

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 8, 2025

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

SATURDAY, June 7
4PM LITURGY OF THE
WORD WITH HOLY
COMMUNION: Dan Taft
Sr.+

SUNDAY, June 8
9AM MASS

MONDAY, June 9
7PM MASS

TUESDAY, June 10
9AM MASS
7PM MASS

WEDNESDAY, June 11
7PM MASS

THURSDAY, June 12
9AM MASS

FRIDAY, June 13
7PM MASS

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CHAPEL

Open 9am-12pm
TUESDAY to THURSDAY

RECONCILIATION
No events scheduled.

LIVESTREAMING
SATURDAY, June 7, 4PM
[https://www.youtube.com/
@StPatricksHolyCross-
Church](https://www.youtube.com/@StPatricksHolyCrossChurch)

Here we are on the feast of Pentecost (the birthday of the church). The risen Jesus unleashes his Spirit upon us and on our children. From now on, Jesus raised from the dead is at work among us in the power of the Spirit. "So, I send you... Receive the Holy Spirit." In a sense, the feast of Pentecost, the feast of the sending of the Holy Spirit, is the only feast in the liturgical year that is ours. We are challenged to receive her gifts and develop them to share with our brothers and sisters.

What are those gifts? For some, it is the gift of peace making, the gift of forgiving, the gift of preaching, the gift of tongues, the gift of healing, the gift of administering, the gift of dancing, singing and praising the Lord, the gift of protesting, and the gift of working for justice. What the Scriptures therefore try to convey to us is a summons to let ourselves be overcome by the Spirit let loose, so that we may take off and fly. "For what purpose?" we may ask. In a nutshell, without the Spirit, there is no church; there is no memory of Christ; there is no grace in our lives, and there is no hope for our future. It all began on Pentecost Sunday, the graduation day of the disciples when they finally got it right, when fear was replaced by courage and conviction echoed throughout the ancient world.

Now it is on us, who are baptized in Jesus' name and who are empowered with his Spirit, to continue the mission of Jesus. If we are to continue the mission of Jesus, then it is imperative that we stay together, that we support each other, that we respect and receive the great variety of gifts of the Spirit, for it is for all for the building up of the one Body of Christ. If we really want God's Spirit to transform us as it did the disciples that first Pentecost, we need to relinquish our desire to control and to conform God's will to ours. When we allow God's Spirit to lead and guide us good things happen. We become changed people, allowing the Spirit to disturb our complacency, uproot our mediocrity and open us to new growth.

In the end, my friends, the newness of Pentecost is newness in human relations; it is a peace feast, and that is how Jesus introduced it. It is a communication feast, a we-belong-together demonstration, and a forgiveness occasion: real progress, indeed a new era. It is the moment when people become capable not only of speaking all kinds of languages, but when they are willing to use those languages to contact people they would never have thought addressing before. Dear Jesus, let us love one another. Awaken each of us to realize we are a lot more than we think we are for we are the indwelling of God's communion. May we let you accomplish your new creation in us and may we witness your resurrection. In doing so, the world will discover the youth of our origins. Come Holy Spirit come!

Happy Birthday Mother Church!

Father William

We acknowledge and respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory Holy Cross Parish stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

Report Sexual Abuse

To report sexual abuse at
[RCDVictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/Responsible-Ministry)
or call 1-800-968-3146.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Canada Day BBQ

Holy Cross Parish is hosting a Canada Day BBQ on Sunday, June 29th for Holy Cross Parishioners.

- ⇒ 9am Mass
- ⇒ 10am Coffee/Tea
- ⇒ 11am Lunch in the Church Hall and Gardens

Please RSVP your family's attendance in the Foyer by June 13th, including any allergies. RSVP is not required but encouraged to help us estimate food quantities. To volunteer to support the event, please also sign up in the foyer, and Sloane will contact you with volunteering details. This event is FREE. Donations to contribute to costs are welcome!



Not Getting the Bulletin by Email Anymore?

Many email chain companies (Yahoo, Gmail, Shaw etc.) have updated their security settings and 'mass emails' are frequently sent to people's spam or junk folders in order to keep people safe from hackers and scammers. Many parishioners have contacted the office about this issue. However, it is up to each parishioner to mark their preferences in the settings of their email. **HOW TO:** Find an email from the Holy Cross Office in either your Junk or Spam folders. Go to the three dots on the right side of the email, you should be able to "Mark Sender as Not Spam" or "Mark as Not Phishing." Select either option. For ongoing issues, bring your device to the office for support from Sloane.



St Vincent de Paul

Holy Cross Conference of St. Vincent de Paul warmly invites parishioners to provide direct, person-to-person support, offering financial aid and essential resources to those in need.

Why Join?



- Make a Difference: Your efforts in serving God and helping others will transform lives locally and globally.
- Manageable Commitment: Up to five meetings per year, balancing meaningful involvement with your schedule.

For more information, contact Don Rose at 250-891-5607.

Humanitarian Trip to Nicaragua

Mary Hof from St. Edward's Parish in Duncan is going to Nicaragua, on February 10-24th, 2026 for a Humanitarian Trip. She is working with the Catholic Church in Nicaragua to bring aid and humanitarian help. This requires lots of physical activity including hiking. Catholics from our Island community are welcome to join. For more information about this humanitarian trip, email mhof126@gmail.com

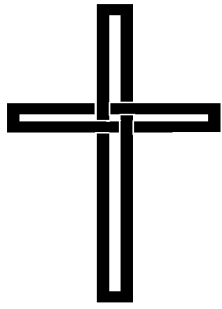
Prayer for the Children Celebrating Confirmation and First Communion at Holy Cross

The Year 2 group will celebrate the sacraments on Saturday June 21, 2025 at the 4pm Vigil Mass, celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi at Holy Cross with the Bishop. A reception will follow in the Hall. All are welcome. Thank you for keeping the children of St Patrick's and Holy Cross in your prayers!

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children ready to receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Come Holy Spirit and rest upon them - the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, reverence, and fear of the LORD. Lord Jesus, welcome them to your sacred table to nourish their bodies and souls with Yourself, true bread of eternal life. Amen.



PLEASE NOTE: The Office will be closed Friday, June 13th.



QUOTATIONS OF THE WEEK

“Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. ... Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

—*from a prayer by Saint Augustine*

Every divine action begins from the Father, proceeds through the Son, and is completed in the Holy Spirit.

—*Saint Basil*

Goodbye Fr Edward: Thank You

We would like to thank Fr Edward Anthonipillai for celebrating masses with us on Tuesday and Thursday over the past 8 months. He has officially announced his move to Alberta to service at retreat centre and two parishes. His joy and love of God has been a beautiful witness to our community. We wish him the best in his new endeavors. This last mass will Thursday, June 19th.



Job Opportunity: Pastoral Administrator for Holy Cross Parish

The Diocese is seeking a Pastoral Administrator for Holy Cross Parish in Victoria, to maintain and grow the community and its service to the people of Gordon Head while it awaits the appointment of a Pastor. The successful applicant will bring a grounded, spiritual life, supported by theological education and practical experience as a community leader. For more information and how to apply, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>. Applications must be received by June 21.



Donate to Maryam's Education

Maryam, our Holy Cross newcomer, has enrolled at Camosun College in the social work program. She continues to work full-time while pursuing her studies. Some parishioners have requested the opportunity to help with her course fees. Hence, donors who wish to contribute to her education may now do so through the Holy Cross Refugee Fund. Checks must be made out to the “Holy Cross Refugee Fund: Maryam’s Education”. Tax receipts will be issued. If you have questions, call Martha at 250-477-6455 or the Holy Cross Office.

Hearing Loop System & Headphones

If you wear hearing aids, switch your hearing aid to T-Coil and you will be connected to the hearing loop system. See: www.advancedlistening.ca If your hearing aids can't support this looping system, we have two headsets available in the kitchen foyer wired to the microphones to allow you to listen to the readings, homily and the music.



Holy Cross Library

The Holy Cross Library, located in the Parish Centre, contains approximately 1800 books concerning all aspects of our catholic faith, liturgy, and church history. The collection can be browsed during office hours, unless the room is booked for a meeting, and books can be signed out (except for the reference collection). We will try to keep some books on display in the church foyer that relate to themes in the liturgical year and can also be signed out right there. Please let us know if there are recently published books you feel should be added to the collection. We also welcome the donation of recently published books in good condition that are relevant to the collection and its purpose. Contact John or Martha Oleson for information by emailing the office.



Library Corner

NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY & ICS

1) The Catholic Near East Welfare Association invites you to a special webinar to discuss the current situation in Ethiopia. Many communities are facing extreme hardship, particularly in the regions where CNEWA is actively working to provide support. The webinar will be held on Wednesday, June 11 from 9-10 am Pacific Time, and can be accessed at this link: <https://bit.ly/3Small6>

2) The Catholic Foundation of Vancouver Island is holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday, June 19 at 1:00 pm at the Pastoral Centre in Victoria (4044 Nelthorpe St). All are welcome to attend.

Pastoral Care Home Visits

Would you or someone you love benefit from a friendly visit? Our Pastoral Care Ministry offers in-person visits to those living at homes, in care facilities, or in hospitals. These visits provide the comfort of companionship, a listening ear, and the ministry of presence, bringing warmth and encouragement to those who may be feeling alone or disconnected. When requested, Holy Communion and time for prayer can be included as part of the visit. To arrange a visit, please call 250-477-5321 or email: office@holycrossvictoria.org.

Baptismal Prep

Want your child baptized? Upcoming sessions: Sat, June 7 (10:00 am–12:00 pm). Email hcsppbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact info. Registration and a Baptismal Prep session are required. The coordinator will follow up from your initial email with details.

2025 Anawim AGM Announcement

Dear Members and Friends of the Anawim Companions Society, you are invited to attend the Anawim Companions Society's 2025 AGM. When: June 12, 2025 at 7-8:30 PM, doors open at 6:30PM / Where: Holy Cross Parish Hall, 4049 Gordon Head Rd.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our Garden team, John, Russ, Hans and Nancy who have done such a beautiful job maintaining our gardens. From my office window I get to see lots of squirrels, birds, small lizards, and lots of bees, come to visit our gardens!



COLLECTIONS

June 1, 2025

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes	\$1,875.00
Loose	\$ 265.00
Anawim for Men	\$ 490.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 60.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$1,064.34
Total	\$3,754.34

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OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30am-3:30pm

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9AM

Saturday 4PM