

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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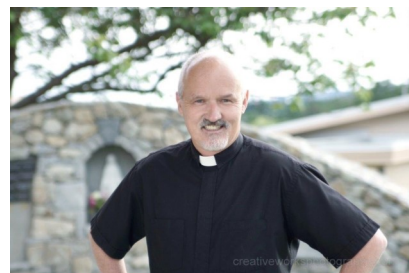
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Fr. William's Desk

MASS TIMES

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| 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 |

These last three sayings of Jesus are hard to take, aren't they? At face-value they are impossible to accept, let alone to put into practice. They must be handled with extreme caution, because, when taken literally, Jesus' hard sayings show that there is no such thing as a part-time Christian. We all need to pay the cost of discipleship. The message is clear: The kingdom won't wait. A disciple, too, must know when it's time to say yes. *Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ. I need you to know that I get the challenge in maintaining priorities and how difficult it can be following"*



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These harsh sayings of Jesus about discipleship are not meant to put us down, or lay a guilt trip on us. They may unsettle us, but that is healthy because they stir us on to more authentic discipleship. And I don't think any one of us will deny that our discipleship, yours and mine, can stand being spruced up a bit. Authentic followers don't look back. They turn forward. Elijah's summoning of Elisha comes in the midst of everyday activities: Elisha is plowing. Where do you hear God's call in your daily work? In the gospel today, Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem. With the church, you, too, are on the road with Jesus.

Pope Francis reminds us that sometimes hearing God's call may feel uncomfortable or even a bother, but still we must persist and work toward removing barriers and opening a path to God: "The Holy Spirit urges us to undertake a more evangelical way of life It is the Spirit who makes us free with the same freedom Jesus himself lived; the freedom that makes us children of God! Do not resist the Holy Spirit!" What is one barrier that might be keeping you from undertaking God's mission in your life? Jesus continues to call others, warning them (us!) that followership is a very demanding position. Only the most sincere and dedicated need apply. Dietrich Bonhoeffer said it best...Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ.

Blessings
Father William

Next Week at Holy Cross:

- ◆ Saturday, June 25th, 5:30pm: Baptism of Mateo Gutierrez.
- ◆ Sunday, June 26th, 10:30am: Baptism of Brier Dilts.

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!

LOVE TO SING?

The 8:30 am Holy Cross Choir is always welcoming new members. We rehearse at the church on Thursday evenings at 7:30 prior to the Sunday we are scheduled to sing (usually 2-4 per month). We will be singing over the summer so if you would like to join us please e mail choir director Janet Seale at dpseale@hotmail.com or check the bulletin under *This Week in the Parish* for our next rehearsal date. Music reading is not necessary, just a love of singing and desire to have fun!

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 .

RECONCILIATION AND HEALING THROUGH SPORT

T-Bird youth Soccer Fun Day! Come join this community event—family oriented, non-competitive, parade of athletes, children’s activities! **Saturday, July 9th** from 1pm to 4pm at the Naden soccer field. More information on the bulletin board or at www.aboriginalneighbours.org.



FEAST OF ST. CLARE

Parishioners are invited to join the Feast Of St. Clare at the Monastery of the Poor Clares in Duncan, B.C. on **August 13, 2016**. This is a first come first serve event Only 47 seats are available. For more information or to reserve your seat please call Perlita at 250-294-3175 or 250-598-1247, e-mail pamaranperlita@gmail.com.

MERCY REFLECTION

"Life is a journey and when we stop moving, things don't go right"
—Pope Francis

ORDINATION TO ORDER OF DEACON

Mr. Michael Tinh Tran, a seminarian for the Diocese of Victoria, will be ordained to the Order of Deacon on Friday, July 8th at 6:30 pm at Christ the King Parish in Courtenay. A reception in the parish hall will follow, and all are welcome. Please remember Michael in your prayers.

JAWL & BUNDON BURSARY

The Diocese of Victoria is pleased to announce the **Jawl & Bundon \$2,500 Bursary** for a graduating grade 12 Catholic student in the Diocese of Victoria who has been accepted to a post-secondary institution. The **deadline** for applications is **July 15, 2016**. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website at www.rcdvictoria.org/bursaries.php or call (250) 479-1331.

JOB POSTING—ST. ANDREW'S HIGH SCHOOL

Two Part-time Certified Educational Assistants, School Counsellor/Academic Advisor positions available. Application forms and details are posted on <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

ST. ANDREW'S HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2016

Congratulations to all the 2016 graduates from St. Andrew's High School! The Class of 2016 graduation mass and commissioning ceremony will be held on **Tuesday, June 28th** at 6:30pm at St. Andrew's Cathedral. All are invited to attend!

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Have you ever thought to be a priest or a sister? The Diocesan Vocations Committee invites graduates of Grade 10 and up to attend an overnight retreat on **July 9—10**, at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. Come meet our seminarians, religious sisters, brothers and priests, for a fun, prayerful & faithful time of fellowship. Register online at: www.eventbrite.ca and enter Come and Be. The cost is free! For more information contact Fr. Dean Henderson at: catholic@uvic.ca

VOCATION LIVE-IN FOR BOYS

On the weekend of July 8th - 10th, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the **Seminary of Christ the King**, Mission, BC. For more information call **604-826-8715**.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH:

SUNDAY, June 26th

8:30 am Mass:
10:30 am Mass: **Kirk Zadick (+)**
10:30 am **Baptism of Brier Dilts**

MONDAY, June 27th

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, June 28th

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

WEDNESDAY, June 29th

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

THURSDAY, June 30th

9:00 am Mass: **Joan McDonald (+)**
6:30 pm Rosary Prayer Group

FRIDAY, July 1st

CANADA DAY!
Office closed/no morning mass.

SATURDAY, July 2nd

4:30-5:15 Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass: **Marjorie Gunn (+)**

SUNDAY, July 3rd

8:30 am Mass:
10:30 am Mass: **Kirk Zadick (+)**

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to all the parishioners who came to the Skype session last Sunday to meet the refugee family. Your support was very much appreciated and the family was delighted to meet Fr. William and our congregation.

CONTACTS

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COLLECTION June 19th, 2016

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

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| Envelopes | \$1,045.00 |
| Loose | \$1,633.00 |
| Pre-Authorized Debit | \$ 780.00 |
| TOTAL | \$3,458.00 |

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

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| 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 |

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| 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

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| 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 |