

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Parish Mission Statement:

Rooted in the community of Gordon Head and the University, in communion with the Roman Catholic Church, Holy Cross Parish serves the people of God by sharing, teaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY September 4th, 2016

Twenty – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From Fr. William's Desk

These are harsh sayings of Jesus in today's Gospel. Do you have what it takes to be a disciple? Don't panic: You don't have to "hate" your family. Though Jesus' words sound as strong now as they did then, see them in terms of the rest of what he says in the gospel passage, the big message which is: Measure your resources before starting on something, like a king contemplating giving battle or a builder sizing up whether he can afford to complete a structure. That means that we must *be ready* to renounce your possessions and to put our faith ahead of all else—including our family if it came to that, though it probably never will.



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The issue here is our discipleship of Jesus. That is serious business, not allowing for compromises. There is something unconditional in our being claimed by Jesus. My dear friends, when a follower of Christ is called they must go all the way. When a follower of Jesus starts to hedge or bargain with God, then discipleship becomes a sham. Jesus was not fuzzy-headed about commitment. He was on the way to the cross.

The gospel passage is all about commitment. And all commitment involves some kind of cross. Parents who are deeply committed to their children make sacrifices every day, especially those who are poor. The single mother works two jobs to support her children. She gives up social relationships for lack of time and money. She carries her cross every day. As someone once said, "*Commitment doesn't sit it out or sit it through.*" You've got to be in 100 percent !!

When 12th-century King Henry II appointed his roguish and playboy friend, Thomas à Becket, as Archbishop of Canterbury because he felt that such an appointment would guarantee his control over the church, Becket prayed in his chapel "*Oh, God, I am yours now. Give me the grace to stay that way.*" He was later murdered by the king's henchmen. Not a bad prayer for anyone whose eyes are fixed on Jesus. September blessings from the rock!

Rock solid in the faith even on my holidays!!!
Father William

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY	5:30pm
SUNDAY	8:30am 10:30am
Tuesday	9:00am
Wednesday	9:00am
Thursday	9:00am
Friday	9:00am
Confession:	
Saturday	4:30pm- 5:15pm

This Week:

- ◆ **There will be no adoration in the month of August while Fr. William is away.**
- ◆ **Wednesday Afternoon Social resumes fall session, Sept. 7 @ 1pm.**

PASTORAL CARE VISITS WHILE IN HOSPITAL

We remind the faithful that privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. If you or someone you love are admitted to hospital and would like a visit from your pastor or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or the VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2016/2017 REGISTRATION

The new year of Religious Education begins **September 25th, 2016** at 9:30 in the parish centre. Registration forms are in the foyer of the church, and the annual fee is \$30.

Please call **Giacinta Bewley** if you have any questions about the Religious Ed program at Holy Cross: **250- 889-0879**.

**AT THE LIBRARY**

(in the Parish Centre –Tue- Fri: 9-12:30)

How well-known, and prominent Christians kept/acquired the faith in these secular times:

- Paul Johnson (British writer and historian): The Quest for God
- William Buckley Jr. (controversial American broadcaster and author): Nearer My God
- Alec Guinness (British actor): Blessings in Disguise
- Karen Armstrong (prominent author on the origins of religious beliefs): Through the Narrow Gate

SOCIAL BRIDGE

The 34th year of this once a month social gathering at Holy Cross commences Sunday October 2nd in the parish centre. The evening starts at 7:00pm with social bridge followed by refreshments. If you enjoy bridge in a hospitable and non competitive environment you are invited to join the group. All levels of Bridge are most welcome! *Please contact Tony Southwell for more information at 250-477-5738 or via email: tsouthwell@shaw.ca or Mike Neal at 250-477-1309 or via email: mneal49@shaw.ca*

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL GROUP

The Wednesday afternoon Social group recommences on September 7th @ 1pm., in the Parish Hall. **New members are always welcome**, come on out for an afternoon of bridge, card games, good conversation followed by refreshments. For more information please contact Irene at 250-477-7380.

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY INFORMATION

The Catholic Students Association and Catholic Christian Outreach are looking forward to welcoming all new students to UVic or Camosun this year! Note that our offices have now been relocated to the UVic Interfaith Chapel. Please contact: Fr. Dean Henderson at catholic@uvic.ca, or CSA President: Sarah Kopriva koprivasarah@gmail.com or CCO Team Leader: Chantal Castelino chantal.castelino@cco.ca

Dates of interest to note and make available:

Sept 6th: UVic Chapel first daily Mass at 11:30am.

Sept 11th: First Sunday Mass at Holy Cross at 4p.m. followed by Soup and Soul

September 18th Welcome BBQ following the Mass.

Sept 23 to 25: Fall Retreat at Pioneer Pacific on Thetis Island with Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia.

PRAYER REFLECTION

“Our possessions are not ours—God has given them to us to cultivate, that we may make them fruitful and profitable in his service.”

—Saint Francis de Sales

FALL PROGRAMS 2016

- ◆ Could You Ever Come Back to the Catholic Church?
- ◆ Planning for the Future: Your gift to your family
- ◆ Healing Gifts for Wounded Hands: A receptive ecumenism workshop
- ◆ Catholicism Faith Formation Program: A video/participant discussion series

More information, dates and sign up sheets are in the foyer of the church and at the parish office.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- * **JOURNEY OF FAITH PILGRIMAGE: September 18 – October 5, 2017:** Tour Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Haifa, Cana, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem’s old city; trace the Stations of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa, and more! Price: \$5,390 based on double occupancy. For detailed itinerary or to sign up, contact Denise Buckley at two-bucks@shaw.ca or call 250-339-1807. **Pilgrimage Chaplain:** Fr. John Laszczyk.
- * **MUSIC IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE:** Why not add a monthly practice of prayer and meditation to your fall? All are welcome to attend the Victoria ecumenical Music and Prayer in the Style of Taize services at St John the Divine Anglican. Fridays, September 16, October 21 and November 25, 6 - 7 pm. 1611 Quadra Street.
- * **JOB OPPORTUNITY:** **Island Catholic Schools** is looking for responsible adults to be Part-Time After School Care Workers (3:00-6:00 Mon-Fri) for schools in Victoria and Chemainus. Interested persons are invited to view our website for application forms and application requirements. <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>
- * **FALL CATECHISTS WORKSHOP:** Saturday **September 17, 2016** from 8:30am to 3:00 pm at the Church of the Ascension, in Parksville. For more information contact: Glen Palahicky gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH:

SUNDAY, September 4th

8:30 am Mass:
10:30 am Mass: **Bradley Graham (+)**

MONDAY, September 5th

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, September 6th

9:00 am Mass: **Iris Whiston (+)**

WEDNESDAY, September 7th

9:00 am Mass: **Gladys Haid (+)**
1:00 pm Wednesday Afternoon
Social Group

THURSDAY, September 8th

9:00 am Mass: **Dorothy Burke (+)**
6:30 pm Rosary Prayer Group

FRIDAY, September 9th

9:00 am Mass: **John & Mary Doyle (+)**

SATURDAY, September 10th

4:30-5:15 Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass: **Russel Morrison (+)**

SUNDAY, September 11th

8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass: **Frank Oldridge (+)**
4:00 pm Mass

Fr. Jim Bekkema will be here for weekend ministry. *For after hours emergency **only*** contact him at 250-588-3128 or jimbekkema@shaw.ca.

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Fr. Jim Bekkema, for celebrating mass for us while Father William is away. We look forward to seeing him again next summer!

CONTACTS

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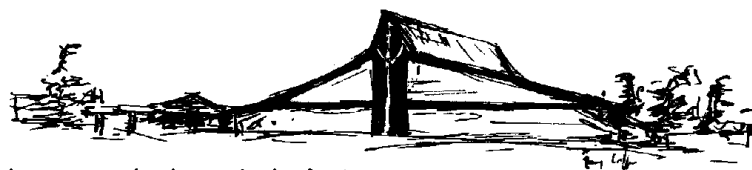
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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Liturgical Ministers		
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Music	Various Choirs	250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir.	Ann Francis	250-477-8650
Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
Sun. Coffee, 10:30	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Bulletin Folders	Vicki Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Sacramental Wine	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339

SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY

Responsible Min.	Martha Oleson	250-477-6455
	Janita McHugh	250-220-4778
Parish Council	Esther Gormley	250-360-0107
Finance	David Begg	250-658-0870
Maintenance/Bldg.	Ed Boomars	250-881-8124
Cleaning Kitchens	Loretta MacDonald	250-477-6682
Annual Shed Clean	Jack Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Parish Grounds	Joe Mendonca	250-888-8930
Social/Comm. Life		
Baptism Prep.	Cynthia Watson	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Mom's/Tots	Partnership with St. Patrick's	
Children's Rel. Ed.	Giacinta Bewley	250-704-0204



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COLLECTION August 28th, 2016

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$1,925.00
Loose	\$ 470.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 900.00
TOTAL	\$3,295.00

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891
Catholicism	Jona De Jesus	250-858-5924
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Bereavement / Funeral / Follow-Up	Pat Protti	250-477-7507
	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Funeral Reception	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322

SERVING COMMUNITIES BEYOND OUR DOORS

Diocesan Appeal

Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
RCIA	Glenn Palahicky	250-479-1331
	Phil / Sheila Wall	778-265-2134
RCIC	Dan Taft	250-721-0821
Ecumenism	Terry Marner	250-380-0157
Social & Eco. Justice	Trish Westwood	250-477-6032
Anawim	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent	Sheila Wall	778-265-2134
Refugees	Trudy Holden	250-472-1079
St. Vincent De Paul	Martin Fletcher	250-592-9297
Univ/Camosun Bursaries	Tony Southwell	250-477-5738
Uvic/Camosun Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455