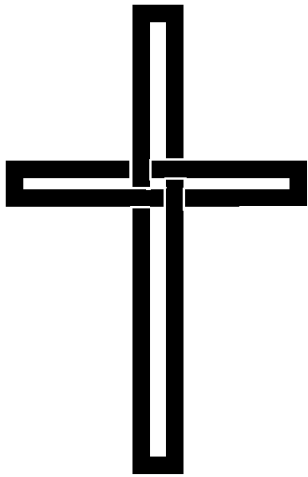


Holy Cross Catholic Parish



Parish Vision Statement:

Holy Cross Parish strives to be a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, inclusive Catholic community that gathers in unity and reaches out to attend to the needs of others.

SUNDAY April 23rd, 2017 Divine Mercy Sunday

From Fr. William's Desk

The last fact about Jesus is not that he was put to death, but rather that he has been raised from the dead. As the risen One, He lives among us and is the source of the hope with which we stand in life. The first gift of Easter is peace. It's a startling turn of events, given the action that preceded this hour in the Upper Room. There's been betrayal of trust, a vigilante mob, the cold rejection of religion and condemnation by the state. There's been denial of deep friendship and desertion by the cowardly. There's been confusion and despair, former disciples turning tail and heading homeward in hopeless defeat. Then, the facts get even darker and murkier. Reports of a vandalized tomb spread. Those who loved Jesus are afraid to go outside, afraid that the violence will engulf them.



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And when it seems the darkness can't get deeper and the violence is all too close, Jesus stands in their midst once more, gentle as the dawn. And he speaks of peace. He brings peace in his extended, wounded, glorious hands. He offers peace to those he called his friends. It doesn't matter they've shown themselves to be fair-weather friends, unfaithful disciples, doubters, and deserters. To a brutal world that condemned him to a violent death, Jesus comes to speak of peace. His second offering is just as incredible. Jesus extends the equally unmerited forgiveness of sin. Into a history as marred by selfishness as ours, Jesus brings healing and the hope that we are forgiven for all of it.

Would we do that? We don't have to ask. We already know the answer. What do we offer people who offend us, harm us, cause us untold grief and pain? How do we respond to a world of disappointments and fears and threats to our security? Do we walk through this generation of a thousand profound troubles as people dedicated to peace and forgiveness? When life hurts, when we've been hurt, are the first words that spring to our lips: "Peace be with you"? "I forgive you"? The mystery of Divine Mercy Sunday is that Jesus is that kind of Lord. Jesus moves through the greatest violence history can muster and comes out the other side as dedicated to peace and forgiveness as before. We hear no excuses about how he's been crippled by his past experiences and become an understandably seething Lord of wrath and judgment. No excuses, no reprisal. Peace and forgiveness. God's answer to the world's hostility is in gently extended wounded and glorified hands.

The prophet says, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" How beautiful are feet that walk back toward those who sought to destroy them. How lovely the hands outstretched to those who denied and disappointed. How astonishing the heart that knows cruelty, and returns full of mercy.

Divine Mercy blessings from the rock,
Father William

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Closed
Tuesday/Wednesday:
9am—2:30pm
Thursday/Friday:
9am—2:00pm
Saturday—Closed
Sunday—Closed

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY	5:00pm
SUNDAY	8:30am 10:30am 4:00pm
TUESDAY	9:00am
WEDNESDAY	9:00am
THURSDAY	9:00am
FRIDAY	9:00am

Mercy Chapel: Tues—Fri during office hours

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 VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Ian Stuart** to make this request.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The first words spoken by the resurrected Jesus to his disciples are 'peace be with you'. Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter *Populorum Progressio*, which states that Development is the new word for Peace, helped influence the creation of Development and Peace fifty years ago. Jesus and the Church understand the importance of striving for peace in our hearts and global community. For some nations, finding peace is made more difficult due to conflict, political instability and climate change. South Sudan, Yemen, Somalia, Nigeria and other neighboring countries are currently experiencing these crises, and the UN estimates that 20 million people could die in the next six months as a result. *Development and Peace is releasing a sum of \$250,000 to our partners in these regions to address these humanitarian issues. To learn more about the situation and to make a financial contribution, please visit www.devp.org or contact our Western*

MYSTICS IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION

This five week series will be presented by Dr. Les McKeown at Holy Cross Parish on **April 25, May 2, 9, and 16**. Sessions run from 7pm-9pm. *Sign up sheets are in the foyer of the church.* Please take the time to register. Topics covered include: Christian spirituality, Ignatian spirituality, Carmelite spirituality, major figures of 20th century spirituality including Thomas Merton, Edith Stein, Dorothy Day and more.

AT THE LIBRARY

(in the Parish Centre –Tue- Fri: 9am-2:00pm)

Easter Vigil Services of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist welcomed three new members to our Catholic faith. Beatified in 2010 Blessed John Henry (Cardinal) Newman (1801-1890) lead a long procession of luminaries into the faith: G K Chesterton, Malcolm Muggeridge, Graham Greene, Evelyn Waugh, Thomas Merton, Alec Guinness, Richard Neuhaus.

Their books and biographies are on the Suggested Reading Shelf

YOUR ITEMS ARE MISSING YOU

There are several items in the parish centre that need to be picked up by their owners. There is a brown tweed men's sports jacket (Perry Ellis brand) hanging on the coat rack. There are also several serving dishes in the kitchen that have yet to be picked up by those who contributed to the University dinners.

SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS

Joint Wellness—Monday and Thursday 10am

Wednesday Social group— 1-3pm

Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm

Social Bridge—1st Sunday of the month 7pm

* *Social Bridge wind up April 30th 6pm.*

HC Walking Group—Every Saturday morning at 10am for one hour.

**AGING WORK FORCE RESULTS IN
REDUCED PRODUCTION OF BASKETS**

If you SLEEP you WEEP...Hanging baskets now 50% SOLD. Lots of TOMATOES AND GERANIUMS, all for pickup 3rd week in MAY...phone ELLIS 2504776754. All proceeds to MT.ST.MARY HOSPITAL

PRAYER REFLECTION

By his miraculous entry through closed doors Christ proved to his disciples that by nature he was God and also that he was none other than their former companion. —Saint Cyril of Alexandria (d. 444)

I have . . . learned as a member of the Christian community what is the nature of God's mercy, which does not leave me to overcome my sin by my own effort. —Abp. Rowan William

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **2017 BISHOP'S GALA—MAY 6TH:** *There are only three seats left at Fr. William's table for Holy Cross.* Please let the office know if you would like to purchase a seat at this table.
- **DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE:** Attention Youth! (Grade 8-12) You are invited to join youth from all over the island for the annual diocesan youth conference. DYC is a weekend full of fun, faith, and friendship. Our theme this year is "More Than A Feeling", This event will take place at St. Andrew's Regional high school on May 26-28. If you have any questions about DYC, please email TEAMDYC@GMAIL.COM or Facebook VICDYC. The early bird deadline is April 19, so register by then to guarantee an awesome T-shirt.
- **MARCH FOR LIFE:** Join thousands from throughout BC on Thursday, May 11, for the 10th Annual Victoria March for Life: Canada is 150 Years Old and Human Rights Still Matter. The event starts with 12pm masses at St. Patrick's Church and St. Andrew's Cathedral. The March begins at 1:45 from Centennial Square; participants then walk to the BC Legislature where the Rally for Life starts at 2:15. The day ends with the Pro-Life Dinner at St. Leopold's Church (4081 Gordon Head Rd.). Tickets are \$25: www.ncln.ca/events/victoriadinner; 1.877.618.4275 ext. 3; anastasia.pearse@ncln.ca
- **SPRING SALE AT SACRED HEART:** Clothing & accessories, bedding & linens, quilts, cottons, attic treasures and house wares, **Saturday, April 29th from 9:00am – 2:00pm** in the Church Hall 4040 Nelthorpe St. Free admission and wheelchair accessible. All proceeds go to charity.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** *The Family life Conference is in need of Volunteers!* If you are 18 or older, with good leadership skills and interested in sharing a passion for the Catholic faith with children, ranging from wee ones to teens, then an awesome opportunity awaits you. Come volunteer at the Family Life Conference in Nanoose Bay, **August 25 – 27**. Volunteers will require a criminal record check, unless a completed check is already on file with either the Diocese or parish. For more info please contact Kristy de Bree at bedelia.debree@gmail.com.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, April 23rd

8:30 am Mass: **Bernard McHugh+**
10:30 am Mass: **Dan Taft +**
4:00 pm Mass: *last mass until Sept.*

MONDAY, April 24th

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, April 25th

9:00 am Mass: **Boudina Spruyt +**
7:00 pm Mystics in the Catholic
Tradition (parish hall)

WEDNESDAY, April 26th

9:00 am Mass: **Galasso Colangeli +**

THURSDAY, April 27th

9:00 am Mass: **Ricardo Gallaccio +**

FRIDAY, April 28th

9:00 am Mass: **Patricia Edwards +**
7:00 pm Franciscans & Friends Youth
Group

SATURDAY, April 29th

3:45—4:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass: **Roy Rolf +**

SUNDAY, April 30th

8:30 am Mass: **Lionel Morneau +**
10:30 am Mass: **Keith Hawkins +**

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Fr. William for all of the wonderful services and masses, the long hours, and the careful planning that he put into the very meaningful Triduum that we experienced last week.

Thank you Father William for helping Easter come alive within us.



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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

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Altar Server Music	Fr. William Hann Various Choirs	250-477-5321 250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir. Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Ann Francis Darlene Southwell	250-477-8650 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 Janita McHugh	250-477-6455 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 Annual Shed Clean	Loretta MacDonald Jack Ponsioen	250-477-6682 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	250-652-0204



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EASTER COLLECTION April 16, 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 6, 475.35
Loose	\$ 1,652.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 962.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,089.35
Good Friday	\$1, 494.10

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	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Funeral Reception	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322

SERVING COMMUNITIES BEYOND OUR DOORS

Diocesan Appeal	Ed Chwyl	
Franciscans and Friends Youth	Maritza Chouza	778-533-1736
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky	250-477-5321 250-479-1331
RCIA	Phil / Sheila Wall	778-265-2134
RCIC	Dan Taft	250-721-0821
Ecumenism	Terry Marner	250-380-0157
Social & Eco. Justice	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
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