

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

May 31, 2026

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, May 30

4PM MASS:
Pro Populo

SUNDAY, May 31

9AM MASS:
Jose Pacheco+

TUESDAY, June 2

9AM LITURGY OF THE
WORD WITH
COMMUNION:
Eugene Henry (INT)

WEDNESDAY, June 3

NO MASS

THURSDAY, June 4

9AM LITURGY OF THE
WORD WITH
COMMUNION

FRIDAY, June 5

NO MASS

CHAPEL

Open 9AM-12PM
TUESDAY - FRIDAY

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY

3:30PM - 4PM

LIVESTREAMING

SATURDAY

May 30, 4:00PM

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

This Sunday, May 31st, is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Trinity Sunday has been celebrated a week after Pentecost since 1334 when Pope John XXII established this Feast day for the whole Western Church. Last Sunday we celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit. Today we celebrate that God, the one and only God, is three persons. The concept of the Trinity is confusing and most of us struggle with exactly how one God is three persons. Despite this challenge, even the early Christians recognized the importance of the Trinity. Not only does the Trinity tell us who God is, but it also tells us who we are. If the Trinity of God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit are God, then that is only possible if the three persons are in relationship with each other. There is only one God, but that God does not exist alone somewhere. God the Creator exists in love, in relationship, in unity with Jesus, His Son and the Holy Spirit. Even before the Big Bang, billions of years ago, God existed, but not alone. God always was, is and will be, relationship, love, and unity of three persons.

Knowing that the Trinity is real, helps us appreciate who we are. No individual can exist alone somewhere. We were created in the image and likeness of God. Like God, we are meant to exist in love, relationship, and unity. But we continuously fail to reach this reality. Only with the grace of God do we try again. And we discover that being in relationship with humanity and the Trinity, we are embraced and held in God's love and mercy, making it possible for us to move deeper into the unity and love of the Body of Christ.

Every one of the readings for Trinity Sunday is about love. From Exodus, *The Lord is abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.* From Corinthians, *and the God of love and peace will be with you.* From the Gospel of John, *God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.* Every scripture passage tells us that God is love.

Even though the Trinity is a difficult concept for us to grasp, the Trinity assures us that we are loved and will never ever be alone. We belong to the Trinity, we belong to the Body of Christ, we belong to love. And occasionally we recognize the Trinity; whenever we feel deeply connected to another person, whenever we are aware of being united with humanity and creation, whenever we become conscious of God's Spirit within us, it is then that we recognize the Trinity, three persons united by love. In these moments we can pray with St. Paul, *the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.* Amen.

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.

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or call 1-800-968-3146.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

From the Pastor's Desk

My dear friends,

I will be away for a week in Vancouver attending the annual retreat for the priests of our Diocese. During this time, there will be no weekday Holy Masses. I kindly ask you to keep all our priests in your prayers as we take this time for spiritual renewal and reflection.

At the same time, the Church continues to reflect on the important questions facing our modern world. Pope Leo XIV has announced his first encyclical, titled *Magnifica Humanitas*, focusing on the growing influence of Artificial Intelligence and the urgent need to protect human dignity in an AI-driven age.

According to Vatican reports, the document addresses the moral and social challenges created by rapidly advancing technology. The Holy Father reminds us that technology must always remain under ethical human guidance and should never replace human conscience, creativity, relationships, spiritual values, or the uniqueness of the human person.

The encyclical is expected to caution against a future in which AI influences truth, work, politics, education, warfare, and even religion without moral responsibility or proper safeguards. At the same time, Pope Leo XIV encourages responsible technological progress while defending workers' rights, family life, privacy, and the dignity of every person. He also calls upon governments, technology companies, educators, and religious communities to ensure meaningful human oversight of AI.

For general understanding, an encyclical is one of the highest forms of papal teaching. Through such documents, the Pope offers guidance to bishops, priests, religious, and the faithful on important spiritual, moral, social, and global issues affecting humanity.

May God bless you all.

Father Silvichan Dominic CFIC



Rosemary for Sale

Thank you for the generous donations to the church flower budget last weekend when rosemary was sold. There are more packages of rosemary available. If you would like a package or two of fresh or dried rosemary, you can pick up some before or after mass this weekend for free. If you would like to donate to the flower budget, all donations will be gratefully accepted.

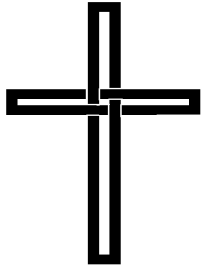
Beloved Catholic Women's Ministries Silent and Dessert Auction

Last call for anyone wanting to attend the Beloved Catholic Women's Ministries Silent and Dessert Auction Friday June 5th. Items for bidding on include Whale Watching, a night at the Long Beach Lodge in Tofino, a 4 hour fishing charter, as well as Fr Alfredo's Tiramisu! Bring your friends, or make it a date night, and win some great experiences while supporting the women in our Diocese. Free Tickets and details are online at www.belovedvi.com or at the door.



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

Dr. Sephora Tang will be visiting Victoria this weekend 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. Everyone is welcome.



QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

How do we understand the trinity? We don't! God, by definition, is ineffable, beyond conceptualization, beyond imagination, beyond language. The Christian belief that God is a trinity helps underscore how rich the mystery of God is and how our experience of God is always richer than our concepts and language about God.

- Ron Rolheiser OMI

Parish Summer Barbecue: June 28, 2026 11:00 am

Parishioners, join us at the Parish Summer Barbecue to say farewell to Father Silvichan! Island Culinary will be providing hamburgers, veggie burgers and salads. Please bring a dessert to share! We will gather in the hall and breezeway! Please sign up in the foyer.

Save the Date: Holy Cross AGM

Join us after the 9am Sunday Mass on June 21st for the annual General Meeting. Hear from our Pastoral and Admin teams, our Parish Council and Financial Chairman about the 2025-2026 season. Coffee, tea and treats will be provided.



Part-Time Event Hall Coordinator (Short-Term)

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish is seeking someone with marketing experience to help launch and promote our Event Hall and meeting rooms for rentals (events, weddings, community use) as a source of revenue to support parish needs. This flexible side-project role focuses on building awareness through social media, local advertising, and other marketing efforts, along with handling inquiries and coordinating bookings. Approximately 5 hours per week at \$25/hour, with additional commission and earning potential based on successful bookings, for a 6 to 9 month project. Please send your resume to whann@rcdvictoria.org.

OLOR Parish Raffle Fundraiser



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish is excited to announce our online 50/50 Raffle fundraiser! Grab your tickets now to support Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Early Learning Centre Capital Fundraising Campaign. We are raising funds to support the construction of the early learning and child care centre that will nurture children, support families and serve our growing community for generations, addressing gaps created by recent changes to provincial ELCC capital funding. <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/oltrp>

Conversations in the Spirit

If you are interested, but did not have a chance to join one of the Conversations of the Spirit (Listening Circles), there will be a third opportunity on Thursday, June 4th at 1:30 pm. We will meet in the chapel and share our reflections on the following questions: 1) How do we foster connection with others? 2) How do I listen with compassion and respect? 3) How do I share the Good News with family and friends? You are very welcome!

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!

Seeking Your Help with Furnishing our Rectory!

We have new priests from the Jesuit community moving into our rectory this summer. They require some additional furniture. We are looking for the following items. If you care to donate these items to the rectory, please contact the office:

- Filing Cabinet with key
- 2 Tall bookcases
- Small desk with drawers (no bigger than 5 feet in length and 2 feet depth)

Pastoral Care Telephone Visits

Are you feeling lonely or know someone who would appreciate a friendly conversation? Our Pastoral Care volunteers are available to telephone those who are lonely, homebound, isolated, or simply in need of a listening ear. These calls are a gentle reminder that no one is ever alone and that our parish community is here to accompany, encourage, and support one another. To request a telephone call for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office at 250-477-5321 or email:

office@holycrossvictoria.org.

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

Last chance to help Mount St Mary Hospital! If you want to order call Ellis Achtem at 250 477 6754 or look for Ellis's grey truck for specials on the remaining Geraniums, tomatoes and hanging baskets after the 9am mass!

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 24, 2026

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$1,770.00
Loose	\$ 600.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 10.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$1,362.91
Total	\$3,742.91

Thank you

This is the season of flowering gardens and many of our parishioners have shared their bounty. Thank you Ellis Achtem for the lovely hanging baskets by the breezeway. Many of us are enjoying the delicious rosemary that Shanthie Akmimana shared with us and both Ann Francis and Marian Duke brought beautiful greenery and flowers from their gardens to place in the bouquets in the church. And all from our loving and generous Creator!

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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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