

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 14, 2026

### OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

**SATURDAY, June 13**

4PM MASS: Salvatore  
Ciccone+ & Members of  
the Ciccone Family+

**SUNDAY, June 14**

9AM MASS: Pro Populo

**TUESDAY, June 16**

9AM LITURGY OF THE  
WORD WITH HOLY  
COMMUNION: Henry  
Family+

**WEDNESDAY, June 17**

5:30PM ADORATION  
6:30PM MASS

**THURSDAY, June 18**

9AM MASS: Paulette  
Smith+

**FRIDAY, June 19**

9AM MASS

CHAPEL

Open 9AM-12PM  
TUESDAY - FRIDAY

### RECONCILIATION

**SATURDAY**

3:30PM - 4PM

**THURS & FRI**

8:45AM - 9AM

**WEDNESDAY**

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

### LIVESTREAMING

**SUNDAY**

June 14, 11:00AM

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

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

The readings today reveal the heart of God—a heart full of love, compassion, and a desire to draw people close to Himself.

In the first reading, God reminds Israel: **“I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself.”** What a beautiful image! God is not a distant ruler. He is a loving Father who carries His people, protects them, and leads them. Before asking anything of Israel, God first reminds them of what He has done for them. Their relationship with God begins not with obligation but with grace.

The same truth is deepened in the second reading. St. Paul tells us: **“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”** God does not wait for us to become perfect before loving us. Christ gave His life for us when we were weak, broken, and unworthy. The Cross is the greatest proof that God’s love is unconditional and sacrificial.

In the Gospel, we see that same divine love in the heart of Jesus. Looking upon the crowds, **His heart was moved with pity**, because they were “troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.” Jesus does not merely observe human suffering; He is deeply moved by it. He sees the loneliness, confusion, fears, and struggles that people carry.

Then Jesus says, **“The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.”** The world is full of people searching for meaning, hope, and God’s love. The harvest is not the problem; the shortage is in laborers willing to serve.

This Gospel is a call to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and missionary service. But it is also a reminder that every baptized person is sent on mission. We may not all be ordained ministers, but all of us are called to be laborers in the Lord’s vineyard—through our prayers, our witness, our kindness, and our service.

As priests, parents, teachers, parishioners, and disciples of Christ, we are invited to share the compassion of Jesus with those who feel abandoned and forgotten. The world needs less judgment and more witnesses of God’s mercy.

Today, let us remember three simple truths:

God carries us on eagle’s wings.

Christ loves us even in our weakness.

Jesus sends us to bring His compassion to others.

May we respond generously to His call and become instruments of His love in our families, our parish, and our community.

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

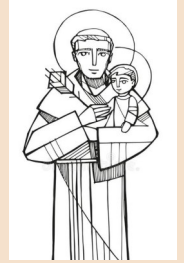
To report sexual abuse at  
[RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry)  
or call 1-800-968-3146.

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## Pastoral News Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Did you know that the St. Anthony that we pray to when we want help finding lost items is St. Anthony of Padua? He was born in 1195 in Lisbon, Portugal, received an outstanding education and followed the call to become a priest. Eventually St. Anthony joined the Franciscans and because of his devotion to his faith and his ability to teach, St. Francis asked him to preach and teach. St. Anthony first lived in Bologna and then in Padua. People came from all over to hear him speak. St. Anthony died at the young age of 36 and was declared a saint in less than a year! His feast day is Saturday, June 13th.



But why do we pray to St. Anthony when we misplace things? It is thought that one day a young novice left the religious community and took a book of psalms that St. Anthony treasured with him. St. Anthony was very sad about the loss of his book and prayed intensely that the book of psalms would be returned. The story concludes that the novice was consumed by guilt and returned the book! The lost book of psalms was found!

Have a wonderful week, Tanya

## May Your Soul Rest In Peace

It is with sadness that we inform you that Catherine Hawkins, a long-time member of the Holy Cross Family passed into eternal life on Wednesday, June 10th. She will be very missed. Catherine and her husband Keith Hawkins were involved in our church community for many years. They enjoyed being part of the monthly social bridge and were members of the Holy Cross Winemaking Group. Both Keith and Catherine were on the Parish Council at various times and for a few years Catherine was the Parish Council Chair. Catherine and Keith contributed a lot to our parish over the years and we are grateful. We extend our sincere condolences to her family and many friends. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

Catherine's funeral mass will be on July 24th, 2026, at 10:00 am at Holy Cross Church. Father Silvichan will be the celebrant.

## Apply for Diocesan Awards and Bursaries

Apply for the bursaries and awards offered by the Diocese of Victoria. The deadline for applications is July 15th. For more info go to the Diocese website, under 'Programs' click 'Bursaries & Awards.'

## Vocation Live-In: Seminary of Christ the King

There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of July 4-5 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email [rector.minors@sck.ca](mailto:rector.minors@sck.ca)

## 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](mailto:office@holycrossvictoria.org)) with your email. The Choir Director will be in touch.

## Return 2025 Library 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

Well and good if all things change, O Lord God, provided I am rooted in You.

- *St. John of the Cross*

The sin underneath all our sins is to trust the lie of the serpent that we cannot trust the love and grace of Christ and must take matters into our own hands.

- *Martin Luther*

Today, again, we will look at the mystery of Holy Saturday. Christ descends into the realm of the dead to bring the news of the Resurrection to all those who were in the darkness and in the shadow of death. This event represents the most profound and radical gesture of God's love for humanity.

- *Pope Leo XIV*

### **Two Male Students Seeking Accommodation**

Two male students from Holy Cross Parish are looking for a suite or room to rent from September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027. Please contact the office if you have a room or two available to rent.



### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



# NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

**1. World Youth Day Seoul 2027 Pilgrimage** - We are excited to begin exploring interest from people across our diocese wanting to attend World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea! If you or anyone you know are interested in learning more about this potentially life changing pilgrimage, please fill out this form below: <https://forms.office.com/r/dQZVd6EDpZ>

**2. Knowledge-Sharing Symposium on the Doctrine of Discovery** - On May 26-29 a symposium was held in Edmonton by the CCCB with support of the Pontifical Committee for Historical Sciences, and Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. The aim was to examine the historical and legal consequences of colonization for Indigenous Peoples, and the Catholic Church's involvement in that colonization in the 15th and 16th centuries. Read the media release about the event at <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/knowledge-sharing-symposium-on-the-doctrine-of-discovery/>

**3 - Grief to Grace Retreat** - Grief to Grace is hosting their next retreat in Canada on 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. For more info visit: [www.griegtogracecanada.org](http://www.griegtogracecanada.org) Email: [griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com) Or confidential call at: 250-808-6403

## 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 home, 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).

## COLLECTIONS

June 7, 2026

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$1,980.00
Loose	\$ 355.00
Anawim	\$ 430.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$1,362.91
Total	\$4,127.91

## Thank you

Did you know that a group of faithful parishioners pray the rosary every Tuesday and Thursday and sometimes Friday morning, starting at 8:30 am? They pray for peace in the world, for our priests, for Pope Leo, for the sick and the dying and the struggling. As the outside world begins their workday, prayers are quietly being said for our community and the world. Thank you!

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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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