

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

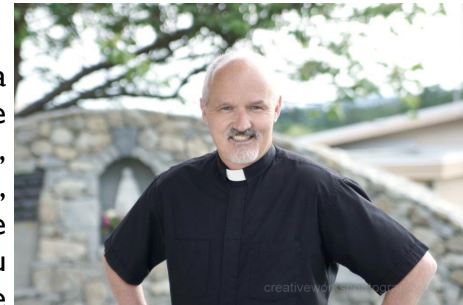
Our Vision

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

SUNDAY August 27th, 2017 Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

From Fr. William's Desk

When Jesus arrived in the villages of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "What are people saying about who the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some think he is John the Baptizer, some say Elijah, some Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." He pressed them, "And how about you? Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus came back, "God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn't get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself, let you in on this secret of who I really am. And now I'm going to tell you who you are, really are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out."



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In the Gospel, Peter does not become the rock on which Jesus is to build his church because he has an intriguing personality, but because Peter is an authentic disciple. Peter may have faltered and stumbled; but in spite of it all, Jesus recognizes in him an authentic disciple and that is what makes Peter the stuff on which Jesus can build his church. Authentic discipleship is what is called for. Who do we say Jesus is? We cannot let the catechism answer that for us nor is it answered by the titles we give to Jesus, but by what we make of Jesus in our own lives; be it as priest, married person or single person, as parents or as children, or whatever our position in life. It presupposes that we are willing to wrestle with Jesus in our lives, and that we are prepared to allow him to shape our lives, however uprooting and disturbing this can be.

The church founded on Saint Peter's back is identified with the likes of you and me. And this faith-family relationship is so real that Jesus says it surpasses the bond you share with your flesh-and-blood relatives. What a serious, sobering claim. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out. And that's not all. You will have complete and free access to God's kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, and between earth and heaven.

The anchor holds on this 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
MONDAY	No Mass
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 is 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.

WISH TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

Also suitable for adult Catholics seeking Confirmation. Are you searching for a Church to call your own? 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 these and other faith issues for those who may be considering following the Catholic Christian way of life. If interested, please contact the parish office at 250-477-5321 or contact Phil or Shelia Wall by email at walls_in_holland@hotmail.com or email Father William fatherwilliam@shaw.ca

WELCOME BACK BBQ FOR UVIC AND CAMOSUN STUDENTS

The Outreach Committee is planning the annual Welcome Back BBQ for UVic and Camosun Catholic students after the 4:00 PM mass on Sunday 17 September. About 90 guests are expected. This is an important outreach initiative to the students who form part of our parish, and will continue with five other suppers in the course of the academic year. The Committee will manage the BBQ and serving. We would appreciate volunteers to provide salads and simple desserts on the 17th. Sign-up lists will be posted in the church foyer for this and subsequent suppers. I want to thank all the parishioners who cooked for us last year, and those of you who plan to help out this year. (John Oleson; jpoleson@uvic.ca)



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL GROUP

The Wednesday Afternoon Social group will be reconvening on **Wednesday, September 6th, 2017** from 1-3pm in the parish hall. New members are always welcome. Come join the fun playing bridge and enjoying coffe/tea and baked goods afterwards. Contact Angie Speller (250-382-3908) or Veronica Rampon (250-477-1963) if you have inquiries.

AT THE LIBRARY

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

Two of the great thinkers of the late century ---- Gerard Manley Hopkins, a fine poet (whom Fr William likes to quote) and the other, a young philosopher caught in WW II who offered “a bridge between human suffering and divine perfection”.

- Gerard Manley Hopkins: A Very Private Life, a biography by R Martin
- Gerard Manley Hopkins: Poems and Prose
- Simone Weil, a biography by P Yourgrau
- Simone Weil: An Anthology of her thinking edited and comment by Sian Miles

DONATE YOUR ‘TREASURE’

Just a reminder that Holy Cross offers the following options for your financial contributions to the parish:

- pre-numbered collection envelopes
- pre-authorized debit (automatically out of your bank account on a monthly basis)
- gifts of publicly traded securities and mutual fund

Please contact the office if you want more information on any of these. Thank you.

PRAYER REFLECTION

Be a light wherever you stand and whenever you stand. . . . Be an example of truth, kindness, and justice. Be a reflection of the Savior.

—Justin Steckbauer

We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude.

—Cynthia Ozick

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **JOB OPPORTUNITY:** St. Patrick's Parish is looking for a part-time office assistant Tuesday-Friday, with some Saturday hours. A full job description is available at our parish office or by calling St. Patrick's directly at: 250-592-7391
- **ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL 125TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT SERIES:** Victoria Brass & Brassastic Quintets and Organ Brass Extravaganza. **Sunday, September 10th, 2017** at 2:00pm at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Admission by donation.
- **DIOCESAN WORKSHOP FOR CATECHISTS:** On **Saturday September 23** at Ascension Parish in Parksville. Ignatian Retreat with facilitator Catherine Kelly in the morning and varied workshops in the afternoon. *Don't miss it!* Register by googling Catechist Retreat on Eventbrite or using the link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/catholic-diocesan-catechist-retreatworkshop-tickets-37019950669>

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Matthew's Gospel teaches us to recognize who our Lord really is, and challenges us to use this knowledge to act accordingly. Let's pray that we will see Jesus in everyone around us, especially those who are most in need. Development and Peace's work is guided by the Catholic Social Teachings, particularly the inherent Dignity of the Human Person as created in the image and likeness of God. When we recognize this truth, our care for others is enhanced. Join us in our mission to call for a different type of development; one that is concerned for the integral well-being of the human person.

REDISCOVERING THE ART OF DYING BOOK ORDER

The books have arrived earlier than expected! If you have ordered a copy of this book it is now available in the office to pick up. If you have not pre-ordered one we have plenty of extra copies, just come by to pick one up or call the office and we will put one aside for you. Copies are \$18.95 each. * **Father William will be hosting a parish study group of this book in the fall.**

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, August 27th

8:30 am Mass: **Marge Jusevic +**
10:30 am Mass: **Hugh Loughran +**

MONDAY, August 28th

No Mass

TUESDAY, August 29th

9:00 am Mass: **Maria Huber +**

WEDNESDAY, August 30th

9:00 am Mass: **Helen Krisnar +**

THURSDAY, August 31st

9:00 am Mass: **Helen Krisnar +**

6:30 pm Rosary Group

FRIDAY, September 1st

9:00 am Mass: **Jerry Harrington +**

SATURDAY, September 2nd

3:45—4:30 Sacrament of
Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass: **Siri Gunasinghe +**

SUNDAY, September 3rd

8:30 am Mass: **Ian Stewart +**

10:30 am Mass: **Sr. Reynaldo
Calleja +**

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thanks to Joe Mendonca, for all the extra landscaping he has done over the last several weeks. Your hard work and the beauty it produces is much appreciated.

OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Holy Cross is in need of more outreach volunteers who can go out to visit the elderly parishioners who are isolated in their own homes or in care homes. This ministry is essential in our community. If you are interested please call Anna at 250-477-5321

CONTACTS

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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy Liturgical Ministers	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server Music	Fr. William Hann Various Choirs	250-477-5321 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 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	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	250-652-0204



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COLLECTION August 20, 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,995.00
Loose	\$ 375.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 962.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,332.00

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	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 Jr.	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