross Parish Hall. Dr. Tang is a psychiatrist with the Ottawa Hospital, a member of the Catholic Women's League, and a tireless advocate for the prevention of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) for mental illness. She has been deeply engaged in both clinical practice and public education on this issue and recently gave a presentation to the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute on this topic. Registration sheet is in the foyer.



QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

The Holy Spirit overcomes their fear, shatters their inner chains, heals their wounds, anoints them with strength and grants them the courage to go out to all and to proclaim God's mighty works. *Pope Leo XIV (referring to the Apostles)*

Conversation in the Spirit (Listening Circles)

Our diocesan synod journey continues as we reflect on how to bring the Good News to our communities. Bishop Gary invites all parishioners to take part in a Conversation in the Spirit. It is a respectful, prayerful opportunity to listen, share, and discern together. See the poster on the bulletin board or under "Bulletins & Notices" on the website.

Sessions (about 1.5 hours):

- Sunday, May 24 at 10:30am (Chapel)
- Tuesday, May 26 at 9:45am (Chapel)
- Thursday, May 28 at 6:30pm (Online via Zoom)

Before attending, please reflect on:

How do we foster connection with others?

How do I listen with compassion and respect?

How do I share the Good News with family and friends?

St. Andrew's High School Spring Fling Concert - Wed, May 27th, 7pm@Holy Cross

St. Andrew's Regional High School Music Dept. will be presenting the annual Spring Fling concert on Wed, May 27th at 7pm at Holy Cross Church. This is sure to be a fantastic evening of music featuring performances by the award-winning St. Andrew's Singers, Concert Band and Jazz Band. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and they can be purchased at the door. There will also be a reception with food following the concert in the church hall. All are welcome on the 27th for the SARHS Spring Fling!



You're invited to Flores de Mayo

Katesismong Pilipino (KP)—a Filipino Catechism of the Catholic Church here in Victoria—warmly invite you and your parishioners to join us for a Filipino Mass on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 6:00 PM at Holy Cross Catholic Church. This Eucharistic celebration is part of Flores de Mayo ("Flowers of May"), a cherished Filipino devotion held throughout the month of May in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a meaningful occasion that brings together faith, culture, and community. Please find our event flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Prayer for the Children Preparing for Confirmation and First Communion at Holy Cross and St Patrick's: *Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children preparing to receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Come Holy Spirit and rest upon them - the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, reverence, and fear of the LORD. May it be the beginning of a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish the Blessed Sacrament. Amen.* We have 12 children who will celebrate the sacraments on Sunday June 7, 2026 at the 4pm Sunday Mass at St Patrick's with the Bishop's visit and reception to follow in the Our Lady of Lourdes Hall. All are welcome. Thank you for keeping the children of St Patrick's and Holy Cross in your prayers!

NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

1. Bursaries and Awards Applications Open: Applications are now being accepted for bursaries and awards offered by the Diocese of Victoria to outstanding students and educators. The deadline for applications is July 15th. More information and application forms are available at the following links:

- The Jawl Bundon LLP Bursary (\$2500): for a grade 12 Catholic student who has been accepted to a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to Indigenous students, and to students who live outside of Greater Victoria and Nanaimo. <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/jawl-bundon-bursary>
- The Char Deslippe Memorial Award (\$500): for a teacher working in Island Catholic Schools or a parish catechist serving in children, youth or adult ministry. <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/char-deslippe-award>

2. Grief to Grace Retreat: From September 22 – 27 in Kelowna. This is a program rooted in our Catholic faith designed to express the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. It is an integrated healing process of the body, mind, and spirit using the principles of trauma-informed care. It helps those who have endured abuse to find healing for neglect, abandonment, physical, emotional, sexual, clerical, and spiritual abuse, whether in childhood, adolescence, or as an adult. The deadline for the intake process is June 15. Visit: www.griefftoGracecanada.org Email: griefftoGracekelowna@gmail.com. Call at: 250-808-6403

Ellis' Plants, Your Donations All Helping Mt. St. Mary's Hospital

The hospital still needs help, only 10 days left until the greenhouse is closed! Please call and order and/or pick up the remaining Geraniums, tomatoes and hanging baskets! Ellis Achtem / 250 477 6754

Join the Choir!

Do you love to sing? Please consider joining the Sunday 9 am choir who usually sing on the first and third Sundays of each month. We rehearse the Thursday evening prior; no musical experience or note reading necessary. If you would like to try us out, please contact the office (250-477-5321 or office@holycrossvictoria.org) with your email. The Choir Director will be in touch.

Return 2025 Library Books

Have you borrowed a book from our HC Library? We try to keep our HC Library check-out system easy and simple for parishioners, and as a result, it is easy to forget to return books. Please check around your home to see if you have any books from the library that you have forgotten to return, especially any books checked out in 2025. You may leave them in the plastic box in the church foyer or in the library.



COLLECTIONS

May 17, 2026

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$3,635.00
Loose	\$ 490.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 50.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$1,362.91
Total	\$5,537.91

Thank You

Sitting in the office of the Pastoral Assistant, I have a great view when members of the Pastoral Care Outreach Team come to the chapel to pick up the Blessed Sacrament to take with them as they make their Pastoral Care Visits. They come by at all different times of the day. There are about nineteen on the Team and they visit 25 to 30 house bound parishioners every week. Because of the committed and caring work of our Pastoral Care Outreach Team we are still connected to the parishioners who can not join us when we celebrate mass at the church. They remain part of our community and their prayers join ours. Thank you!

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE

250-477-5321

office@holycrossvictoria.org

4049 Gordon Head Rd

Victoria, BC V8N 3X7

www.holycrossvictoria.org

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 times.

CONTACT US

Pastor: Father Silvichan Dominic CFIC

sdominic@rcdvictoria.org

Pastoral Assistant: Tanya Taft

ttaft@rcdvictoria.org

Administrative Assistant: Sloane Secord

office@holycrossvictoria.org

Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries & RMSE: Joanie Bidlake

officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

Parish Council Chair: Catherine Davis

UVic & Camosun Chaplain: Father David Shulist SJ

dshulist@rcdvictoria.org

Hospital Emergency Chaplain: Father Sean Flynn / 250-889-3761