



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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## SUNDAY January 31st, 2016

### *Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

#### From Fr. William's Desk

Today's gospel passage tells us of the conclusion of Jesus's very first sermon and some of its aftermath. We heard some of the content of that sermon last week. What a beginning! At first, the sermon has a powerful impact on Jesus' fellow Nazarenes. Luke tells us "All spoke highly of him and they were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips.



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But today's gospel passage tells us this is not the whole story. Suddenly the mood changes. The people seem surprised to hear this from a "home town" boy. The people of Nazareth seem to think his message is entirely too radical. In the end the people not only reject Jesus, but try to kill him. They try to throw him over a cliff. But, this time, he is able to escape until another day.

This story says a lot about our own responses to Jesus. All of us hesitate to accept the message wholeheartedly. Why? I think the deep root to these hesitations—fear. The message Jesus proclaims is really quite disruptive—it can turn our lives and our world upside down. Imagine: healing the sick, setting captives free, and bringing justice to the poor and oppressed. This can make trouble. And it is easy to see how the idea that our lives could be disrupted leads to fear. Such fear makes us resist.

This gives us a clue to how we can overcome our resistance. We need to overcome fear of the disruption the gospel can bring. How? We could start by listening to the first reading's reassurance to Jeremiah when he fears God's call will lead him into danger. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." Do not be afraid! "I am with you to deliver you." *Love bears and endures all things.* Thank God for that! There would be no love in the world if love wasn't a pillar of iron and a wall of brass in its resolve to keep on loving no matter what returns it receives. *Love remains.* Such is our hope. Speaking of love, I needed to be with family in Newfoundland this week to love and receive their love. See you next week.

*Love is patient, love is kind.*

*Father William*

#### MASS TIMES

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

#### This Week at Holy Cross:

- ◆ Father William will be out of office from Jan. 27th until Feb. 4th. Friar Dan will be presiding over all weekday and weekend masses in his absence.
- ◆ Sunday Jan. 31st: Baptism of Alexa Douglas, 10:30 mass



## VALENTINE'S MIX & MINGLE FOR SINGLES

**Calling all Catholic singles aged 30 to 50!** This is a great opportunity to come out and meet new people. Holy Cross Parish is hosting a Mix and Mingle for Singles in the Parish Hall on **Friday February 12th, starting at 7:30**. Tickets will be \$20. Space will be limited so hurry and RSVP by calling or emailing Holy Cross Parish at: 250-477-5321 or [office@holycrossvictoria.com](mailto:office@holycrossvictoria.com).

**JUST BECAUSE WE'RE SINGLE DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T MIX AND MINGLE!**

## REFUGEE COMMITTEE NEEDS STORAGE SPACE

### **SEEKING COMPLIMENTARY STORAGE SPACE.....**

Many people have already phoned to offer donations of furniture, and household items for our refugee family. We now need a space to store some of these larger furniture items. If you have space (spare bedroom/warehouse) to share until the family's arrival (within 6-12 months), or know someone who might (friend/relative, storage facility owner), please contact **BOB FRANCIS at 250-477-8650**. Thank you!

## OLD PALMS

Lent is early this year. You are invited to bring your old palms to the office so that they can be burned into ashes. These ashes will be used at our Ash Wednesday service on February 10th at 7pm. Palms can be dropped off anytime during office hours Tuesday through Friday, or left in the foyer after weekend masses. Thank you.

## PARISH MINISTRY FAIR NEXT WEEKEND

Join us for our Ministry Fair before and after both masses next weekend. We look forward to long-term faithful volunteers but we also need new ones. If you want to continue we are delighted. If you want to take a break, we won't feel slighted.

## HEALING MINISTRY OF CHRIST: SESSION I

Pastoral Care Outreach Program Session I: *The Healing Ministry of Christ* on **Saturday, February 13**, from 9am – 2pm at Holy Cross. All Pastoral Care Outreach workshops are open to anyone who wants to understand the practical aspects of pastoral care; current hospital and homebound parish visitors who want to become more effective in their ministry; parishioners who look after their own family members; other caregivers; anyone interested in knowing more about their faith; and those for whom this program is an opportunity for professional development. For continuity, we recommend that participants attend all four workshops, if possible. Please bring a bag lunch; coffee and tea will be provided. Contact the parish office to register: 250-477-5321 or email [office@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:office@holycrossvictoria.org).

## PARISH SUPPORTER FORM

For families who need to have Parish Supporter Forms filled out for the Island Catholic School for the 2016/2017 school year, Fr. William would like to meet you after either the 8:30 or 10:30 mass on Sunday February 7th. Please bring your forms on this day, and stay after mass. If you have any other questions please call the office. Thank you.

## CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A note to parents with children in religious education classes, there will no classes on February 7th, as the Monday is BC Family Day! Enjoy your time together and see you on the 14th.

**POPE FRANCIS ON MERCY—QUOTE**

“We need to safeguard our smallness in order to have a personal dialogue with God. God always speaks to us on a personal level, using our names. It’s never a dialogue between the powerful and the masses.”

**AT THE LIBRARY**

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

*Personal pilgrimages of prominent individuals who share their stories of faith.*

- Blessings in disguise by Alec Guinness (British actor)
- Nearer My God by William Buckley Jr. (American broadcaster and author)
- Through the Narrow Gate by Karen Armstrong (British author)
- The Quest for God by Paul Johnson (historian)

***These and others are on the Suggestion Shelf***

**REFUGEE UPDATE**

The application process for the refugees has been started BUT it could be a year, hopefully not longer, before the family arrives in Victoria/Holy Cross. Carol Tyshynski has sign-up sheets, for donations of household/furniture items, in the foyer of the Church. Please note that we do not have storage so we cannot accept most donations especially of larger items until the family arrives. Also, to help Carol keep track of donations please make sure she knows about any donations that you wish to make [refugees@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:refugees@holycrossvictoria.org).

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN CONVERSATIONS IN MERCY**

On February 17th, 24th and on March 2nd, 9th and 16th from 7 to 8pm we will explore the theme of mercy from the perspective of healing and gratitude, belonging and not belonging, being a pilgrim, mercy in prison and mercy in politics. More information to follow.

**THE THEME OF MERCY IN SCRIPTURE**

Join Dr. Les McKeown as he hosts five lectures on the theme of mercy in scripture. Sessions run on February 18th, and 25th, March 3rd, 10th and 17th from 7 to 9pm. Please register via email at [office@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:office@holycrossvictoria.org) or by phone 250-477-5321.

**VOCATION LIVE-IN**

On the weekend of **February 12 - 14**, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH:**

**SUNDAY, January 31st**

8:30 am	Mass: <b>Luciana Soares (+)</b>
10:30 am	Mass: Baptism <b>Alexa Douglas</b>
4:00 pm	Mass

**MONDAY, February 1st**

OFFICE CLOSED  
 10:00 am Joint Wellness

**TUESDAY, February 2nd**

9:00 am	Mass: <b>Bill Malcomson (+)</b>
9:45 - 11:00	Adoration in Fr. Joe Chapel

**WEDNESDAY, February 3rd**

9:00 am	Mass: <b>Michael DeMeo (+)</b>
9:45 - 11:00	Adoration in Fr. Joe Chapel
1:00 pm	Wednesday Social Group
3:00-7:00pm	CCO Summit
7:00 pm	Duplicate Bridge

**THURSDAY, February 4th**

9:00 am	Mass: <b>Bridie Thomas (+)</b>
10:00 am	Joint Wellness
6:30 pm	Rosary Prayer Group

**FRIDAY, February 5th**

9:00 am	Mass: <b>Jim Byrne (+)</b>
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**SATURDAY, February 6th**

4:30-5:15	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm	Mass: <b>Bridie Thomas (+)</b>

**SUNDAY, February 7th**

8:30 am	Mass:
10:30 am	Mass: <b>Francisco Hilario (+)</b>
4:00 pm	Mass
7:00 pm	Social Bridge

**THANK YOU CORNER**

Thank you to Bev Pulyk for leading our Parish council in two consecutive weekends of strategic planning. As well as Trudy Holden and Anna Mendonca for providing all the food!

# Liturgical Ministries Schedule

SATURDAY 5:30 February 6, 2016

MASS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS
<b>5:30 Sacristan</b> Bev Pulyk  <b>Commentator</b> Terri Siemens	1. Esther Gormley  2. Tom Siemens	2B Fr. William 2W Leah Wilcock 2W Angela Tessaro	Pete Vijandre Evelyn Vijandre <u>Gift Bearers</u> Philpot & Labossiers Family

SUNDAY February 7th, 2016

MASS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS
<b>8:30 Sacristan</b> Carol Tyshynski <b>Commentator</b> Sheila/Phil Wall	1. Leslie Saxon  2. Sheila/Phil Wall	1B Tony Southwell 1W Barb McKrow  2B Fr. William 2W Brendan Holden 2W Shantie A.	3B Vic Knapik 3W Eileen Knapik  <u>Gift Bearers</u> Shanesh W. Wilf Woychuk Alex McAuley Jack McDonald Shanesh W. Jean Hayward Darlene Southwell
<b>10:30 Sacristan</b> Catherine Sindani <b>Commentator</b> Catherine Doyle	1. Gordon Reilly  2. Julie Vlaszaty	1B JJ Kavelaars 1W Pat Davis  2B Fr. William 2W Betty MacNutt 2W Florence Bushell	3B Mary-Lynne Britt 3W John Britt  <u>Gift Bearers</u> John Faulkner Bettina Mapa-Anglin Paula Coleman Getz Family

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**Hospital Chaplain:** Fr. Ian Stuart

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*\* Please call the office for information regarding Baptisms, Weddings, or the Sacrament of the Sick.*



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**COLLECTION January 24th, 2015**

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$2,156.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 555.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 670.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,381.00</b>