

# Holy Cross Catholic 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 November 19th, 2017 Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

### From Fr. William's Desk

The point of today's parable is that we take good notice of what each one of us has been graced with by God. What I am referring to is our ability to love our ability to give life to the persons around us. We have all been equally graced with that sort of talent. With that ability to love that has been freely given to us, we are summoned to make our own contribution, in word and deed, to the growth and realization of God's kingdom on earth. I cannot think of a greater investment by God in us than that one.

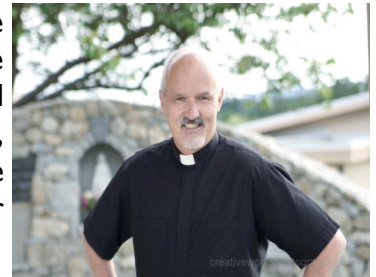
This story is about the end, and about the account to be rendered in the end. What today's parable suggests is that we make full use of that one God-given talent that we have all received. But then making full use of it, not out of fear for the eventual account we have to give of it, not out of fear of a punishing God who will take no nonsense in the end. That sort of fear paralyzes you. What a tragic, depressing figure, that third servant! Did you notice how the third servant responds to God? "I hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours; you have it back." He sees himself on contract with God; not in partnership with God. The two other servants, on the other hand, had a sense of the immense faith that God showed in them. They were thrilled by God's inviting them to enter into the space of his kingdom. And for the sheer joy of it they started to work. They did not allow themselves to be held back by, or they did not waste their time on worrying what account they would have to give of it in the end. For them, working on God's kingdom has its own rewards here and now.

In the end, this parable is about accountability, but it is also about believing in the mission entrusted to us. Do we live in fear, or do we acknowledge the greatness of our call? God doesn't want us to remain idle and to be satisfied with minimal efforts in view of the kingdom. God wants us to give away everything and to reach out to others. This is the only way we will receive the approval of the Son of Man.

If we work only out of fear, what kind of gospel have we received? This parable comes almost at the end of our liturgical year, so as to invite us to assess what we have achieved-or failed to achieve over the fifty-some weeks of the ending liturgical year. Have we made more talents with those we have received? Have we moved forward and made our family, our community, our society grow richer? Or have we buried our talents, fearing to be criticized or to be rebuked? Each one of us has that talent freely given by God. We have received it not to bury it, but to use it; not out of fear, but out of confidence and pride, knowing that by our doing, God's kingdom of love can be brought a little bit closer. The parable reminds us that we all have talents. Maybe not spectacular or dramatic like other people who get national or international acclaim; just ordinary, but nevertheless important.

Let us be legal tender for the Kingdom

Father William



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#### 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.

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

- **Rediscover the Art of Dying:** Fr. William will be hosting a five week book study on Sr. Nuala's book starting **Saturday, January 27th from 1-3pm**. The program will run 5 weeks, exploring 2 chapters per week. There are still a few books available so if you would like to reserve one please call the office.
- **Bowling with Fr. Karam:** All young *single* adult Catholics aged 20-39 are welcome to join Fr. Karam for an evening of bowling at Langford Lanes on **Friday, December 1st at 6:30pm**. Sign Up sheets will be in the foyer of Holy Cross Church or call the office to register: 250-477-5321
- **Meeting new people can start with a "SINGLE" step:** Join the walking social group for single Catholics, 45+. The first walk will take place in January from Holy Cross Parking lot. Coffee to follow. More info to come in the near future. For information please contact Michelle [milofox@shaw.ca](mailto:milofox@shaw.ca)

### **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

**This fall, let's pay tribute to women who build peace!** Across the world, brave women are coming together to struggle, to resist and to build a more peaceful world. This fall, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada will introduce you to three of these women. Consult our material at [devp.org/campaign/resources](http://devp.org/campaign/resources) and get acquainted with Luz Estella Cifuentes, a Colombian woman who leads an inter-ethnic political training school for peasant farmers, Afro-Colombian and Indige-nous women; Jamila Safi, an Afghan woman who provides training for imams and women on women's rights; and Rabia Kadiry, a Syrian woman who organizes workshops to build social peace in Lebanon.

### **REFUGEE HOUSING NEEDED**

The Holy Cross/SJTW Refugee Committee is looking for a two bedroom apartment for our refugee family. They are looking for accommodations that are \$1,500 a month. If you have any such accommodations, or know someone who does please contact Holy Cross office at 250-477-5321 or email: [office@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:office@holycrossvictoria.org).

### **DEMENTIA CARE WITH DIGNITY**

The "Dementia Care With Dignity" talk will be on December 1st at 9:45am. Keynote speaker Peggy Hancyk, who has been working in this field over 25 years, will be touching on topics such as: signs of dementia, what is normal vs. normal aging, tips and techniques to help minimize cognitive and behavioural symptoms, where to begin to find help, and much more. To register please call Anna or sign up in the foyer of the church.

### **AT THE LIBRARY**

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

**Science & Faith: Understanding how they complement and sustain each other:**

- *Proof of Heaven: A neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife* by E. Alexander (Harvard Medical School)
- *The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief* by F Collins (Head of the DNA Genome Project)
- *Science and Providence: God's Interaction with the World* by J .Polkinhorne (Cambridge Prof of M. Physics)
- *Rock of Ages: Science and Religion in the Fullness of Life* by Stephen Jay (d. Harvard Prof of Geology & Zoology)

**\*A Reminder: The lecture by the Jesuit G. Consolmagno, Director of the Vatican Observatory Nov 23, University of Victoria.**

### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

Fear only two: God, and the man who has no fear of God.  
—Hasidic proverb

Psychology says, "Let go." Spirituality says, "Wake up." In both cases there is a withdrawal from the busyness of daily life (our dream state) and a waking up to the subconscious and spiritual depths of ourselves.  
—Alfred McBride, O. Praem., The Priest

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

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **JOB POSTING:** Island Catholic Schools will be accepting applications for Teachers on Call for all schools. Application forms and details are posted at: <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>
- **ST. PATRICK'S OPEN HOUSE:** If you are searching for a wonderful, community and faith based elementary school with a lot to offer (or know someone who is) please come to St. Patrick's Elementary school's Open House. Explore the class rooms, listen to the children's choir, take a moment to talk to the class and specialty teachers, and experience the welcoming atmosphere of this Island Catholic school. **Wednesday, November 22nd, 2017 5:30-7:30pm.** Open to all!
- **JENNY DANIEL'S MEMORIAL CONCERT:** Wednesday, December 6th, 7:30pm. At St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Admission by donation. All proceeds go to the Thembaletu Children's Shelter in Anerely, South Africa.

### **WRITE FOR RIGHTS**

The Holy Cross Social and Eco. Justice Committee is once again inviting all parishioners and friends to join the **annual Amnesty International letter-writing campaign** at our Parish Hall on **Sun. Dec. 10 (2-3:45 pm)**. On Dec. 10 last year, we collectively wrote over 40 letters, urging world leaders to protect individuals or communities whose human rights have been denied. These letters can have a real impact! Visit [www.writeathon.ca/reference](http://www.writeathon.ca/reference) to read about previous success stories. Writing materials and postage will be provided at the session, and instructions given to first-time participants.

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

**Joint Wellness**—Monday and Thursday 10am  
**Wednesday Social group**— 1-3pm  
**Men's Duplicate Bridge**—Wednesday 7pm.  
**Social Bridge**—First Sunday of every month.  
**HC Walking Group**—Every Saturday morning at 10am for one hour.

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

#### **SUNDAY, November 19th**

8:30 am Mass: **Arthur Rowland +**  
10:30 am Mass: **Ann Lockwood +**  
4:00 pm Mass

#### **MONDAY, November 20th**

9:00 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**

#### **TUESDAY, November 21st**

9:00 am Mass: **Frank Scandale +**

#### **WEDNESDAY, November 22nd**

9:00 am Mass: **Maria Scandale +**

#### **THURSDAY, November 23rd**

9:00 am Mass: **Special Intention**  
6:30 am Rosary Group

#### **FRIDAY, November 24th**

**NO MASS/ Faith day for staff**  
**Office open until noon**

7:30pm Amazing Grace Concert!

#### **SATURDAY, November 25th**

3:45—4:30 Reconciliation  
5:00 pm Mass: **Ralph Pengelly +**

#### **SUNDAY, November 26th**

8:30 am Mass: **Sean O'Donnell +**  
10:30 am Mass: **Maria Huber +**  
4:00 pm Mass

## **THANK YOU CORNER!**

Thank you to the children in our parish community who raised more than \$200 last week, with their homemade cookie sales. This money will go to help those affected by Hurricane Maria in Dominica. Thank you children, for teaching us about hard work and generosity!

### **AMAZING GRACE CONCERT**

Fundraiser for a Women's Anawim House! Come enjoy this concert for a worthy cause. Admission by donation.

## **CONTACTS**

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

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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**

## **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 November 12th, 2017**

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

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 3, 625.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 565.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 1, 140.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5, 330.00</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 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 Out- reach	John Oleson	250-477-6455