

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

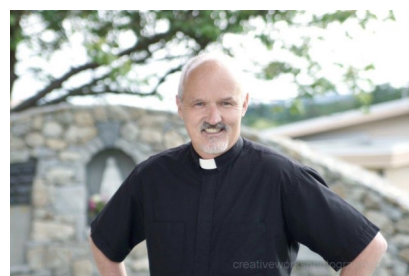
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SUNDAY August 21st, 2016

Twenty – First Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Fr. William’s Desk

The readings today challenge such thinking and invite us to consider what happens when we let our guard down and walk with vulnerability into the radical inclusivity of Jesus. When Jesus was asked if only a few would be saved, the question betrayed the answer anticipated. Jesus refuses to put a number on the saved or erect a fence around the possibility of salvation. Jesus does say the gate is narrow—but anyone and everyone is welcome to walk through it. God isn't putting restrictions on salvation. It's ours to choose. Jesus refuses to supply a number of the saved but does revamp the thinking of who qualifies.



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Forget about how many will be on the final guest list for the banquet; look instead to your own quality of discipleship. Jesus says we are to “strive” to enter through the narrow gate. Today's Isaiah and gospel readings show how inclusive is God's saving outreach. Narrow doors! They are open, but they require effort to get through. The narrow way that Jesus points us to demands awareness and choice. It also demands patience with ourselves and with God. How many people will be saved? What does it mean, “Being saved”? Realistically, to be “saved” means to live and to die in a close loving relationship with God, with others and with God’s creation. Loving each other in the name and the spirit of Jesus is really all that is necessary to be “saved.”

When we enter the final and everlasting banquet, Jesus tells us, we will be surprised at those enjoying the feast. God has a pretty broad vision and we will be surprised at those who “made it” through the narrow gate. How narrow is that door for you and me? How narrow are the doors in your life? How many of us can claim to have succeeded in walking the narrow way of unconditional and unremitting love?

The good news today is that: the door is always open for all of us. Yes, it is possible. Yes, it can be walked. BUT, it is narrow. So let us therefore strive to live this week, caring only for that which will allow us to pass through the narrow gate. The Gospel passage of today summons us to make the present count. If we make that our primary occupation, then we can rest assured that at the end, the Master of the house will know where we are coming from, and he will receive us with open arms. What is your “narrow gate”? How have you strived to get through it? The only significance of life consists in helping to establish the kingdom of God. May we continue to have ears to hear the demand for a seat at the table? I send my summer blessings to all from my abode in Champney’s West, Newfoundland.

Mercy within mercy

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:

- ◆ **Friday, August 26th , 1:00pm: Funeral Service for Henrietta Verstraaten.**
- ◆ **There will be no adoration in the month of August while Fr. William is away.**

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.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT

Holy Cross has a pre-authorized debit option for a more convenient method of donating. If you wish to switch your monthly donations to pre-authorized debit you can pick up your PAD package in the foyer of the church or from the office. For more information on PAD call Valentina at the office: 250-477-5321.

INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that begins to explore faith issues for those who may be considering following the Catholic Christian way of life. If interested, please contact Father William at 250-477-5321 or email Phil and Sheila Wall walls_in_holland@hotmail.com. The journey begins in late September!

HEALING GIFTS FOR WOUNDED HANDS - A RECEPTIVE ECUMENISM WORKSHOP

In the last decade new ideas in ecumenical thinking have given the ecumenical movement new and exciting momentum. This workshop will be an opportunity for participants to learn how these new ideas serve to revitalize our desire for Christian unity and in doing so revitalize the broader Christian community of Victoria. **9:00am-12:00 noon Saturday, October 1st.** For information or to register please email: tmarnar@uvic.ca

CATHOLICISM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

A Video/Participant Discussion Series

With creator and host Father Robert Barron, you will learn *what* Catholics believe and *why*, while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs and practices of the Catholic tradition. Date: 10am until noon, Fridays, Oct 7, 14, 21 and 28 and Nov 4, 18, 25 and Dec 2. Place: Holy Cross Church 4049 Gordon Head Road Victoria, B.C. Cost : participant workbook \$30.00 To register: Phone/email: Jona De Jesus at 250 - 479-7479 Jonadj@shaw.ca For more information please refer to poster in foyer of the church.

ANAWIM HOUSE

Anawim is in need of perennials for their bare garden beds. If anyone has some perennials to spare please drop them off into the Anawim basket, bagged and labelled and a volunteer will pick them up and plant them. If you wish to help in another way, and could spare a couple of dollars to buy plants for the herb garden, that would also be a great help. Thank you for the donations we have received so far.



Anawim volunteers are also looking for men's and women's *warmer fall clothing*. Any donation of clothing must be washed and mended. Thank you.

COULD YOU EVER COME BACK TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Date: 7:00 to 8:30pm, Tuesday evenings, Oct 4 to Nov. 1, 2016 **Place:** Holy Cross Parish, 4049 Gordon Head Road Victoria, B.C. To Register or for any questions: Call 250 477-5321 (parish office) or email: fatherwilliam@shaw.ca or gpalahicky@gmail.com

PRAYER REFLECTION

“It was for this world that Christ had died: the more evil you saw and heard about you, the greater the glory lay around the death.”

–Graham Greene, *The Power and the Glory*

AT THE LIBRARY

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



Who said these extraordinary lines?

Lord make me chaste, but not just yet

Love and do as you will

Restless till we rest in You

Too late have I loved You: Oh beauty so ancient, Oh

beauty so new

The church consists of the communion of the whole earth

St Augustine (354-430), bishop, philosopher, theologian, author of Confessions, the most read autobiography of all time. Feast day is August 28th. His life and books and wisdom are on our Library Suggestion Shelf

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: YOUR GIFT TO YOUR FAMILY

(For those who could not attend previous workshop given in June)

When: Saturday, October 1st from 1:00 – 2:30 **Where:** Holy Cross Parish Hall. How many times have we said, “We really should plan our funeral” or “I am not sure how to plan a funeral for one of my loved ones?” There are *two aspects* to a funeral – the church service and the funeral home arrangements. While many of us may have made our burial arrangements, we might not have planned the Mass or memorial service. There are many details to consider when planning a funeral. Come and join us at this short ‘how to’ workshop as we learn how to plan and prepare for the wishes of a family member, friend or ourselves.

“Preparing a funeral for yourself or someone you love is an act of love.”

We ask that you register so that we can plan. For more information and to register please call the parish office or email Father William at fatherwilliam@shaw.ca

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH

There will be mass at 5pm on Sat., Aug. 27 following Mass Devotion Prayers and blessing with the Holy Oil from Prague on the occasion of the **13th Anniversary of the Installation of the Shrine of the Infant of Prague, (Our Lady Queen of Peace Church is the Designated site for the Shrine for western Canada)** A potluck dinner downstairs in the Community Centre to follow. Everyone is invited. **RSVP:** by Aug. 25th, 250-384-3884

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH:

SUNDAY, August 21st

8:30 am Mass:

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

MONDAY, August 22nd

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, August 23rd

9:00 am Mass: **Jose Mendonca (+)**

WEDNESDAY, August 24th

9:00 am Mass: **Sr. Brigid**

O’Flanagan (+)

THURSDAY, August 25th

9:00 am Mass: **Joanie Hollett (+)**

6:30 pm Rosary Prayer Group

FRIDAY, August 26th

9:00 am Mass: **Foster Taft (+)**

1:00 pm Funeral Mass for Henrietta Verstraaten

SATURDAY, August 27th

4:30-5:15 Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass: **Noreen Condon(+)**

SUNDAY, August 28th

8:30 am Mass

10:30 am Mass: **Amaro Martins (+)**

***Holy Cross service award presentation after 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 everyone who helped move chairs around this week while we were having our carpets cleaned. Your extra help was much appreciated!

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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 14th, 2016

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$3,719.50
Loose	\$ 442.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 900.00
TOTAL	\$5,061.50
SVPD	\$1,052.00

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