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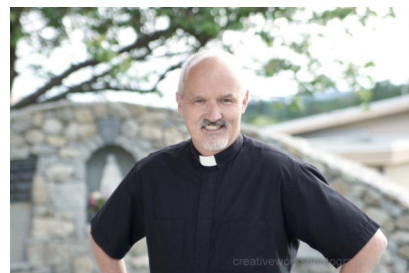
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Fr. William's Desk

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

"Ask and you will receive." It makes prayer sound so simple: All you have to do is ask, and almost like magic you'll get it. But God is not a vending machine of favors granted. Jesus' words refer not so much to what you pray for but the confidence and persistence with which you pray. With that spirit of prayer, anything is possible. Do we pray persistently?



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Jesus understood the deeply personal and specific nature of prayer. When he stepped aside to pray, the disciples waited till he finished to interrupt him. They didn't join him. Maybe they were scared to! Jesus knew what he was doing, and they didn't. Finally they got up the nerve to ask for advice. That advice, which we call the Lord's Prayer, is a blueprint for believers. Address God intimately. Praise God and declare your faith in the Kingdom coming. Ask for what you need, both materially and spiritually. And, as the following parable makes obvious, don't give up. God will answer! The intimate debate between Abraham and God is an example of how bold we're allowed and expected to be. If it's important, keep asking.

I read the following recently that defined prayer is a brick in the "sacred architecture" of time. Jesus tells us that apart from him we can do nothing. When we make prayer our constant habit, we guarantee that the activity of our lives, our decisions and relationships, will never be far from his grace. That is why dear friends, the habit of prayer is one true sign of a person of faith. Prayer is not something we do only for ourselves, to get what we need or to elevate our thoughts to God.

Did you know that? Scripture scholar John Dominic Crossan asks us to consider this: 1) the Lord's Prayer is Christianity's greatest prayer, but it never mentions Christ. 2) It is prayed in all churches but never mentions church. 3) It is called the Lord's Prayer but never mentions the Lord. 4) It draws from Jewish tradition but doesn't mention such common Old Testament themes as covenant, law, Temple, or Torah. 5) It undoubtedly transcends Christianity yet captures the essence of Jesus's core teachings Mysterious, universal, transcendent, hopeful—as Saint Teresa of Avila says of the Lord's Prayer, "If we study it, no other book seems necessary." This week, Ask..... ask, seek and knock!

Our father
Father William

This Week:

- ◆ Sunday, July 24th, 6:00pm prayer vigil for Ann Reilly at St. Patrick's Parish.
- ◆ Monday, July 25th, 12:10pm funeral service for Ann Reilly at St. Patrick's Parish.

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.

CONDOLENCES

We express our sincerest sympathies and condolences to Gordon Reilly and his family as they grieve the loss of their beloved matriarch Ann Reilly, who passed away earlier this week. Ann was a part of our Holy Cross community for many years, and we will miss her kind and loving presence in our parish. The funeral service for Ann will be held at St. Patrick’s Parish on Monday July 25th at 12:10pm, a prayer vigil will be held the evening before on Sunday July 24th at 6:00pm.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2016/2017 REGISTRATION

The new year of Religious Education begins **September 25th, 2016** at 9:30 in the parish centre. Registration forms are in the foyer of the church, and the annual fee is \$30. Please call Giacinta Bewley if you have any questions about the Religious Ed program at Holy Cross: 250– 889-0879.

The religious education team is currently looking for anyone interested in teaching Sunday school from 9:30 to 10:20am. If you are interested please contact Giacinta Bewley, 250-704-0204. Anyone interested in teaching will need to fill out a volunteer package which is available in the Church foyer .

THE POPES BOOK—THE JOY OF LOVE

There will be a Lenten Mission, lead by Glen Palihicky in the spring. The talks will be based on the Popes book “The Joy Of Love.” The office will be ordering this book, if you wish to place your order with the office please let Valentina know before the end of July.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN

This is a program for children, 10 to 15 years old, who have been baptized but have not received other sacraments. If you would like more information about this program please call the office.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Effective **September 15th, 2016** Fr. Alfred Alilio from St. Patrick’s Parish will leave on a one year sabbatical. **Fr. Eduardo Santos**, from Brazil, will be taking his place while he is away.

PRAYER REFLECTION

We have forgotten how to pray. We have forgotten that there must be a time when we are silent so that we can hear what God wants to say to us.
—Catherine de Hueck Doherty

DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE

Join other families from Aug 12-14 at Nanoose Bay at the 4th annual Diocesan Family conference. With plenty of opportunity to rest and play in the ocean, we will also be treated to a wonderful keynote speaker, Sr. John Mary Sullivan, FSE, from the office of Life, Marriage & Family for the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Bp. Gary Gordon will join us too as we pray, play & deepen our family relationships. To register: rcdvictoria.org; for more information: reineandian@hotmail.com

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.

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

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

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH:

SUNDAY, July 24th

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

MONDAY, July 25th

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, July 26th

9:00 am Mass: **Bernard McHugh (+)**
9:45 - 11:00 Adoration in Fr. Joe Chapel

WEDNESDAY, July 27th

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

THURSDAY, July 28th

9:00 am Mass: **Eileen Knapik (+)**
6:30 pm Rosary Prayer Group

FRIDAY, July 29th

9:00 am Mass: **Bernard McHugh (+)**

SATURDAY, July 30th

4:30-5:15 Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass: **Skip Arnold (+)**

SUNDAY, July 31st

8:30 am Mass: **Lee Burke (+)**
10:30 am Mass: **Joe Zapotichny(+)**



THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to our Wednesday Afternoon Social Group for the generous donation they made to Anawim House. We are grateful for your gifts of community and generosity in our parish and beyond.

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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 July 17th, 2016

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$2,615.00
Loose	\$ 425.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 900.00
TOTAL	\$3,940.00

Votive Candle Stand Donations to date \$4,380.00

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
Funeral Reception	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
	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