

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

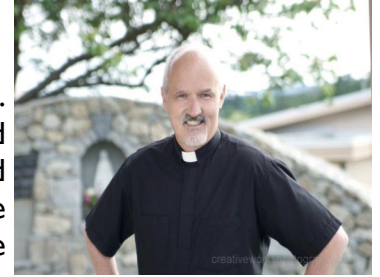
Mission Statement

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 March 25th, 2018
Palm Sunday

From the desk of Father William

This week is holy because of love, but it is love misunderstood. At the beginning of Holy Week, we have the panoramic view of the Passion and death of Jesus presented to us in Mark's gospel with all its drama and intrigue and details. We are placed by it into the very center of the events as they are happening. Listen to the different stories. Let them change your life. The entire range of human emotions come into play in the readings today, evoking connections with those of us who have experienced loss, failure, misunderstanding, injustice, illness, temptation, abandonment, and betrayal, as well as courage in the face of danger and faithfulness in the face of even death.



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They are everywhere in the familiar account of the Passion. People whose names we don't know but who play their part in the greatest story ever told. There are the major figures too: Peter and Judas, Caiaphas and Pilate, Simon the Cyrene and Barabbas the criminal, the Mary's at the cross and tomb, as well as Joseph of Arimathea. So - where do you fit into the story of teachings and crucifixion? Where would you like to fit in? What will you do about it? Jesus is always singling you out, and his relationship with you is unique and deep. You are someone whom he has taught, healed, forgiven, touched, and been touched by. Walk the whole walk with him this week. Keep your eyes locked on his as he reveals again the depth of his passion for you.

So how are we to enter this holy week? My friends, may I suggest that we enter the Passion of Jesus in a way that will move us toward genuine conversion and transformation. Let us recognize our own strengths or limitations in the characters of the story and note how Jesus calls them to greater fidelity. Or let us identify with Jesus. He willingly set aside privilege for the sake of others; he remained true to his calling, despite the cost that was exacted; he refused to meet violence with violence. Through it all, Jesus remained tenaciously faithful to God and lovingly open to all others.

That is our challenge as well to remain tenaciously faithful to God and lovingly open to all others. The conditions of our world may make us feel that this is a terrible week, not a holy one. But we can change this, if only in some small way. We will make it holy if we can begin to realize the depth of God's magnanimous love. We will make it holy if we can bring unconditional love into the lives of those around us. We will make it holy if we live according to the forgiving and healing standards of Jesus who, though disgraced, is still our hero. Learning to trust and love—that is the great thing.

Love always and never lose heart
Father William

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.

STARFIELDS: A FESTIVAL OF HOPE

April 13-15, 2018: Three mainstage concerts, 2 days of workshops, poets, authors, visionaries, open mic and more! All workshops are free, but tickets for the concerts are \$20 each and available through the parish office. The full schedule is on the bulletin board and in the office.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE—SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

Thank you for your generous support of the 2018 Share Lent campaign! Development and Peace –Caritas Canada thanks you for your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity **\$8,312.00** was collected in our parish. This sum will help support the actions of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the Offertory or to donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

It's that time of year again: Parish Council elections are coming up! There are three positions available for the 2018/2019 term. If anyone is interested in volunteering their time for this important role in our parish community please bring your name forward to the office or Father William. If you have any questions or just want to inquire please feel free to contact Fr. William or our Parish Council Chair Esther Sangster-Gormley.

AT THE LIBRARY

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

Coming this Holy Week: the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection --- the great events of Christ's earthly visit. In the Last Supper's Eucharist, his earthly visit continues:

On the Suggestion Shelf:

- *The Eucharist: Our Sanctification by R Cantalaessa*
- *The Eucharist in the New Testament by J. Delorme et al*
- *Sacrament of Unity by Cardinal W Kasper*
- *The Bread of God by T Kelly*

BISHOP'S GALA

Tickets are now on sale for the 2018 Bishop's Gala -- May 5, 2018. The Bishop's Gala Committee is pleased to announce that tickets for the 2018 Bishop's Gala are now on sale! Over the past two years \$117,818 has been raised to support our First Nations ministry. This year, the Ahousaht community, with Bishop Gary, has exciting plans that will be unveiled at the Gala! tickets are \$100 per person and are available through EventBrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-bishops-gala-tickets-42924482282>), or by phoning the Pastoral Centre at (250) 479-1331. Only 100 tickets remain, and **there are only 3 tickets left at the Holy Cross tables. If you would like one of these please call the office. First come first serve.**

PRAYER REFLECTION

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. . . . Let us spread before his feet, not garments or . . . olive branches . . . but ourselves, clothed in his grace. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him.

—Andrew of Crete (D. 740)

Dearly beloved . . . the jubilant and triumphant day that ushers in the commemoration of the Lord's Passion has come. That day for which we have longed so much, and for whose yearly coming the whole world may well look. Shouts of spiritual exaltation are ringing and prevent us from keeping silent.

—Saint Leo the Great (D. 461)

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **STUDY OF THE BLESSED MOTHER:** Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* at Sacred Heart Parish Hall beginning April 26 at 7:00pm and continuing every Thursday for 8 weeks till June 21st. No class on May 24th. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this visual journey will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. For more information or to register for the study, call Catherine Minvielle at 250-294-4923 or email cmaminvielle@gmail.com. Cost: \$35 for study book, please register early.
- **CARITAS CANADA:** Big garage sale on Saturday Apr. 14, at **St. Patrick's Church Hall, 2060 Haultain St. from 9:00-1:00.** Also at St. Patrick's on the same day is the Used Clothing Sale in the basement of the Hall. One stop shopping. All proceeds of the garage sale will be donated to Development and Peace to support their projects in the Global South. If you have items to donate for the garage sale, please call Marina: 250-386-3663 or Nancy 250-477-6952.
- **LITURGICAL WORKSHOP:** Want to understand the Mass in a deeper way? Are you involved in liturgical ministries? If yes, this Liturgical Workshop is for you. Why Liturgy Matters Workshop, **Saturday, May 12th**, from 9:30-3:00 at St. Edward's Church in Duncan. Free registration on Eventbrite. Bring your own lunch. Facilitated by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission Team. Contact: Glen Palahicky 250 479 1331 for further questions.

HANGING BASKETS!

THIS IS NO FAKE NEWS!!!!!! Hanging baskets, geraniums and tomatoes are once more available with all proceeds again helping **MOUNT ST. MARY HOSPITAL.** Please phone 2504776754 to order and arrange for pickup. On behalf of the hospital thanks for your continuing support Ellis Achtem.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, March 25th

PALM SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass: **Bernice Sheehan +**
10:30 am Mass: **Winnie & John King +**
4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, March 26th

9:00am Mass: Thanksgiving Intention
10:00am Bible Study (parish hall)

TUESDAY, March 27th

9:00am Mass: **Souls in Purgatory**

WEDNESDAY, March 28th

9:00am Mass: Lillarose McDonald +

THURSDAY, March 29th

Holy Thursday

7:00 pm The Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, March 30th

Good Friday

3:00 pm The Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, March 31st

Holy Saturday

8:30 pm Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, April 1st

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass
4:00 pm University Mass



THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Sid and Angeline Joss for their generous donation to our parish funds to help Anawim in their quest for a house for women. Sid and Angeline donated \$15,000. We at Holy Cross are deeply grateful as is Anawim House.

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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 March 18, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,745.00
Loose	\$ 530.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,107.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,382.00
Development and Peace 2018	\$8,312.00

Abundant thanks!!!!

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