

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 12, 2026

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, July 11

4PM MASS: Seamus
O'Connor+

SUNDAY, July 12

9AM MASS: Pro Populo

TUESDAY, July 14

9AM LITURGY OF THE
WORD WITH HOLY
COMMUNION:
Ilda Hilario+

THURSDAY, July 16

9AM LITURGY OF THE
WORD WITH HOLY
COMMUNION:
Elsie Lockert+

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CHAPEL

Open 9AM-12PM
TUESDAY - FRIDAY

LIVESTREAMING

SATURDAY

July 12, 11:00 AM

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

*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)

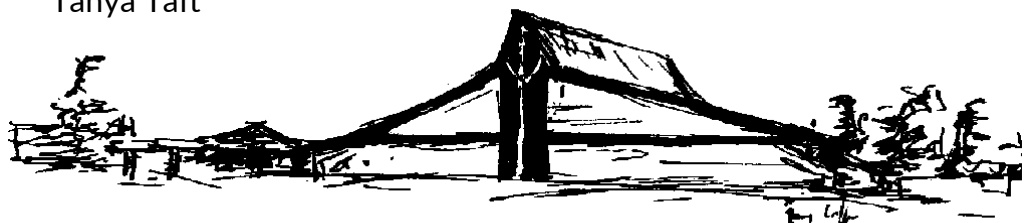
This Sunday, July 12th, is the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's readings start with the beautiful image depicted by Isaiah. *As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, . . . , so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall . . . succeed in the thing for which I sent it.* Any of us who have planted seeds or seedlings know that without water there will be no flowers, fruit, or vegetables. Without water there will be no nourishment for our bodies or beauty for our spirits. Without water there will be no sustenance to give to our loved ones. Probably all eight billion people on earth would agree that without water there would be no life.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God declared that His Word that comes from His mouth is as indispensable for our lives as water. It is His Word that created the universe, His Word that created each one of us and it is His Word that lives in our hearts and sustains us. We are not just matter that requires food, we are also spirit that requires God's words of love, appreciation, and encouragement. We flourish and thrive when we embrace the guidance and wisdom of God's Word. Three thousand years ago, Isaiah shared this truth with the world. Our lives are only whole if we receive the Word of God.

In the parable of the Sower, Jesus completed this truth by comparing the Word of God to seeds being scattered by the Sower. He clarified that some seeds would never bear fruit and he outlined the reality of birds eating them, weeds choking them and lack of supporting soil. God sends out His Word, but we are not passive receptacles. Jesus explained that we contribute to the success of God's Word bearing fruit. For seeds to grow, they need soil, water, weeding, and protection. For God's Word to grow in our hearts, we need to welcome it, we need to nourish and protect it, we need to return to it repeatedly. God's Word is offered to everyone, but we must open eyes, ears, and hearts to receive it. *Blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.*

Jesus concluded the parable with a beautiful promise. *Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.* The size of the crop is not important, whether a hundred or thirty times what was sown. Jesus does not reject the thirtyfold or judge it as less worthy. What is essential is that the Word of God is nourished in our hearts and grows, producing fruit of love and mercy, patience and compassion, joy and faithfulness. May the harvest be plenty, nourishing the world.

Tanya Taft



!!! Office Email Update !!!

Please note, the office email has been updated. Please change your contact in your phone to our new emails:

- Office/Reception/Sloane Secord: holycrossvictoria@rcdvictoria.org
- RMSE/Liturgical Scheduling/Joanie Bidlake: holycross-assistant@rcdvictoria.org

Sea Sunday 2026

Every year, on the second Sunday of July, Catholic communities around the world celebrate Sea Sunday, for seafarers. Learn more here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/sea-sunday-2026>

Diocesan Family Camp

Diocesan Family Camp is on August 20-23 at beautiful Nanoose Bay Camp. Details are at: 12thAnnualVictoriaDioceseFamilyCampandConference.eventbrite.ca

Mount St. Mary Hospital's 6th Annual Summer Fair

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 25. The fair is a free, family-friendly community event featuring live music, a BBQ, pop up boutiques, a silent auction, kids' activities, free trishaw rides, and more.

The Cycle of Life Tour 2026

On July 18-19, cyclists will ride 200K to fundraise for Hospices across the Island. This initiative supports compassionate end-of-life palliative care, counselling, bereavement support, & at-home care to over 12,000 people each year. Support our parishioner, Debra Prior: cycleoflifetour.ca > Sponsor a Rider > Search for a cyclist > Debra Prior. Thank you for your generosity, support and prayers for a safe ride weekend for all the riders.

Support Earthquake Victims in Venezuela

Following the earthquakes in Venezuela, D&P has launched an emergency appeal, calling on Canadians to give generously to help the Venezuelan people. To learn more please see: <https://devp.org/en/venezuela-earthquakes-you-can-help-now/>

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 with your name and contact info. The coordinator will contact you.

COLLECTIONS

July 5, 2026

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$1,947.00
Loose	\$ 287.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,445.41
Total	\$3,679.41

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.

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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.