

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 21, 2026

### OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

**SATURDAY, June 20**

4PM MASS: Deceased  
Members of the Bruni  
Family+

**SUNDAY, June 21**

9AM MASS: Pro Populo

**TUESDAY, June 23**

9AM MASS: Deceased  
Members of the Henry  
Family+

**WEDNESDAY, June 24**

5:30PM ADORATION  
6:30PM MASS

**THURSDAY, June 25**

9AM MASS: Catherine  
Hawkins+

**FRIDAY, June 26**

9AM MASS

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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 20, 4:00 PM

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

In today's reading Jesus is quite clear; He is direct. He says, "Fear no one.... Do not fear.... So do not be afraid...."

Fear insidious as it is can be used to intimidate us and keep us 'in line'. Worse yet, it can paralyze us and keep us prisoners, sometimes over our entire lives. It can be an excuse for inaction and a failure to live consistent with our Christian heritage. Left to our own strength and resources and despite our best intentions to live outside of fear we can never muster or maintain the courage, confidence and boldness needed to live as Jesus' words ask. But whatever afflicts us God understands it better than we ourselves for Jesus walked the road that we journey today. He knows our human frailty yet honors our intentions. He anchors His gospel words today in His unconditional love and caring for us and in His eternal presence in us and in every aspect of our lives. As God accompanies a tiny bird when it falls from the sky, he accompanies us and cares about us way beyond our understanding; he never leaves us. Nothing that happens to us escapes Him. As we have so often heard, God is in us, above us, below us, before us, behind us, beside us. With God's grace this familiar head-knowing can lodge deep in our hearts. It is there that we trust God, there that our courage resides and there that Jesus frees us from fear and its destruction.

When we are rooted in and anchored by the assurance of God's loving presence and when we trust in His guidance and His paths the sting of fear is taken away. Fear no longer has power over us. It cannot intimidate us or paralyze us. We have the courage and confidence to live in the truth and to proclaim the truth, the truth of God's love, mercy and justice, 'God's kingdom come.'

Without fear debilitating us we recognize all manner of places where God's word is not lived those within ourselves and various socially accepted, institutionalized, and in some cases, law sanctioned injustices that exist. In Jesus' time think the gospels of the workers in the vineyard, the prodigal son, the woman at the well, the rich fool, the good Samaritan. In all of these cases Jesus turned the prevailing ways of thinking and behaving upside down. He showed love, mercy, inclusion, forgiveness for everyone. It is the same way of living that Pope Leo constantly calls for today. We are tasked to do likewise.

In our personal lives unshackled from fear we open ourselves and we see with the eyes of Jesus and we live with the heart of Jesus. We see the 'God Moments', the 'Holy Moments' when we think - "Wow! God just showed himself to me." Today, God says to each of us, 'do not be afraid' and we open to the possibilities.

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.*

**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,

Fatherhood is often defined not by grand gestures or loud words, but by quiet faithfulness. In a world that frequently measures success by recognition and applause, a father's greatest influence is often found in the unseen moments the early mornings, the late-night concerns, the sacrifices made without complaint, and the countless acts of love offered simply for the good of his family.

There is something sacred about this kind of love. It reflects the very heart of God the Father: steadfast, protective, patient, and enduring. Through his daily dedication, a father becomes a living sign of God's presence. Whether through hard work, gentle guidance, encouragement, or simply being there when he is needed most, he helps create a home where love, trust, and faith can flourish.

A father's role is unique and irreplaceable. His family learns not only from his words but also from his example how he faces challenges, how he treats others, how he perseveres through difficulties, and how he entrusts his life and loved ones to God. Through these ordinary yet profound witnessings, he teaches lessons that often last a lifetime.

On this Father's Day, we offer heartfelt gratitude to all the men in our parish who embrace this sacred vocation:

- **To our fathers and grandfathers**, whose sacrifices, hard work, and steadfast love have shaped generations.
- **To our godfathers, mentors, and father figures**, who generously guide, encourage, and support others along life's journey.
- **To our spiritual fathers, our priests**, who care for God's people with dedication, prayer, and pastoral love.
- **To the fathers who have gone before us**, whose legacy of faith and love continues to inspire and strengthen us.



To all fathers: thank you. Your sacrifices matter. Your presence makes a difference. Your quiet courage and faithful love are gifts beyond measure. May God bless you abundantly with strength, wisdom, good health, and peace. May you know today how deeply you are appreciated and how profoundly you are loved. **Happy Father's Day!** May St. Joseph, faithful guardian of the Holy Family, watch over and guide all fathers in their noble vocation.

Please join me in offering a special prayer for all our students as they come to the end of another school year. We thank God for the gifts, knowledge, friendships, and growth they have experienced throughout the year.

We pray especially for those who are graduating and preparing to begin a new chapter in their lives. May the Lord guide them with wisdom and courage as they pursue new careers, further studies, and future opportunities. May they always seek God's will, use their talents generously, and remain rooted in faith wherever their journey leads them.

May God bless all our students with success, protection, and peace, and may the Holy Spirit continue to lead them in all they do. **Lord, bless our students today and always. Amen.**

Fr Silvichan Dominic CFIC

### 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.'

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

Just a reminder for those of you who signed-up: the Parish Summer BBQ is next Sunday, June 28th at 11am! Some parishioners will be sitting outside, so please bring a hat and sunscreen. We will have lawn games for kids and lots of food and drinks.



**May Your Soul Rest In Peace**

It is with sadness that we inform you that Bob Das, a long-time member of the Holy Cross Family passed into eternal life on Friday, June 12th. His wife Helen, daughter Catherine and grand-daughter Olivia were at his side. Though Bob and Helen have been living on Mayne Island for the last year and a half, we remember them well and their contributions to Holy Cross Church. For years, Bob sang with a small group of singers and guitarists at the 8:30 am mass. Bob loved music and was an enthusiastic singer. Bob and Helen were supportive parish members and always ready to participate in celebrations and special events. We extend our sincere condolences to his family and many friends. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

Bob's funeral mass will be on September 12th, 2026, at 10:30 am at Holy Cross Church. Msgr. Michael Lapierre will be the celebrant.



**New Books to Borrow!**

The Library has two books we are profiling this week, and they are on the table in the foyer. Both are written by Mark Kelly and recommended by Fr. Silvan. *Rediscover Jesus* is an easy to read discussion about how to be the best person that God wants us to be. I felt as if I were having a spiritual discussion with the author as he addressed questions most people think about. *Rediscovering Catholicism* reminds us of the relevance of Catholicism and what it means to walk with God in the modern world. Check out these great titles and browse some new books on Pope Leo XIV. Enjoy!

**Holy Spirit Festival at Our Lady of Fatima Parish**

All are invited to Our Lady of Fatima Parish on Sunday, June 21st for the Holy Spirit Festival. Mass will be at 12:00 noon (in Portuguese), and then a procession around the parking lot. Following the procession, there will be a gathering in the hall for traditional Portuguese food, bouncy castle and face painting for children, performance by our folklore group, Folclore Alegre de Victoria, and then music by Os Primos (The Cousins).



**Bicycle Needed for UVic Student**

Do you have a bicycle in good condition that is no longer being used? A UVic student needs a bicycle for transportation. He does not have a car and either walks or takes the bus to get around. If you have a bicycle that you no longer use, it would be wonderful if you could donate it for this purpose.

**Remember the Importance of Wearing a Bike Helmet**

Since we are talking about bicycles and the warm weather is tempting people to ride their bike without a helmet, let us remember how important it is to protect our heads with wearing helmets. In some circumstances a helmet could be a lifesaver!



**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. <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/oltrp> Sales end June 30!

**Infant Baptism - Baptismal Prep for the Parents**

Are you planning to have your child baptized? If so, to prepare for your child's baptism, parents must participate in a Baptismal Prep course and complete a baptism registration form. Please note that the next session available to take a Baptismal Prep course is Sat, July 25 (10:00 am - 12 noon). Please email [hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org) with your name and contact information. And the coordinator will contact you.



# NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

**Celebrating our St. Andrews High School Grads this June** - June is a big month in our Catholic schools as we reach the end of the school year. We want to take some time to specifically recognize our Grade 12 graduates at St. Andrews Regional High School who are fulfilling the milestone of completing high school and embarking on a new chapter with Catholic school as their foundation. Over the next three weeks we are going to spotlight the graduating class and the importance of Catholic Schools in our community. This week: Hear from three students of diverse backgrounds as they reflect on the value of Catholic education in their lives: See link here: <https://sarhscircuit.wordpress.com/2026/06/09/2026-grads-are-grateful-for-st-andrews/>

**Bishop Gary Speaking on Synodality in the Diocese of Victoria** - How is the Church called to listen, discern, and walk together today? In this 2026 Sherlock Lecture during the annual conference for Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry in Vancouver, Bishop Gary Gordon shares the Diocese of Victoria's experience of building a Permanent Pastoral Synod—an ongoing process rooted in communion, participation, and mission. If you are still trying to understand what the Permanent Pastoral Synod ("On The Way Together") is and why it's important, listening to this talk will be very informative. See link here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4uNzTR8wIDA>

**CCCB Statement on the 10th Anniversary of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide ("MAID")** - Please see the statement from the CCCB that marks the 10th anniversary of the legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada. In its statement, the CCCB reiterates its opposition to euthanasia and assisted suicide, while calling for renewed commitment to authentic palliative care across the country. The statement also summarizes key statistics and raises concerns about the continued expansion of "MAID" legislation and its impact on vulnerable Canadians. See statement here: <https://www.cccb.ca/letter/statement-by-the-standing-committee-for-family-and-life-to-the-catholic-faithful-in-canada-and-all-people-of-good-will-voicing-concern-and-calling-for-prayers-on-the-10th-anniversary-of-euthanasia-and/>

**Feast Day for Josemaria** - Join Bishop Gary as he celebrates the feast day Mass of St Josemaría Escrivá, the founder of Opus Dei, who was called "the saint of the ordinary" by Pope St John Paul II. The Mass will be celebrated on Friday, June 26th at 6:00pm at St Joseph the Worker Roman Catholic Church. Light refreshments will follow.

## COLLECTIONS

June 14, 2026

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$1,445.00
Loose	\$ 295.00
Anawim	\$ 45.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$1,362.91
Total	\$3,147.91

## Thank you

This Saturday evening, June 20th, the Eritrean Community in Victoria will celebrate mass in our church. Three weeks ago, the Filipino Community of Victoria celebrated a Eucharistic celebration Flores de Mayo in our Church. It is a blessing that we can provide a sacred space for our brothers and sisters to celebrate special events. Thank you to all the parishioners and administration that made and make this possible.

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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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