

# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

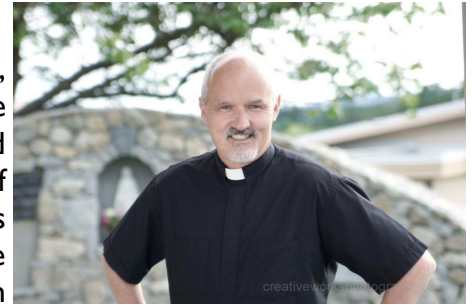
## Parish Vision Statement:

*Holy Cross Parish strives to be a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, inclusive Catholic community that gathers in unity and reaches out to attend to the needs of others.*

**SUNDAY March 26, 2017**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

### From Fr. William's Desk

In the gospel Jesus faced Temple leaders, the parents of a sight-challenged man, and the surprised man himself whose sight was restored in order to clear up their perception of inherited sin. Jesus wanted them—and wants you—to see the truth of who he is and why he is here with us: to make us whole. When in your life have you been healed and have those around share in your restoration to wholeness?



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Do we see what the blind man sees? He only knows the simple truth: that he was blind, and now he sees. And when pressed to name his allegiance, to God or to this “sinner” who healed him, the man opens his eyes even wider. “If this man were not from God,” the once-blind fellow says, “he would not be able to do anything.” Together, we seek to see what the man born blind has come to see. I am reminded of the quote by Thomas Aquinas: To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible

Sometimes God chooses the least expected, like he chose David, because God is not bound by human laws. The Lord looks beyond that and into the heart. David, a lowly shepherd boy, was to be a light and blessing to Israel and the one from whose lineage the messiah would be born. David is “anointed with oil.” The blind man is “smeared with mud.” Through these simple gestures, both men are given sight to be instruments of God’s revelation.

Because Jesus saw to the heart of the matter, he knew the man born blind could see far better than the religious leaders around him. The comedy that emerges from the cure demonstrates that. All of a sudden the man’s neighbors aren’t sure this is the fellow they’ve seen on his stoop all their lives. Isn’t this man supposed to be blind? The religious leaders see the miraculously sighted man and try to turn him once more into a conduit of sin. Happily, a person who sees can’t be fooled by the blindness of others. Sin leaves us in the dark. In Christ, truth is easy to see.

We, too, stand in the presence of Jesus. We wait for truth like a compass to point us to the way of life. We hear the Word of God proclaimed in our midst and recognize that the one who speaks is the one our hearts have been yearning for. To our hearts, Jesus is true north. If we follow the sound of his voice, we can never be lost.

Now we see.

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### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday**—Closed

**Tuesday/Wednesday:**

9am—2:30pm

**Thursday/Friday:**

9am—2:00pm

**Saturday**—Closed

**Sunday**—Closed

### MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 5:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am  
10:30am  
4:00pm

TUESDAY 9:00am

WEDNESDAY 9:00am

THURSDAY 9:00am

FRIDAY 9:00am  
**Stations of the Cross** 9:30am

**Confession:**  
Saturday 3:45—4:30pm

**Mercy Chapel:** Tues—Fri during office hours

**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.

**THINGS TO GIVE UP THIS LENT**

- **Fear of failure:** You don't succeed without experiencing failure. Just make sure you fall forward.
- **A spirit of poverty:** Believe with God that there is always more than enough and never a lack.
- **Feelings of unworthiness:** You are fearfully and wonderfully made by your creator. (see Psalm 139)

**REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES AT EASTER**

We welcome donations for the Easter floral display. If you would like to contribute to our Easter flowers and remember a loved one, please pick up an envelope at the back of the church. Once you have filled it out, place your donation inside and drop in the collection basket.



**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: SHARE LENT 2017**

This week, open your heart to the reality of women living in a country at war. Listen to the voice of Hannan, a Syrian woman who tells us how our partner's training centres are helping to change the female workforce and the financial autonomy of women in her region. "Through the training course, I personally evolved a lot as a person. Today, I dream of teaching sewing and running a learning centre." Thanks to your support during Share Lent this year, 280 Syrians will have access to an 11-week training course in sewing and psychological services!

***Next week is Solidarity Sunday and the Share Lent collection will take place. Please be generous.***

Did you know that in 1982, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada launched its first three-year mobilization and education campaign, entitled "Militarization: Obstacle to Development"?

**TOGETHER IN CHRIST: AN ECUMENICAL STUDY**

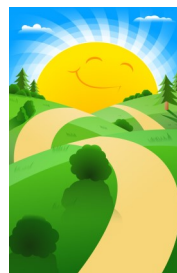


The next session will be on **March 29th at St. Luke's Anglican Church** from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Together In Christ is an ecumenical dialogue commemorating the Reformation, and is sponsored by five Christian Churches including Holy Cross, Lutheran Church of the Cross, Knox Presbyterian, Grace Lutheran, and St. Luke's Anglican Church. Come to the table and share soup and dialogue. There is no fee for this course. Dates and locations are listed on the poster in the foyer along with sign up sheets. Registration is required so that the meal prep teams can prepare adequate soup.

**SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS**

- Joint Wellness**—Monday & Thursday 10am
- Wednesday Social group**— 1-3pm
- Duplicate Bridge**—Wednesday 7pm
- Social Bridge**—1st Sunday of the month 7pm
- HC Walking Group**—Every Saturday morning at 10am for one hour.

**EASTER SUNRISE MASS**



If anyone is attending the Easter sunrise mass at 6am on Easter Sunday, and is willing to help out in the service please contact Anna at: [pastoralassistant@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:pastoralassistant@holycrossvictoria.org)  
**Thank you!**

### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

Blessed are the cracked, for they shall let in the light.

— Groucho Marx

There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true.

— Søren Kierkegaard

### **AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE**

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **THE JOY OF LOVE LENTEN MISSION:** Facilitated by Glen Palahicky, this two evening course will take place on Mon. April 3rd and Tues. April 4 from 7-8:30pm. Families welcome.
- **MYSTICS IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION:** This five week series will be presented by Dr. Les McKeown at Holy Cross Parish on April 18, 25, May 2, 9, and 16. Sessions run from 7pm-9pm.
- **JOB POSTING:** St. Andrew's Regional High School is now hiring for a marketing consultant: 25-35 hrs/wk; mid-April to end of June with possibility to extend **Application forms and details are posted on <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>**
- **CHRISM MASS:** On Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Bishop Gary Gordon will be the principal celebrant. At this liturgy we gather for the blessing and consecration of the oils that will be used in all our parishes in the coming year.
- **ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER GOLF TOURNAMENT:** St. Joseph's School and St. Joseph the Worker Parish 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at Olympic View Golf Course. Time: TBD. Tickets are on sale now! For more info contact Carlo Silverio: [sjslgolf@gmail.com](mailto:sjslgolf@gmail.com)
- **PASTORAL CARE SESSION 3: *The Grieving Process and Ministering to Families*, Sat. April 29, 9 am– 3 pm.** Do you care for family members who are ill, visit the sick to those who are in the hospital, extended care residencies, or who are homebound? Do you want to understand more about pastoral care outreach, caregiving, your own ministry, or your own faith? Please bring a bag lunch. Contact St. Joseph the Worker Parish office to register: (250) 479-7413 or email: [sjtwoffice@shaw.ca](mailto:sjtwoffice@shaw.ca)
- **2017 BISHOP'S GALA—MAY 6TH:** *Imagine the possibilities* Tickets go on sale March 15th through EventBrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-bishops-gala-tickets-32330852450>), **The number of tickets is limited ... don't delay**

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

#### **SUNDAY, March 26th**

##### ***Fourth Sunday of Lent***

- 8:30 am Mass: **Hugh Loughran +**
- 9:30 am Religious Ed classes (hall)
- 10:30 am Mass: **Hugh Loughran +**
- 4:00 pm Mass

#### **MONDAY, March 27th**

OFFICE CLOSED

#### **TUESDAY, March 28th**

- 9:00am Mass: **Lorraine Vadeboncoeur +**

#### **WEDNESDAY, March 29th**

- 9:00am Mass: **Hugh Loughran +**

#### **THURSDAY, March 30th**

- 9:00 am Mass : **Matthew Terry +**
- 6:30 pm Rosary Group (Church)

#### **FRIDAY, March 31st**

- 9:00 am Mass : **Mark Jusevic (int)**
- 9:30 am Stations of the Cross

#### **SATURDAY, April 1st**

- 3:45—4:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:00 pm Mass: **Sue Vanderstrappen (int)**

#### **SUNDAY, April 2nd**

##### ***Fifth Sunday of Lent***

- 8:30 am Mass: **Dan Taft +**
- 9:30 am Religious Ed classes (hall)
- 10:30 am Mass: **Hugh Loughran +**
- 4:00 pm Mass

### **THANK YOU CORNER!**

Thank you to Linda Poilievre, for the donation of the soup bowls for our ecumenical studies; and thank you to Maria Arruda and Shirley Lee, for all the hours they have spent in the kitchen on Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Happy Birthday to John Faulkner, who turns 51 today!**

## CONTACTS

### **PASTOR: Fr. William Hann**

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### **Pastoral Assistant: Anna Mendonca**

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### **Administrative Assistant: Valentina Boyd**

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### **Parish Council: Esther Sangster-Gormley**

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### **University Chaplain: Fr. Dean Henderson**

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### **Refugees: refugees@holycrossvictoria.org**

### **Care Home Chaplain: Fr. Vince Borre**

250-813-3402

## HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
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. Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Ann Francis Darlene Southwell	250-477-8650 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 Annual Shed Clean	Loretta MacDonald Jack Ponsioen	250-477-6682 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 19th , 2017

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 2,461.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 475.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 962.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,898.00</b>

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 RCIA	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky Phil / Sheila Wall	250-477-5321 250-479-1331 778-265-2134
RCIC	Dan Taft	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	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 Out- reach	John Oleson	250-477-6455