



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 3, 2019
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections from the Gospel Gals

I am home and full of gratitude for the gift of my sabbatical. I want to begin my weekly bulletin reflection by thanking the Gospel Gal's for their contributions to our bulletin reflections over the last 8 months. The female perspective is so important to hear in our church and they did an amazing job. This week's readings is a fitting theme for me as I return to resume ministry: the call and demands of love. Jesus and Paul understood the call and challenges to love. I think we all do !

Citizens of Jesus' hometown loved having a celebrity to claim as their own, but when Jesus suggested that God might claim foreigners ahead of Israelites because of their welcome to prophets, the Nazoreans proved his point by attempting to run him off a cliff. They resented and resisted the idea that one of their own could teach them anything. So they found a way to shrink-wrap his message to the size of their narrow hearts: "Isn't this Joseph's boy? Paul for his part had serious problems in the Church at Corinth. People were dividing into opposing groups with all the rancour we can see in today's societies and yes, even in on our Church. The readings invite us to remember who we are. Remembering who we are is central to our life of faith.

At the heart of our life as disciples is the vocation to love. "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things." Bearing, believing, hoping, and enduring, we will have become everything we are meant to be. Nobody ever said that living out First Corinthians 13 would be easy. Because if it's true that love never fails, it's also true that love is not always the first impulse that clutches at our hearts when dealing with others. Normally we might wade through envy, irritation, rudeness, and a sense of superiority well before we get around to love. Jesus learned all about the shortcomings of human love when he got up in the hometown synagogue to give a teaching.

For my part, I am still learning how to love, mostly from my mistakes. It's hard work! I am guessing that hearing the words of Saint Paul to the Corinthians read at all the weddings I have been privileged to witness over the years might finally be sinking in. Or maybe I have just grown up and moved beyond external symbols and trappings. I don't know for sure. So, I'll just keep trying the best I can to be a loving person believing my faith will make it all clearer as I go along.

So how do we put Paul's word to work today? Start by thinking of one hurt you've endured at work or home or even in our parish recently, and ask yourself whether you responded in love. In other words, were you patient, kind, and not quick-tempered or brooding? If you can answer yes, then congratulations, you have found a most excellent way to live. Without love all our gifts are silent. It is good to be home. I thank Father Karam for filling in for me in my sabbatical and wish him well in his ministry in Nanaimo. I thank you for welcoming him.

Let us continue to love,

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 23rd**. 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 23rd Catholic 8:30am - 2 pm Church of the Ascension, Parksville**. Please register on the diocesan website 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. Like the Good Samaritan, may we walk by the side of the road of our own lives – to be good and *caring neighbours to one another and, especially, to the sick, the elderly and the dying*.

St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Saturday, Feb. 9 – **Session 1: The Healing Ministry of Christ** - Fr. William Hann is the morning presenter.

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

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

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.

FEBRUARY GREEN TIP

Help our parish cut down on landfill materials. The Social & Eco Justice Committee has been working with our custodian Pete to improve signage and reorganize the compost/recycling/landfill bins at Holy Cross. Please check signs and labels, and place your garbage in the correct bin. **Be careful not to put non-recyclable and non-compostable items in the recycling and compost bins, as our Waste Management Company will dump the entire contents of a "contaminated" bin into landfill!** Learn more about recycling at recyclebc.ca or call the office.

PRAYER REFLECTION

To love another person is to see the face of God.
—*Alaine Boubil (French)/ Kretzmer (English), lyricists of Les Miserables.*

Desiring to win over the whole world and bring its inhabitants to God the Father . . . and, in sense, renewing the face of the earth, the Lord of the universe took the form of a servant and brought the good news to the poor. This, he said, was why he had been sent.

—*Saint Cyril of Alexandria (376-444)*

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 pm to 9 pm
- **FUNDRAISING DINNER:** A fundraiser dinner is being hosted at Our Lady of the Rosary Hall. February 23rd, 2019. Doors open at 5:30, dinner is at 6:00. All proceeds from the dinner and a silent Auction go towards helping a family or families attend the 2019 Annual Family Conference in Nanoose Bay. To make a donation or purchase tickets and RSVP please contact Dave de bree at 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.
- **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:** Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools' Week (CSW). The theme this year is *What Do You Want of Me Lord?* Each and every year, Catholic schools join together to share a message about the importance and value of Catholic education to the Church and society as a whole. For those that are not aware, there are five Catholic Schools in the Diocese (4 elementary and 1 high school) educating approximately 1550 students in the communities of Port Alberni, Duncan and Victoria. On behalf of all the Catholic schools in the diocese, thank you for your ongoing support. Special events are planned throughout the week and it is our hope that you will visit your local Catholic school not just this week but any time; please check out the school websites for the schedule of events for that school. This week also marks the beginning of registration time for the 2019-20 school year. Please consider registering your child in a Catholic school. Catholic Education is a valuable ministry in the Church and diocese so we ask that you please continue to pray for their success.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, February 3rd

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

MONDAY, February 4th

No Mass

TUESDAY, February 5th

9:00 am Mass: **Alan Coussons +**

WEDNESDAY, February 6th

9:00 am Mass: **Saul Salamanca
Barrientos +**

THURSDAY, February 7th

9:00 am Mass: **Adea Smart +**

FRIDAY, February 8th

11:00 am Mass: **Peter Krystolovic +**

SATURDAY, February 9th

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

SUNDAY, February 10th

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

THANK YOU CORNER!

We would like to thank Fr. William for giving us the opportunity to write gospel reflections for the last several months. We learned lots and especially we found our faith challenged and our faith deepened in the community of our gospel sisters! We would like to thank those who read our reflections and may have found them thought provoking and worth the read. Also, thank you to those who encouraged us through this process.



Welcome Home Fr. William!

We trust that your sabbatical left you well rested and rejuvenated and ready to hop back in the saddle. We look forward to getting back to doing good work with you once again!

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COLLECTION January 27, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2, 589.25
Loose	\$ 642.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 095.00
TOTAL	\$ 4, 326.25

HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
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