

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 26, 2026

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, July 25

4PM MASS: Pro Populo

SUNDAY, July 26

9AM MASS: Hedviges
Pacheco+

TUESDAY, July 28

9AM LITURGY OF THE
WORD WITH HOLY
COMMUNION:
Livia Silva Simoes (INT)

THURSDAY, July 30

9AM LITURGY OF THE
WORD WITH HOLY
COMMUNION:
John Maccagno+

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CHAPEL

Open 9AM-12PM
TUESDAY - FRIDAY

LIVESTREAMING

SATURDAY

July 25, 4:00 PM

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

Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse go to
[RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry)

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.

This Sunday, July 26th, is the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's readings we are invited to consider what we value. Where do we put our energies and to what do we give our attention? What do we treasure? Every one of the four scripture passages identifies something that is valued.

In 1Kings, Solomon asked God for wisdom to govern God's people with justice. He did not ask for riches or a long life. He desired discernment to do right by the people because he respected and cared for them. *Your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people.* And God granted his request profusely. In Psalm 119, the psalmist appreciated God's law more than owning gold and silver. He treasured God's law of love and clung to God's words that brought him understanding. *Truly I love your commandments more than gold, more than fine gold.* In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul expressed how grateful he was to receive God's call to follow Him, helping him understand his purpose. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus invited the crowds to search for the Kingdom of Heaven. This invitation was so important to Jesus that He compared the Kingdom to three different situations, the treasure *hidden in a field*, the *one pearl of great value* and the net that *caught fish of every kind*. And this was after He compared the Kingdom of Heaven to good seed, a mustard seed and yeast in last Sunday's Gospel.

What is this mysterious Kingdom of Heaven that Jesus considers so essential? The words imply a place, maybe even a place in the future. Last Sunday, Bishop Gary said that the Kingdom of Heaven is not a place, not a future time. The Kingdom of Heaven is a person, the person of Jesus Christ. Just like last Sunday, today's Gospel is about God's astonishing generosity. Why does Jesus want us to find Him? Why does Jesus want us to choose Him? Because He has so much to give us and He wants to share His abundant love and mercy. He wants to fill us with peace, confidence, truth, courage, kindness, joy, compassion and all the gifts of His Spirit. Jesus longs for us to trust Him and become the people we were created to be. He wants us to realize that we are God's beloved.

If, through God's grace, we choose the Kingdom of Heaven as our treasure, we will continue to appreciate the beauty of relationships and all creation, but we will hold all these wonderful gifts within God's embrace of love and respect. If, with God's strength, we follow the way of Jesus, we will discover riches of the Spirit where we did not expect them. Our lives, our words and actions, will declare that we treasure Jesus, the Kingdom of Heaven, and all the real and lasting gifts Jesus shares so abundantly.

Tanya Taft



!!! Office Email Update !!!

Please note, the office email has been updated. Please update our contact info with these new emails:

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

Diocesan Family Camp

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

CCCB Launches New National Service

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has established the Service for Migrant and Refugee Ministry (Human Mobility), a new national initiative and is looking for a coordinator to lead this service. To learn more and to see the job posting see: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/the-canadian-conference-of-catholic-bishops-launches-new-national-service-for-migrant-and-refugee-ministry-human-mobility-and-begins-recruitment-for-national-coordinator/>

Diocese of Victoria Pastoral Care Training Fall 2026

The Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be Saturday mornings from 9:30 – 12:00, starting Sept 26 and running until Nov 28 (with no session on October 10). Register through the office. Zoom option, or an in-person option from Holy Cross's library is available. Please register with the office by September 17, 2026.

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. More information here: <https://devp.org/en/venezuela-earthquakes-you-can-help-now/>

Infant Baptism - Baptismal Prep for the Parents

To prepare for your child's baptism, parents must participate in a Baptismal Prep course (next session July 25, 10-12) and complete a baptism registration form. Email hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact info. The coordinator will contact you.

Appeal Administrative Assistant

Diocese of Victoria is seeking an Appeal Administrative Assistant with strong data entry and communication skills. This role is a full-time temporary role from Sept 15, 2026, to Feb 12, 2027. See the full job on our website here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>

COLLECTIONS

July 19, 2026

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$1,640.00
Loose	\$ 290.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,445.41
Total	\$3,375.41

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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.

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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