

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

CORPUS CHRISTI

June 7, 2026

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, June 6

4PM MASS:
Pro Populo

SUNDAY, June 7

9AM MASS:
Dan Taft+

TUESDAY, June 9

9AM MASS: Eugene
Henry (INT)

WEDNESDAY, June 10

5:30PM ADORATION
6:30PM MASS

THURSDAY, June 11

9AM MASS: De Medeiros
Family+

FRIDAY, June 12

9AM MASS: Maria & John
Garcia+

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CHAPEL

Open 9AM-12PM
TUESDAY - FRIDAY

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY

3:30PM - 4PM

TUES, THURS & FRI

8:45AM - 9AM

WEDNESDAY

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

LIVESTREAMING

SATURDAY

June 6, 4:00PM

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

This Sunday, June 7th, is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On this feast day we celebrate the physical presence of God in the Eucharist. Ron Rolheiser OMI stated in his book, *Our One Great Act of Fidelity*, that the "Eucharist is the place where God continues to take [on] concrete physical flesh just as he once did in the womb of Mary. In the Eucharist, the word continues to become flesh." The incarnation did not stop with the Assumption of Christ into heaven. The generosity of God has no bounds. From the beginning of human existence God has provided nourishment so that humanity can evolve and flourish.

After the people of Israel were brought out of Egypt and slavery by God, they encountered a time of hunger and thirst. Moses reminded them that God *made water flow for [them] from flint rock, and fed [them] in the wilderness with manna*. These acts indicated the care of a parent for a child or the concern of a shepherd for his flock. There is something intensely satisfying and bonding when we nourish a child, our family or a pet dog or cat. Growing and preparing food for family and friends is a deep instinct in all humans. God has this same desire to sustain us and He does so continuously. Our bodies are fed by the bounty of fruits, vegetables, fish, and animals. Our hearts are nourished by the beauty of sunsets, flowers, smiles, and all of creation. Our souls, our spirits, are sustained by the Holy Spirit and the physical presence of God in the Eucharist.

Jesus understood our need for something physical, for something we can touch and therefore He gave and continues to give us His own Body and Blood. *I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever*. Here is the beautiful and profound promise – we will live forever! But it is not just about the future, it is not just about passing into eternal life at our death. It is similarly about the present moment. Jesus continued in John's Gospel, *Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me*. It is about right now; it is about living at this moment, with joy, appreciation, gratitude, and love. We are nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ so that we can truly live our lives. Ron Rolheiser wrote that we can not sustain faith, charity, forgiveness, and hope on our own, but these gifts can be sustained through the Eucharist. He added that even though at times we will fail to do the right thing, faithfully receiving the Eucharist will return us to God's way. It is the Eucharist that enables us to become who we are meant to be. As we receive the Eucharist throughout our lives, we become ever more aware that we are vessels that carry God and that together, we form the *Body of Christ*. Together, we too, can be the real presence of God in the world.

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

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Pastoral News Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Recently, Pope Leo XIV appointed Maria Montserrat Alvarado as Prefect of the Dicastery for Communication, starting on November 1st, 2026. Dicasteries are departments in the Roman Curia of the Catholic Church. Currently there are sixteen dicasteries, for example the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith. Each dicastery has a prefect who has the authority and responsibility to lead, guide and support the dicastery.

The appointment of Maria Montserrat Alvarado is significant as Maria is the first non-religious woman to be appointed prefect of a dicastery of the Holy See. Most of the prefects are Cardinals or Archbishops. The Prefect for the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life is Sister Simona Brambilla, the only other female prefect. Maria will replace Paolo Ruffini who is also a lay person. Her appointment illustrates that Pope Leo, following the example of Pope Francis, is trusting faith filled lay people to serve in positions of leadership in the service of the Church.

The Dicastery for Communication was established by Pope Francis in 2015 and it oversees the Holy See's communications systems, including Vatican News, Vatican Radio, L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican Media (photo, audio, and video services), the Holy See Press Office, the Vatican publishing house, the Vatican Printing press, and the Filmoteca Vaticana. What a vast department to lead! However, Maria has education, experience, and plenty of enthusiasm!

Maria Montserrat Alvarado was born in Mexico and completed degrees at the Florida International University and the George Washington University. For fourteen years she worked in various leadership positions at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty and has been President and Chief Operating Officer of EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) News since 2023. She will be 40 years old when she begins her new position for the Church. When she accepted the appointment she said: "I look forward to continuing, in friendship and hope, the important work of strengthening the dicastery so it many continue to serve the Church in Rome and everywhere to communicate Christ to the world."

May God bless Maria and all her effort as she works to communicate Christ and truth to the world!

Have a wonderful and beautiful week, Tanya

Presentation on MAiD for Mental Illness

Dr. Sephora Tang was very grateful for the warm reception she received at Holy Cross last Sunday. Thirty-eight people heard her presentation and appreciated her professional and informative talk on MAiD for mental illness. For those who missed her lecture or want to review her slides, the following link is to her presentation of the same material to the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LpDpyq-cSTw>



Seeking Your Help with Furnishing our Rectory!

We have new priests from the Jesuit community moving into our rectory this summer. They require a Filing Cabinet with key. Please contact the office if you own one to donate.

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.



QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

Since once again, O Lord, in the steppes of Asia, I have no bread, no wine, no altar, I will raise myself above those symbols to the pure majesty of reality, and I will offer to you, I, your priest, upon the altar of the entire earth, the labor and the suffering of the world. Receive, O Lord, in its totality the Host which creation, drawn by your magnetism, presents to you at the dawn of a new day. This bread, our effort, is in itself, I know, nothing but an immense disintegration. This wine, our anguish, as yet, alas! is only an evaporating beverage. But in the depths of this inchoate Mass you have placed — I am certain, for I feel it — an irresistible and holy desire that moves us all, the impious as well as the faithful to cry out: "O Lord, make us one!"

Extract from Teilhard De Chardin's "Mass on the World"

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 14th** 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>

Infant Baptism - Baptismal Prep for the Parents

Is it your hope to have your infant welcomed into the family of God through baptism? If so, to prepare to have your child baptized, parents must participate in a Baptismal Prep course and complete a baptism registration form. Please note that the next sessions available to take a Baptismal Prep course are Sat, June 13 (10:00 am – 12 noon). Please email hcsppbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism and forward you the baptism registration form.



St. Vincent de Paul "Cram the Van to the Max" event

Help St. Vincent de Paul fill their pantries for families during the summer months! Demand increases significantly at St. Vincent de Paul food pantry on Yates Street in Victoria, as these families visit for food assistance. To ensure the shelves are well stocked to handle the demand, they are holding a "Cram the Van to the MAX" food drive on Saturday, June 6th. Bring your canned food, boxed meals, or cash to Sacred Heart Church in Victoria.

- When: June 6th, 11:00am - 2:00pm
- Where: Parking lot at Sacred Heart Church in Victoria (4040 Nelthorpe Street)



NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

1. Bishop Gary shares reflections on Magnifica Humanitas on CBC Radio: Pope Leo's latest encyclical on AI is making waves across the globe, raising big questions about technology, humanity, and moral responsibility. Here in our own community, Bishop Gary shared his perspective on the encyclical and what this means for us today on CBC radio's All Points West. <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-93-all-points-west/clip/16217190-pope-leo-xiv-issues-warning-global-leaders-ai>

2. Statistics Canada: 2026 Census: The 2026 Census provides an accurate snapshot of people and communities across Canada. Parishes are invited to help by encouraging their communities to complete the census, sharing Statistics Canada's social media posts in Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and X and/or displaying the attached poster on parish bulletin boards. Complete your census using the information received in the mail, or visit [census.gc.ca](https://www.census.gc.ca)

3. The Catholic Foundation of Vancouver Island AGM: The Catholic Foundation of Vancouver Island is hosting their Annual General Meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. The trustees welcome all to attend to learn about the foundation and the work it's doing in the community. Where: Pastoral Centre Boardroom, (4044 Nelthorpe Street Victoria, BC)

4. Employment Opportunity as Correctional Chaplain, William Head Institution - The Correctional Service Canada (CSC) Bridges of Canada Inc. is hiring a full-time Correctional Chaplain in the Pacific Region for 125-165 hours per month (subject to change based on monthly requirements). The Correctional Chaplain will be responsible for providing religious and spiritual services to federal offenders of all faiths residing in William Head Institution.

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.

COLLECTIONS

May 31, 2026

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$7,835.00
Loose	\$ 320.00
SVDP	\$ 20.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 20.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$1,362.91
Total	\$9,557.91

Thank you

Many parishioners share their wonderful musical talents by providing music at our celebrations. Thank you to the cantors, singers, pianists, guitarists and occasional percussionists for helping us praise, worship and glorify God. *I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.* Psalm 104:33

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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 times.

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