



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## Parish Vision

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

## SUNDAY May 28th, 2017 Ascension of the Lord

### From Fr. William's Desk

Today, when we celebrate the Ascension of Christ, we are not celebrating something in addition to his Resurrection. Rather, it is an aspect of the Resurrection. It is still very much Easter. When we hear that Jesus ascended into heaven and that he is seated at the right hand of the father, we may ask, what does that mean for us? Much depends on how we understand it.



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There is danger in the way the Ascension of Jesus into heaven is sometimes portrayed. It has nothing to do with Jesus being in some way the first astronaut. It is better to leave everything we know today about space travel and all the spatial images, because all of that is more than a hindrance than help. Nor is the Ascension of Jesus to be understood as some sort of farewell, a leave taking, as if he is now safely protected from all we have to contend with. At least I cannot find much inspiration and encouragement, if we supposedly have to believe in a Jesus who lives in a totally different and more secure environment.

Today's celebration is the ritual marker of the shift in the way the Disciples of Christ have experienced his risen presence. But the readings look resolutely forward, not back as if to a golden age now lost. In Acts, the disciples are prodded by angelic visitors to get to work: **"Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?"** In the Letter to the Ephesians Paul describes the power available to disciples as the same as that which raised Jesus from the dead: **"may you know the hope to which he has called you.** And in the Gospel of Matthew we hear Jesus give to the Eleven the "Great Commission": **"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ... baptize ... teach."**

Yes, indeed, today's scripture readings send us in another direction. Witnesses to Jesus in what way? By talking about him? That will not be of much use to anyone, if it remains limited to that. **From now on, it is by means of our lives, by means of our discipleship that we give concrete evidence of the fact that Jesus is not absent from our world, but still very much present in our world.** Without that, the significance of the story of Jesus threatens to be reduced to once upon a time story: beautiful, very moving even, but we remain at a safe distance from it. When Jesus shares with us the Spirit that encouraged him, it means that he takes us into a partnership with him on the building of his life project, God's kingdom.

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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

MONDAY 9:00am

TUESDAY No Mass

WEDNESDAY 9:00am

THURSDAY 9:00am

FRIDAY 9:00am

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

Ascension blessings,  
**Father William**

### **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.

### **"IT'S NOT RIGHT" ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION**

Following the 9:00am mass on **June 6th** Holy Cross will be hosting an elder abuse prevention talk, by Cari Taylor from the Victoria Community Response Network. This talk is relevant to the elderly, their children, caregivers, neighbours and friends. No cost or registration, please drop in! For any questions call Anna at the office 250-477-5321

### **FATHER LEO ROBERTS BURSARY**

#### **Eligibility requirements:**

Individual facing family difficulties / financial hardship.

Strong academic marks with experience in community involvement and volunteer work.

Full time student at Post Secondary institution/ college or trade school.

A practicing catholic involved in their parish community.

**Scholarship:** \$2000 per year. Scholarship will be renewed for up to three additional years based on financial hardship and need.

**Essay:** Write a one page essay ( maximum 200 to 250 words) stating your career objectives, your accomplishments, your community and volunteer involvement. Tell us why you need financial assistance.

**Deadline:** July 1, 2017

**How to apply:** email essay to Father William Hann at [fatherwilliam@shaw.ca](mailto:fatherwilliam@shaw.ca) or send in mail to Father William Hann, Holy Cross Parish 4049 Gordon Head Road, BC V8N 3X7

### **HOLY CROSS PARISH SERVICE AWARD**

The Holy Cross Parish Service Award is available to:

- A graduating grade 12 student who will be attending full time post secondary school.
- Students who have demonstrated outstanding service for many years at Holy Cross.

The value of the award \$500.00. Applications can be picked up at the parish office or emailed to you. *Deadline to apply is on July 1st, 2017.* For more information please contact the office.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY CROSS**

- ⇒ **Sunday June 11th at 9:30am:** Holy Cross Annual General Meeting. All welcome. Annual reports from Holy Cross ministries will be posted soon.
- ⇒ **Tuesday July 13th at 11:00am:** Automated External Defibrillator Course. Learn how to use our AED! We are looking for at least 15 volunteers who would be willing to learn (and use if need be) the defibrillator in the church. Training will be done by St. John's Ambulance. Call Anna at the office to register or inquire for more details, 250-477-5321

### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

Christ's Ascension means our future destiny is secured in God's kingdom. That is a destiny to dream about! —Donald K. McKim

Christ, who promised to make his disciples one in God with him, who promised that he would be in God and God in us, has realized this in a mysterious way: He has accomplished this great work, this stupendous privilege for us. —John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

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

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** Island Catholic Schools will be accepting applications for the following positions:  
**Full-time Administrative Assistant:** St. Joseph's School, Victoria  
**Early Childhood Educator:** St. Joseph's School, Victoria  
**Out of School Care Worker:** St. Joseph's School, Chemainus  
Application forms and details are posted on <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>
- **ST. PATRICK'S JOB POSTING:** St. Patrick's Parish is searching for a Custodian who will be responsible for all janitorial duties, minor maintenance, security and other miscellaneous duties in order to ensure that the Church and Parish Centre are maintained in a healthy, safe and sanitary manner. Schedule: Tuesdays to Saturdays, from 3:00pm to 9:30pm (30 hours per week). Please mail or deliver resume to St. Patrick's Parish, 2060 Haultain Street, Victoria, BC, V8R 2L7, or by e-mail at [stpat190@telus.net](mailto:stpat190@telus.net), or fax 250-592-7392.
- **SAVE THE DATE!:** Mark your calendars for **Aug 24-27th** for the 5th annual Diocesan Family Conference on the shores of beautiful Nanoose Bay! This year our speakers are Josh and Denise Grimard all the way from Bishop Gary's old parish in Telegraph Creek, BC where they serve as missionaries. Our theme this year is Our Mission: In the family, in the community, and the world. Special guest is Ryan Mitchell, our youth's favourite missionary from Face 2 Face Ministries! Email [reine\\_and\\_ian@hotmail.com](mailto:reine_and_ian@hotmail.com) for more info. Registration will be open soon on the Diocesan website [rcdvictoria.org](http://rcdvictoria.org)

### **SOCIAL LIFE AT HOLY CROSS**

**Wednesday Social group**— 1-3pm

**HC Walking Group**—Every Saturday morning at 10am for one hour.



### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

#### **SUNDAY, May 28th**

8:30 am Mass: **Jose Pacheco +**

10:30 am Mass: **Jose Mendonca +**

#### **MONDAY, May 29th**

9:00 am Mass: **Dan Taft +**

#### **TUESDAY, May 30th**

No Mass

#### **WEDNESDAY, May 31st**

9:00 am Mass: **Dan Taft +**

#### **THURSDAY, June 1st**

9:00 am Mass: **Fran Farrell +**

6:30 pm Rosary Group

#### **FRIDAY, June 2nd**

9:00 am Mass: **Dan Taft+**

#### **SATURDAY, June 3rd**

3:45—4:30 Sacrament of  
Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass: **Dan Taft +**

5:00pm Confirmation/First Holy  
Communion

#### **SUNDAY, June 4th**

8:30 am Mass: **Rayne Garnsey +**

10:30 am Mass: **Dan Taft +**

**Note:** Due to the annual Priests retreat, Fr. William and Fr. Karam will not be here next week. Fr. Ian Stuart will preside over morning masses on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. *No mass on Tuesday.*

## **THANK YOU CORNER!**

Thank you to Trudy and Anna for organizing the welcome for Fr. Karam last weekend!

And special thanks to Trudy for sitting in at the office while Anna and Valentina were away on Wednesday.

## **CONTACTS**

### **Pastor: Fr. William Hann**

250-477-5321 after hours: 250-294-9615

### **Associate Pastor: Fr. Karam Alraban**

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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**

250-721-8339 (office) 250-882-2151 (cell)

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

## **HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
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	250-652-0204



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## **EASTER COLLECTION May 21st, 2017**

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

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 2,485.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 500.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 962.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,947.00</b>
Peter's Pence:	\$ 353.00
SVPD:	\$1,514.00

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	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	250-477-5321
RCIA	Glenn Palahicky	250-479-1331
	Phil / Sheila Wall	778-265-2134
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	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