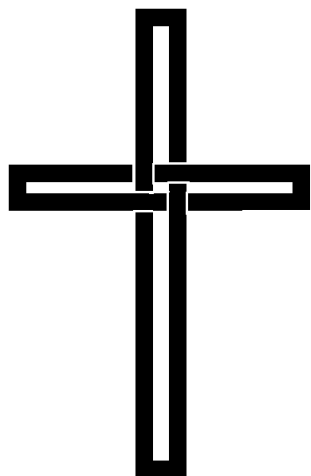


# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## Our 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.

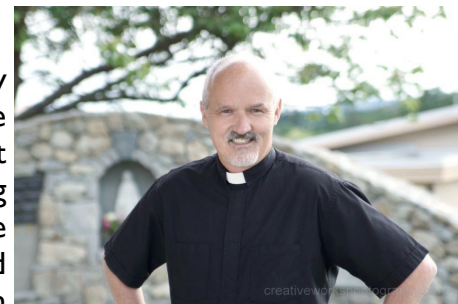


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## SUNDAY September 24th, 2017 Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

### From Fr. William's Desk

This week's gospel is a tough one for many people to hear. We grow up being taught the importance of basic fairness as part of learning right from wrong. And here goes Jesus apparently being quite unfair. Today we are invited to reflect on the lessons of a generous God. We struggle with a God so generous! The Gospel today is not a description of a labor negotiation--where fairness is paramount--



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but rather as a revelation about the abundance of God's love where everybody who shows up gets all there is to get. How big is your God? How broad are your thoughts? How loving is your heart? Those who are challenged by this reading don't seem to notice that the person they're arguing with is Jesus, and the cause they're arguing for is less mercy. What would they prefer: more wrath? The surprising answer is yes--so long as it's aimed at someone else!

The Gospel today gives us a taste of what God is like. There is something foolish in God's generosity, in his kind of justice. But it is a foolishness that is utterly creative. It is a foolishness that led Jesus to his death on the cross: humanly speaking a complete failure. And yet as Christians, we say that this Jesus is the corner stone of a new humanity. God keeps reaching out and calling us to work in the vineyard; God will always surprise us by being overwhelmingly generous and merciful to each one of us. It would be interesting to ask: where do we see ourselves in this parable? What if it were meant for our community? Who would be the first? The last? We all know that jealousy and envy is found in Christian communities. It amazes and sometimes stuns me how people feel entitled to places of distinction or leadership in a church community and become upset, talk about, gossip and undermine people who see a new vision, a bigger picture?

I think it is a great comfort to us that God is most unpredictable when it comes to his superabundant mercy. God does unlikely things because he is God. That same God invites you and me to be generous! Our faith is a practical faith and often the trenches are busy places! God deals with both the devout and sinner in the same fashion: generously. God's grace pours out on all, whether they have earned it or not. All sorts of strange and surprising things happen that sometimes defy human expectations and ways of doing things.

### 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

MONDAY 9:00am

TUESDAY 9:00am

WEDNESDAY 9:00am

THURSDAY 9:00am

FRIDAY 9:00am

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

Mercy within mercy within mercy. Nice to be home at Holy Cross!

*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 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.

### **SOCIAL BRIDGE**

The 35th year of this once a month gathering at Holy Cross commences **Sunday, October 1st** in the parish centre. The evening starts at 7pm with social bridge followed by refreshments. If you enjoy bridge in a hospitable and non competitive environment you are invited to join the group. All levels of bridge are most welcome! Please contact Tony Southwell for more information at 250-477-5738 or via email: [tsouthwell@shaw.ca](mailto:tsouthwell@shaw.ca) or Mike Neal at 250-477-1309 or via email: [mneal49@shaw.ca](mailto:mneal49@shaw.ca)

### **SERVING BREAKFAST AT OUR PLACE**



**Serving Breakfast at Our Place II – Sat. Oct. 14.** Ever wondered how Our Place Society can serve 1600 meals/day (400 at breakfast alone . . . in little over an hour's time)? Come find out on Oct. 14, when Holy Cross returns to sponsor a breakfast there. Join the team of volunteer servers representing our parish. The setup, service and cleanup will take place between 8 and 10:15 am. (No heavy work is involved.) Anyone interested can stay on for a 20-minute guided tour of Our Place, and discover the variety of services offered to help the homeless and the working poor of Victoria. The 14 of us who went in March found it an unforgettable experience. For more information, contact Yvonne Hsieh ([yhsieh@uvic.ca](mailto:yhsieh@uvic.ca),

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The Children's Liturgy of the Word program is starting up again Sunday September 24th at both the 8:30 and 10:30 masses. *This program is meant for children between the ages of 4-7.* The program needs a few more volunteers to run efficiently. At this time we are looking for teacher and teacher assistant volunteers at both masses. If you are interested in volunteering at the 8:30 mass please contact Bobbi Bartle-Clar at 250-995-1891 or by email at [mykidlets@gmail.com](mailto:mykidlets@gmail.com), for a volunteer opportunity at the 10:30 mass contact Valentina Boyd at 250-813-0230 or by email at [valentinabernardis@hotmail.com](mailto:valentinabernardis@hotmail.com)

### **UPDATE ON OUR REFUGEE FAMILY**

Our refugee family has had their initial interview with the Canadian immigration officials over seas in Ankara, Turkey and have completed their required medical examinations. They have received initial approval to come to Canada pending an upcoming security check. We are not sure exactly how long the check will take, or when they are coming but we are optimistic and hoping it will be soon. Please contact the Holy Cross Refugee committee if you have any questions. Contact info on the back of the bulletin.

### **AT THE LIBRARY**

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

**Reasons to Believe:** In an age of cynicism and doubt, listen to these strong voices.

- Why I am a Catholic, by Garry Wills
- The language of God: Evidence for belief, by Francis Collins (Head of the Genome Mapping Project)
- Who Needs God, by (Rabbi) Harold Kushner
- The Good Enough Catholic: A Guide for the Perplexed, by P. Wilkes

### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

Our sins are nothing but a grain of sand alongside the great mountain of the mercy of God.  
--Saint John Vianney (1786-1859)

Mercy is the fulfillment of justice, not its abolition.  
-Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225-1274)

How can we pray to God for mercy if we ourselves have no mercy?  
--Isaac Bashevis Singer (1904-1991)

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

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **AN EVENING WITH SR. NUALA KENNY:** Celebrated author and speaker, Sr. Nuala Kenny S.C., will speak about ***Rediscovering the Art of Dying: The Challenge for Christians***, exploring attitudes and practical health decisions from a Christian perspective that are of central and critical concern in serious illness, care at the end of life, and dying. **Wed., Nov. 8th, 7:00 pm - Church of the Ascension, Parksville.** **Thurs., Nov. 9th 7:00 pm - St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Victoria**
- **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** You are invited to **Development and Peace's** 50th anniversary multicultural dinner and awards evening. Please join us for an evening of delicious food from a variety of countries while we celebrate 50 years of Development and Peace accomplishments and honour its dedicated supporters in the diocese. **Fri., Oct. 20 at St. Patrick's Lourdes Hall, 2060 Haultain St. Dinner at 6:00,** doors open at 5:30. **Tickets: \$10 per person,** available from Sheila Wall: [250-686-5996](tel:250-686-5996), [asheilawall@gmail.com](mailto:asheilawall@gmail.com); Nancy Stuart: [250-477-6952](tel:250-477-6952), [nancy-stuart@shaw.ca](mailto:nancy-stuart@shaw.ca); Christine O'Leary: [250-370-7471](tel:250-370-7471), [caoleary54@gmail.com](mailto:caoleary54@gmail.com). No tickets at the door.
- **D&P FALL CAMPAIGN:** You are invited to attend the **Development and Peace Fall Campaign** workshop on **Tuesday Sept. 26,** Lourdes Hall, St. Patrick's Parish from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. The campaign theme is "May Peace Be With Her" – celebrating Women at the Heart of Peace. Join us to learn how you can participate in this campaign and spread the word about women peacemakers. Our BC animator, Jeremy Laurie, will facilitate the workshop and some short videos will be shown. All are welcome.
- **IMMIGRANTS WITH FAITH:** Inspiring anecdotes and gospel reflections for immigrants. Sharing life stories of the 'Canadian experience'. Two presentations at 6:00 p.m.: **Oct. 21st** at St. Patrick's Parish and **Nov. 18th** at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. *10% of profits from book sales will be donated to the refugee funds.* Entrance is free and some refreshments will be served after the presentation. Books are also available for only \$10 from the offices of St. Patrick's Parish, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, and St. Andrew's Cathedral.  
**Info: [MarCamen.writer@gmail.com](mailto:MarCamen.writer@gmail.com)**

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

#### **SUNDAY, September 24th**

8:30 am Mass: **Bradley Graham +**  
10:30 am Mass: **Mike Caputo +**  
4:00 pm Mass

#### **MONDAY, September 25th**

9:00 am Mass: **Mark Coughlin +**

#### **TUESDAY, September 26th**

9:00 am Mass: **Winnifried Lachman Johnson +**

#### **WEDNESDAY, September 27th**

9:00 am Mass: **Sean O'Donnell +**

#### **THURSDAY, September 28th**

9:00 am Mass: **Helen Krisnar +**  
6:30 pm Rosary Group

#### **FRIDAY, September 29th**

9:00 am Mass: **Michael Brannigan +**

#### **SATURDAY, September 30th**

3:45—4:30 Sacrament of  
Reconciliation  
5:00 pm Mass: **Adeesh's Birthday**  
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#### **SUNDAY, October 1st**

8:30 am Mass: **Sean O'Donnell +**  
10:30 am Mass: **John De Rosa +**  
4:00 pm Mass

## **THANK YOU CORNER!**

Many thanks to Grett Ribeiro for taking over "Friday Duties" by setting up the church, preparing binders, adding appropriate names to prayers of the faithful, and generally making sure that everything is set and ready to go for our weekend liturgy. The weekend wouldn't run as smoothly without you.

\*The Memorial Mass for **Tom Browne** will be held on Saturday, October 7th at 11:00am. Please come and support the family of our long time parishioner and friend.

## **CONTACTS**

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

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### **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**

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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 September 17th, 2017**

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

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 2,306.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 555.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 962.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,823.00</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	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky	250-477-5321 250-479-1331
RCIA	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