



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 February 19th, 2017
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From Fr. William's Desk

Earlier in Matthew the gospel asked you to settle on your way to court so not to be judged yourself. Now you are asked to deepen your relationships, to be kind and merciful, even with your enemies. Jesus speaks to us this week and he says: you are familiar with the old written law, 'Love your friend,' and its unwritten companion, 'Hate your enemy.' I'm challenging that.



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I'm telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves.

"Love your enemies." Is this too much to ask of us? What do we consider an enemy to be? Jesus presents a challenging chalice for all of us to sip. It is a wild puzzle indeed to me. How can I love my enemies, the ones who wounded me, betrayed me, laughed at me, spoke badly of me, undermined me and ignored me? Is it not best "to have clear boundaries and stay away energy?"

Jesus however does something else... He gives his best—the sun to warm and the rain to nourish—to everyone, regardless: the good and bad, the nice and nasty. If all we do is love the lovable, do we expect a bonus? Anybody can do that. If we simply say hello to those who greet us, do we expect a medal? "In a word, what God is saying to us is, grow up. You're kingdom subjects. Ouch!"

It seems to me that maybe today's gospel has an additional truth. While scripture this week talks about the importance of loving rather than hating the underlying issue is *holiness*: Why and how, as the Book of Leviticus says, to "be holy"—or, in Saint Paul's words, how do you become the temple of God which "is holy"? Living in a holy way makes you part of the holiness of God, the only thing in life worth doing because God is the source of all life; only in God are things *holy*: whole, complete, one. To go against that disrupts the covenant, and keeping this covenant means above all obedience to the superior party: not another person, not yourself, but God. We don't love because it's nice to be nice. We love because our relationship with God requires it.

Agape and mercy all the time,
Father William

MASS TIMES

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

Confession:

Saturday 3:45—4:30pm

Mercy Chapel: Tues—Fri during office hours.

Countdown for Lent:

Ash Wednesday is March 1st. Coming soon! Lent is a time of penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

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.

FEBRUARY GREEN TIP

Eat local and in season (eg. more root vegetables in the winter). This will help reduce the energy used in hot-house production, and carbon emissions during the transportation of produce from afar.

BELOVED DISCIPLES

Spirituality for the "Autumn of Life": A five episode DVD mini- course for the over 60's. Starting **Tuesday, Feb 21st** from 7-8:30 pm at Holy Cross Parish. Post DVD conversation will be facilitated by Fr. William Hann and Glen Palahicky. Come and be nourished. There is no cost but **registration is required**. RSVP by email or call the office at 250-477-5321 or pastoralassistant@holycrossvictoria.org.

TOGETHER IN CHRIST: AN ECUMENICAL STUDY

Starting on **Wednesday, March 8th** from 6:00pm to 8:30pm there will be a five week Together In Christ/ecumenical dialogue commemorating the Reformation. This will be sponsored by five Christian Churches including Holy Cross, Lutheran Church of the Cross, Knox Presbyterian, Grace Lutheran, and St. Luke's Anglican Church. Come to the table and share soup and dialogue. There is no fee for this course, dates and locations are listed on the poster in the foyer and parish centre, along with sign up sheets. Registration is required so that the meal prep teams can prepare adequate soup.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

The Lenten Reconciliation service at Holy Cross will be on **Thursday , March 23rd at 7:00pm**.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Attention couples! Coming to a hotel near you: The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend March 3-5, 2017 in Victoria. Learn a new way to communicate, and turn your good marriage into a great marriage! There is no group sharing. Register at: 604-876-7298 online at: wwmevancouverbc@gmail.com

SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS

Joint Wellness—Monday & Thursday 10am

Wednesday Social group—1-3pm

Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm

Social Bridge—1st Sunday of the month 7pm

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

**NAME TAGS**

A reminder to Ushers and Council Members that there are name tags for you to wear at liturgical and social events in the parish. Thank you.

PRAYER REFLECTION

From now on there can be no more wars of faith. The only way to overcome our enemy is by loving him. —*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*, *The Cost of Discipleship*

To desire and expect nothing for oneself and to have profound sympathy for others is genuine holiness. —*Ivan Turgenev*

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **SPECIAL MASS:** On **Wed, February 22nd**, the Bishops of Western Canada, who will be attending their annual meeting, will have a Mass open to the public at St. Andrew's Cathedral at 5 pm. All are welcome to attend.
- **REBOOT LIFE:** a life-changing event for parish and family, with internationally acclaimed speaker and author Chris Stefanick. "Live the life you were made for!" Wed., May 17th, 7pm-9:30pm at St. Patrick's Parish. For more information www.reallifecatholic.com/REBOOT or call 250-592-7391. Tickets are \$26 and can be purchased at the parish office.
- **WOMEN'S VOCATION LIVE-IN RETREAT:** For single Catholic women ages 18 – 35, March 3 – 5, at St. Patrick's parish. Hosts: Sr. Mary Sabina & Sr. Angela Marie. For more information email Fr. Dean Henderson at: catholic@uvic.ca.
- **VOCATIONS ROAD TRIP:** For young men, aged 18 – 30 curious about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Depart from the Cathedral on March 3 and return on March 4th. To register or for more information email Fr. Dean Henderson at: catholic@uvic.ca.
- **2017 BISHOP'S GALA:** *Imagine the possibilities ...* The second annual Bishop's Gala will be held on **Sat., May 6, 2017**, at Our Lady of Fatima parish hall in Victoria. Last year's event sold out in three weeks, so mark your calendars now and plan to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Tickets will go on sale March 15—more information to follow!
- **FILM:** "Green Rights: The Human Right To A Healthy World A film by Silver Donald Cameron & Chris Beckett. University of Victoria, Fraser Building, Rm 159 **Tues., Feb 21 @ 7:00** Admission by donation
- **OPUS DEI RECOLLECTIONS:** A men's recollection runs from **6 to 8pm** at **St Patrick's Parish** on **Thurs., February 23rd**. It offers periods of directed prayer, silent prayer and a talk. The ladies' recollection is on the next day, **Fri., February 24** at the same site. For more information on the men's recollection, contact Brent Boyd at [250 216-1915](tel:250-216-1915) or subs04@shaw.ca and on the women's, contact Elizabeth Boyd at [250-483-7459](tel:250-483-7459) or elizboyd@shaw.ca

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, February 19th

- 8:30 am Mass: **Mary Hann +**
9:30 am Religious Ed classes (hall)
10:30 am Mass: **Gilles Voyer +**
4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, February 20th

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, February 21st

- 9:00am Mass: **Carmen Rose +**
7:00pm **Spirituality for the Autumn of Life**

WEDNESDAY, February 22nd

- 9:00am Mass: **Mercy & Nicholas +**
7:00pm Finance Meeting

THURSDAY, February 23rd

- 9:00 am Mass : **Regina DeJesus +**

FRIDAY, February 24th

- 9:00 am Mass : **Eileen & Tom Scanlan (int)**
6:00pm '99 and I' Solidarity Dinner
7:00pm Franciscans and Friends

SATURDAY, February 25th

- 3:45—4:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass: **Mary Dezawager (int)**

SUNDAY, February 26th

- 8:30 am Mass: **Mary Hann +**
9:30 am Religious Ed classes (hall)
10:30 am Mass: **Bradley Graham +**
4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Pete and Evelyn for going above and beyond when it comes to cleaning the church, setting up, taking down, washing vestments, table clothes, etc. Your work and presence is truly a gift to our community.

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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. 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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COLLECTION February 12th, 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,806.10
Loose	\$ 457.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 962.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,225.10
SVPD	\$ 971.75

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 RCIA	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky Phil / Sheila Wall	250-477-5321 250-479-1331 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 Out- reach	John Oleson	250-477-6455