

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

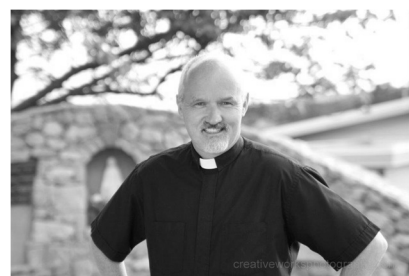
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SUNDAY July 10th, 2016

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Fr. William's Desk

In his encyclical Deus Caritas Est, his eminence Benedict XVI wrote: "the Christian program—the program of the Good Samaritan, the program of Jesus—is a heart which sees." When Jesus says to the lawyer, "Go and Do Likewise" he is giving him and you and me some practical advice ACT like the Good Samaritan—do as he did. BE like the Good Samaritan—be the kind of person (institution) who can BE neighbor to the person in need.



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This parable shows that compassion is the optic nerve of Christian vision and it also shows that some of us get that and others don't! Proust once said: "The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeing new lands, but in seeing with new eyes."

Dear friends, followers of Jesus have taken the injunction seriously—Henry Sigerist in Civilization and Disease writes: "The Christian faith introduced the most revolutionary and decisive change in the attitude of society toward the sick. Christianity came into the world as the religion of healing, as the joyful Gospel of the redeemer and of redemption." It addressed itself to the disinherited, to the sick and to the afflicted, and promised them healing, a restoration both spiritual and physical. It became the duty of the Christian to attend to the sick and poor of the community.

We must do likewise! How? Live compassion!!! Your neighbor is not the person next door. Your neighbor is not the family that lives in your complex. Your neighbor is not a fellow citizen, a member of your clan, your race, your kind. Your neighbor is the world.

In this story the stranger is a Samaritan, which confounds the issue because Samaritans and Jews despised each other. Jesus declares that the outsider, the Samaritan, is the hero. The one we hate is the messenger of love. The Kingdom of God knows no political or religious boundaries. As Fr. Thomas Keating writes: "There are no insiders or outsiders, no elite or non-elite. The abba whom Jesus reveals is the God of the human race as a family. Everyone must be concerned about everybody else. Unconditional love is the name of the game" Freud said the commandment, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," is the strongest defense against human aggressiveness.

As my mother would say, love, care and share,
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

- ◆ Congratulations to Michael Tran who was ordained to Transitional Deacon this past Friday at Christ The King Church in Courtney, B.C.

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.

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!

VOTIVE CANDLE STAND

The drawing is now in the office if you would like to look at it. This sacramental will provide a sacred space for prayer where we can light a candle and offer our prayers to God. The candle stand will be handmade by a local artist. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the votive candle stand please come to the office or place it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Votive Candle Stand."

HOLY CROSS PARISH SERVICE AWARD

Application Deadline: July 29, 2016 by 1pm

Value of the Award Five hundred Dollars

Eligibility

Holy Cross Service Award Committee will consider candidates who meet all of the following criteria:

1. Students who are in a B.C. School and who are graduating this year.
 2. Students entering their first year of full time studies in a University, College, Vocational or Technical School
 3. Students who are long time parishioners of Holy Cross.
 4. Students who have demonstrated consistent and devoted service for many years at Holy Cross.
 5. Students who fulfill the requirements of the application document.
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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

Contact: To register: Contact facilitator Jona De Jesus at 250 479-7479 or by email Jonadj@shaw.ca

For more information please refer to poster in foyer of the church.

MERCY REFLECTION

“Like the Good Samaritan, may we not be ashamed of touching the wounds of those who suffer, but try to heal them with concrete acts of love.”
—Pope Francis

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: fathewilliam@shaw.ca or ggalahicky@gmail.com

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria is seeking a full-time executive assistant to support the Chief Financial Officer and senior leadership by performing designated responsibilities to ensure optimal day to day workflow. The incumbent provides comprehensive administrative support in a professional, courteous and efficient manner while maintaining absolute confidentiality.

Please submit a résumé and a cover letter by August 15, 2016 to:

Leah MacKenzie
Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria
Email: leahm@rcdvictoria.org

ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS POSITIONS

Island Catholic Schools will be accepting applications for the following positions:

Approximately 2 teachers for St. Andrew’s Regional High School in the following areas: Math Specialist, Art Specialist, Rowing Coach and Teacher, English/Socials/English Language Development, French (0.15)

Special Education Assistants, St. Andrew’s Regional High School

Director for St. Joseph’s School, Victoria, Early Learning Centre

Special Education Assistants for St. Joseph’s School, Victoria

**Primary teachers for John Paul II School, Port Alberni
Special Education Assistant for St. Joseph’s School, Chemainus**

Application forms and details are posted on <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH:

SUNDAY, July 10th

8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass: **Nora Boyes (+)**

MONDAY, July 11th

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, July 12th

9:00 am Mass: **Claire Marie Gormley (+)**
9:45 - 11:00 Adoration in Fr. Joe Chapel

WEDNESDAY, July 13th

9:00 am Mass: **Nelson Farias (+)**
9:45 - 10:30 Adoration in Fr. Joe Chapel

THURSDAY, July 14th

9:00 am Mass: **Special Intention**
6:30 pm Rosary Prayer Group

FRIDAY, July 15th

9:00 am Mass: **Raymond Wildy (+)**

SATURDAY, July 16th

4:30-5:15 Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass: **Audrey Hendry (+)**

SUNDAY, July 17th

8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass: **Bradley Graham (+)**

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you Caryn and Michael Cooper for your long term Liturgical Ministry service. Your support is appreciated. All the best as you begin your university studies away.

CONTACTS

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Care Home Chaplain: Fr. Vince Borre

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COLLECTION June 26th, 2016

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$5,828.00
Loose	\$ 507.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 780.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,115.00

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
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

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	Larry Martell	250-477-9235
Bereavement /	Pat Protti	250-477-7507
Funeral / Follow-Up	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Funeral Reception	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322

SERVING COMMUNITIES BEYOND OUR DOORS

Diocesan Appeal		
Youth – Franciscans	Friar Dan Gurnick	250-595-7733
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	Tony Southwell	250-477-5738
Bursaries		
Uvic/Camosun Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455