



Holy Cross Catholic 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 January 14, 2018
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the desk of Father William

The basic motive of today's readings is our being called by God. If there is one thing that the Scriptures impress on us it is that if we wait for God's call to come to us in unmistakable clarity that will once and for all dispel all doubt and ambiguity, then we may have to wait along time. In fact, we may never hear him call us.

But call us God does. The point is he does it in a very subtle way, in an inconspicuous way, in a very ordinary way. That can be no less unsettling. God calls us in the midst of routine reality. Notice the very first words we hear Jesus speak in today's Gospel: "What are you looking for?" I would like to think that Jesus addresses that question to us as well: What do we seek in Jesus. This listening to God's calling us is described in the Scriptures as following Jesus. It is really staying with Jesus, an abiding with Jesus, and giving ourselves over to Jesus whom we profess as our Lord, as the Messiah.

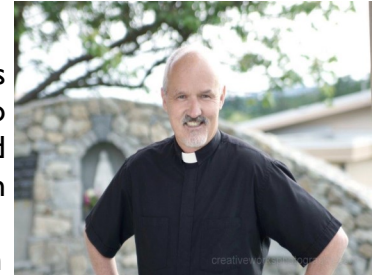
My dear friends, it is this interaction between a God who calls, and us who respond by following Jesus, which makes us into Church. Church is not for us a building or an institution, but a community of people who know themselves called by God and who are prepared to stand by each other in responding to that call. God calls us today. We must also be prepared to let ourselves be won over by God's grace, for it is God's pledge that with his power at work in us, we can perform deeds that we never thought ourselves capable of. It is all part of the fact that in God's eyes we are, despite our weakness and insignificance, the stuff of which God's kingdom is built. We have got all it takes to build the city of God. Perhaps you too had a surprising, forgiving, and overwhelming experience of the love of God. That encounter of grace will enable you to rise above doubt, fear and your own sinfulness.

Jesus walks into our lives today and asks, "What are you looking for?" What is our answer? Do we want religion as usual, something comforting and unchanging and unchallenging? Or do we want to know, as the disciples did, where Jesus is headed? To their question, Jesus replies only: "Come, and you will see." *Come*—don't just stand there, don't expect things to stay the same. If we want to see where Jesus is headed, we have to *follow* where he is going. "Our God is a 'walking' God," as the old spiritual reminds us. Discipleship demands that we are willing to move out of our complacency and familiar comforts and ask new questions of ourselves. It will necessarily mean change and sacrifice. Our time of decision, we see, has wheels.

On this World Day of Migrants and Refugees let us pray for refugees everywhere longing for safe passage and a place to call home. Pray also for the safe arrival of our families soon.

Rooted in Christ

Father William



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

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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.

GIFTS FOR ANOTHER WAY

Five congregations are hosting a five-week study in January 2018 that invites us to explore the possibility of “another way” during the season of Epiphany. The next session is on **January 17th at the Lutheran Church of the Cross**. The study starts at 6:00pm with a soup supper, followed by round table discussions and worship. Please register for these free sessions by signing up on the sheets provided in the foyer. For more information call 250-477-5321.

SONGS FOR UNITY

As part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Christian communities in the Gordon Head area will gather at Holy Cross to sing together on **Sunday, January 21 at 2pm**. All are welcome!

REDISCOVER THE ART OF DYING—A 5 WEEK SESSION

Fr. William will be hosting a five week book study on Sr. Nuala’s book starting **Saturday, January 27th from 1-3pm**. The program will run 5 weeks (Saturday Jan. 27th, Feb. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th), exploring 2 chapters per week. *Sign up sheets are in the foyer, please register for this program.*

AT THE LIBRARY

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

Some complementary readings for the 5 week session on Dr. Nuala’s The Art of Dying commencing Saturday Jan 27th

- The Journey Home by P Berman
- A Short Span of Days by L Freeman
- Do Not Be Afraid: Overcoming Fear of Death by J Arnold
- Peace at Last by N Autton

UNCLAIMED ENVELOPES

A gentle reminder that there are still a number of unclaimed giving envelope boxes in the foyer of the church. Envelopes will remain in the foyer until the end of January, after which they can be picked up at the parish office. Please pick up your envelope box. Using the giving envelopes helps us track your donations and in turn issue accurate tax receipts. If you wish to switch from the weekly envelopes to our Pre-Authorized debit program please contact the office or pick up a PAD info package in the foyer.

SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS

Joint wellness: Mondays and Thursdays at 10am
Wednesday Afternoon Social Group:
 Wednesdays at 1pm.
Men’s Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm.
Social Bridge—First Sunday of every month.
HC Walking Group—Every Saturday morning at 10am for one hour.

HEARING LOOP SYSTEM AVAILABLE

A reminder that there are head sets available in the kitchen for anyone with difficulty hearing to use during the mass. Once you put the head sets on you are tapped into the hearing loop system of the church and can easily and clearly hear the service through the head set. There are 2 sets available, first come first serve.

PRAYER REFLECTION

John points to [Jesus] and says: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." [Jesus'] taking away sin is still going on, he is taking it away from every individual in the world, till sin be taken away from the whole world, and the Savior deliver the Kingdom prepared and completed to the Father. —Origen (182-251)

Vocation doesn't come from willfulness. It comes from listening. I must listen to my life and try to understand what it is truly about . . . or my life will never represent anything real in the world, no matter how earnest my expectations. —Parker Palmer

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **ST. ANDREW'S HIGHSCHOOL FUND RAISER: CHANGE OF DATE!!!!** Please note that there has been a change of date for the fundraiser. The event has been postponed until **April 14th, 2018**. All tickets purchased with the January date will be honoured for April. Those who have bought a ticket for January and cannot make the April date, please come to the office for a full refund. Thank you for your understanding.

- **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER RELIC PILRIMAGE:** Saturday, January, 27, 2018 at 5pm at St. Andrew's Cathedral. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to venerate the incorrupt first class relic of one of the greatest missionaries and evangelists since St. Paul the Apostle.

Program for the Day

Public Veneration	1:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Confessions	1:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Anticipatory Mass	5:00 pm
Public Veneration	6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Confessions	6:00 pm to 9:00
Closing prayer	10:00 pm

**At 7 pm approximately there will be a program consisting of talks and testimonies along with praise and music.*

- **WOMEN'S BREAKFAST:** The next women's breakfast is **Saturday, January 20th, 2018 at 8:00am** at the Horseshoe Club (620 Kenneth St.). Guest Speaker is Bishop Gary Gordon. Cost \$12. Please register at <http://bit.do/Womens-Breakfast>. Registration deadline is January 16th.
- **TAIZE SERVICE:** In the instability of today's world, all creation is groaning. The Holy Spirit is also groaning, yet this same Spirit is the support of our hope. So what can we do? Please join us for one or all of our Prayer and Music in the Style of Taize services. Third Friday of each month, January 19, Feb 16 and March 16, 6-7 pm at First Metropolitan United Church. Come at 5:30 if you would like to join the 'pop up' choir practice with Diego.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, January 14th

8:30 am Mass: **Merlita Candelaria +**
10:30 am Mass: **Yvonne Taugher +**
4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, January 15th

9:00 am Mass: **John & Eileen Houlihan**
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TUESDAY, January 16th

9:00 am Mass: **Angela Murphy +**

WEDNESDAY, January 17th

9:00 am Mass: **Dan Taft +**

THURSDAY, January 18th

9:00 am Mass: **Harry Van Osch +**
6:30 am Rosary Group

FRIDAY, January 19th

11:00 am **Funeral Mass for Antonino D'Arcangelo**

SATURDAY, January 20th

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass: **Gus Medina +**

SUNDAY, January 21st

8:30 am Mass: **Dan Taft +**
10:30 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**
2:00 pm Songs for Unity
4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

A special thanks to Yvonne Pigott for her 30+ years service to Development & Peace. There are no words to adequately express the gratitude for your decades long volunteer dedication to raising awareness and funds for this global cause. Thank you for having your feet on the ground for D&P for all these years.

Our heartfelt condolences go to the family of Antonino D'Arcangelo, who passed away earlier this month. His funeral mass will take place on **Friday, January 19th at 11:00am**.

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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 January 7th, 2017

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 4, 665.00
Loose	\$ 665.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 140.00
TOTAL	\$ 6, 470.00

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	250-385-7007
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	250-385-7007
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