

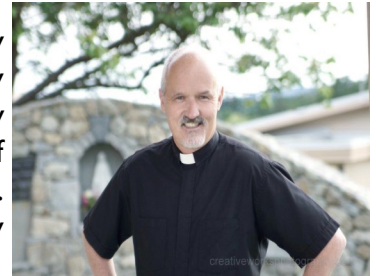
# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## 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 February 10, 2019 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's readings are deeply personal to me. A key question I struggled with for many years prior to my ordination was, whom does God choose? Why? I chose these readings for my first mass coming on 15 years this August. Last Sunday we read about the call of Jeremiah, and today we have the vocation stories of Isaiah and the apostle Peter. One might ask: "Why these guys? What was God thinking? But this is really nothing new for the God of surprises. These readings describe how the giants of our tradition experienced their being called by God. All three feel not up to it, what God calls them to, for they know their hands and heart were not clean. It goes way back!! Think about the following -



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Abraham is made a new father in his old age; slow-tongued Moses takes on Pharaoh; young shepherd David is chosen as king, and Saul the persecutor becomes Paul the apostle. It is clear that God does whatever God wills. The characters that God has chosen throughout history to be instruments of justice, mercy, love and compassion have been brave, earthy individuals. We could be wrong to disqualify ourselves from ever being called by God to be his instruments. We may intellectually understand that God has chosen many people like ourselves to be his workers; but too often it ends there, if spiritually we lower our heads, and leave it to others to follow God's call.

After the extraordinary catch of fish, Peter was suddenly aware of his own weakness and unworthiness. Surely, he did not deserve such generosity from Jesus! Then Peter discovers that the Lord has chosen him and has a great purpose for him, in spite of his faults. From now on he will gather people into the net of God's kingdom. God's purpose for us does not depend on our virtue or worthiness. He does not wait for us to be worthy before calling us to a share in his loving service to others. Indeed, our very sense of unworthiness creates an opening for Christ to work through us. If, like Peter, we are called to work with Jesus, we will do so as wounded healers, trying to practice what we preach. In our fears and doubts it is good to remember the three giants of our tradition were men who felt unworthy and were in every sense of the word, sinners. Yet, they had a surprising, forgiving, and overwhelming experience of the love of God. That encounter of grace enabled them to rise above doubt, fear and their own sinfulness. Only then were they able to say, "Here I am, send me."

When we are being told by Jesus to pull out into the deep, I don't think it is out of place for us to object, like Peter and other prophets, to God's foolish choice in us. But we must also be prepared to let ourselves be won over by God's grace, for it is God's pledge that with his power at work in us, we can perform deeds that we never thought ourselves capable of. It is all part of the fact that in God's eyes we are, in spite of our weakness and insignificance, the stuff of which God's kingdom is built.

May we be gathered into God's nets,

Deep water.. trust it

*Father William*

### OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed  
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm  
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:00pm

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**HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS:** Please note that Fr. Ian Stuart, Hospital Chaplain, is currently on medical leave from his responsibilities. At the moment, eight different pastors in Victoria, in addition to their regular duties, will carry the hospital phone for **emergency calls only** (250-889-3761) on a weekly rotation.

### **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR**

Calling all Holy Cross Walkers! Here's our opportunity to help our Brothers and Sisters by walking and fundraising for **Mustard Seed** once again this year. The walk will take place on the evening of **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. You can register under our Holy Cross Team, led by Fr. William, by following this link: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=4337785&langPref=en-CA>. Please note that Victoria has two teams walking, Our Place and the Mustard Seed. Holy Cross team is supporting the **Mustard Seed on Queens**. Please call the parish office if you have any questions 250-477-5321.

### **WHY LITURGY MATTERS**

**Join Fr. William** at this Liturgical Workshop designed to enhance our understanding and appreciation of the Eucharistic Liturgy. If you serve in a liturgical ministry or simply want to understand the Mass more deeply, this workshop is for you!! Fr. William is part of the a team of 4 who are putting on the workshop. Join them on **Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> Catholic 8:30am - 2 pm Church of the Ascension, Parksville**. Please register on the diocesan website [www.rcdvictoria.org](http://www.rcdvictoria.org)

### **2019 PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSIONS**

All sessions are 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. No charge. The workshops are open to anyone who wants to understand the practical aspects of pastoral care; present hospital and homebound parish visitors who have yet to take this training; parishioners who look after their own family members or those considering these sessions as professional development.

#### **St. Patrick's Parish Hall**

Saturday, March 23 – **Session 2: Listening & Communications and Mental Health**

Bring a bag lunch. Coffee/Tea will be available.

Contact the parish office to register: (250) 592-7391 or [stpat190@telus.net](mailto:stpat190@telus.net)

#### **St. Joseph the Worker Parish**

Saturday, April 6 – **The Grieving Process and Ministering to Families**

Saturday, May 25 – **Who am I as a Pastoral Care Visitor?**

Bring a bag lunch. Coffee/Tea will be available.

Contact the parish office to register: (250) 479-7413 or [sjtwoffice@shaw.ca](mailto:sjtwoffice@shaw.ca)

### **LIBRARY (Tues-Fri. 9am-2pm)**

February 23 is the memorial of St. Polycarp (69-155), Bishop and Martyr of Smyrna (Izmir, Turkey), who was a disciple of St John the Apostle (died aged 100), with St Irenaeus (130-202) in turn, a disciple of Polycarp. They amongst others, begin the long line of successive, authentic witnessing of the life and message of Jesus, across the continents and down through the ages --- to us here today.

Readings of the Early Church on the Suggestive Shelf

The Early Church by W Frend

The Churches the Apostles Left Behind by R Brown

The History of the Church by Eusebius

Cities of God, "... how Christianity conquered Rome...." By R Stark

The Didache, --- Christian practices of the first century



### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

Today we still cast the net. And Christ fills it. And Christ calls to conversion [those] who are found “in the depths of the sea,” as the psalm has it (Ps. 69:15), that is to say, among the waves and tempests of the world.  
—*Saint Cyril of Alexandria (c. 377-444)*

Christ says: Give me this fisherman, this man without education or experience . . . . Although I mean to include senators, orators, or emperors among my recruits, even when I have won over the senator I shall still be surer of the fisherman. —*Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430)*

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

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **HEALING THE CHURCH:** Opportunities to dialogue with the Bishop and members of the Diocesan Leadership Team regarding the clergy sexual abuse crisis in the Church, and to learn about the Diocesan Responsible Ministry & Safe Environment policies and protocols created to address these concerns. **Thurs. Feb. 21, 2019 St. Joseph the Worker Church, Victoria 7—9 pm**
- **FUNDRAISING DINNER:** The St. Andrew's Cathedral Knights of Columbus are hosting a fundraiser dinner at Our Lady of the Rosary Hall. February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Doors open at 5:30, dinner is at 6:00. Fr. Dean Henderson will be our speaker for the evening. All proceeds from the dinner and a silent Auction will go towards helping a family or families attend the 2019 Annual Family Conference in Nanoose Bay. \$20.00 for a single ticket or \$30.00 for a couple or family. To make a donation or purchase tickets and RSVP please contact Dave de bree at [elmodave@yahoo.com](mailto:elmodave@yahoo.com) or 250-590-7004
- **FORCED TO FLEE:** a simulation experience about conflict and forced migration, **Wednesday, February 20th, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 2060 Haultain Street.** This year Development and Peace - Caritas Canada asks us to share the journey of 68.5 million forced migrants around the world. For more information or to register by Feb 18th, contact [victoriaareadp@gmail.com](mailto:victoriaareadp@gmail.com).
- **ELVIS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISER:** The Local School Council at St. Andrew's High School is hosting their annual Elvis and Friends Fundraiser! All proceeds will be donated to the Catholic Schools plan and SAHRS building project. Saturday March 9th at 7pm Cost \$50. Tickets can be purchased through the school or the Holy Cross Parish office. If you would like to pay by credit card please call the school 250-479-1414.

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

#### **SUNDAY, February 10th**

8:30 am Mass:  
10:30 am Mass: **Patricia Munro +**  
4:00 pm Mass

#### **MONDAY, February 11th**

*World Day of the Sick*

9:00 am Mass: **Alberto Ambrosio +**

#### **TUESDAY, February 12th**

9:00 am Mass: **Jean Moisey +**

#### **WEDNESDAY, February 13th**

9:00 am Mass:

#### **THURSDAY, February 14th**

9:00 am Mass: **Brian Wall +**

#### **FRIDAY, February 15th**

No Mass

#### **SATURDAY, February 16th**

3:45pm to 4:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Mass: **Deceased members  
of the Virgillio Family +**

#### **SUNDAY, February 17th**

8:30 am Mass:  
10:30 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**  
4:00 pm Mass

### **THANK YOU CORNER!**

Thank you to all of you for the welcome back after my graced sabbatical. It was a time of renewal and much needed rest and connection with family and place. I am now back willing and committed to carry on the ministry entrusted to me. May we continue to live our mission, vision and core values rooted in Christ and together in ministry.

Father William

### **ECUMENCIAL LENTEN SERIES**

**Save the Date!** We will be starting our annual Ecumenical Lenten series starting on March 13 and continuing for five consecutive Wednesdays until April 10th from 6-8pm. The evening starts with a shared soup meal and moves into a video portion followed by a group discussion. The theme this year is: Wholly Human, Holy Divine. Sign up sheets are in the foyer. More details will follow in coming weeks.

## **CONTACTS**

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

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## **COLLECTION February 3, 2018**

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

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 4, 347.65
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 520.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 1, 095.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5, 962.65</b>

## **HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
Liturgy	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Liturgical Ministries:		
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	John Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891

### **SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY**

Responsible Min.	Martha Oleson	250-477-6455
	Muna Haddad	778-881-5843
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.	Anna Mendonca	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Children's Rel. Ed.	Giacinta Bewley	250-652-0204

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar/ Valentina Boyd	250-995-1891 250-813-0230
Catholicism		
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	
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
RCIA	Glenn Palahicky	250-479-1331
	Phil / Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
RCIC	Dan Taft Jr.	250-721-0821
Ecumenism	Terry Marner	250-380-0157
Social & Eco. Justice	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Anawim	Parish Office	250-477-5321
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent		
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