



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining with St. Patrick's Parish

Mission Statement: Rooted in the community of Gordon Head and the University, in communion with the Roman Catholic Church, Holy Cross Parish serves the people of God by sharing, teaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY - January 23, 2022 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nothing will be lacking in the reign Jesus came to establish. This is how the word is "fulfilled in our hearing," then and now. We are given the promise that God will supply all that is presently lacking, and Jesus remains the sign of that pledge, our "new and everlasting covenant" present in the Eucharist as he was to the folks in Nazareth. Today is holy, and it's time to rejoice.

I bet it took Jesus awhile to find his voice too. to grow into it... so to speak! "Today"... this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing! Sometimes I wonder if Jesus was "out of touch with reality". I look around the world today and don't see a lot of "Good News". I think Jesus can say: today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing because he knew and knows that throughout history there have been people who insist on being compassionate, fair, and courageous. I think Jesus could say that "today ... is fulfilled" because he looked beyond the surface of things. The society he lived in was, perhaps, worse than ours today. Roman soldiers were trampling the land, raping, and killing and oppressing. People were losing their homes, their families, meaningful work, and dignity. Jesus knew we could do better than violence and hate. He knew the seed is within us, the seed of God's Spirit. So, he says "Today" - live with compassion today - be a healer... today - help yourself and others be whole-y. ..today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in you. How do you react when you hear that this scripture passage is fulfilled in you? . When the Israelites heard God's word, they wept. When the disciples first heard it in Galilee, they didn't always understand. When the Corinthians heard it, they started arguing. Sound familiar?

In the spirit of the readings this week, we too have been sent by God; send with real gifts to meet the needs of real people. If we ever feel to burdened and lack confidence, we are assured by God's own promise that what we must bring is exactly what is needed by others. Did you ever stop to think that you have the gift to enrich someone's life, set them free, as Christ puts it in the Gospel, from the chains of their own inabilities and fears? I once read somewhere Christ promises to open the doors to our cells, he doesn't promise to drag us out of them. Through Paul's imagery he tells us clearly, each one of us, "We need what you have to give, and we Christians have a great deal to give to the world. This indeed is a time of favor from the Lord. Come together Christians and rejoice in it.

In the coming Sunday's we will see this Jesus, we will *feel* this Jesus and we will be invited to reflect on the mission entrusted to us. *What we see, feel, and do is intended to deepen us, change us, and mold us into our being His Disciples.* All of us are students in the school of life. In that school we are invited to lessen the divisions wherever they may be in our church communities, in our homes or in our hearts. We too need to stand up and open the scroll and tell the truth in love. Maybe you could go home today and write your eulogy and reflect on what you write? Who are you? Are you doing what you were born to do? *The work of any believer is not only the work of a human individual but is actually the work of the Holy Spirit.*
—The late Coptic Pope Shenouda III

Joy
Father William

OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:00pm
Fr. William Hann, Pastor

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.

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from our VGH/RJH hospital chaplain, please call the emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Sean Flynn** to make this request.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from *St. Patrick's Parish on Saturday at 4pm*. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

PASTORAL TRAINING OUTREACH PROGRAM

LAST CHANCE to register! The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online again this winter. Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, **starting on January 29, 2022, and running until April 9**. Participants who attend all sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion. This course is for anyone interested and will show why those who visit the sick are unique, and how they can offer more than a friendly visit – they can be the hands and face of Christ to others. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or smartphone with speakers, microphone and webcam, and a reliable Internet connection. **Please register through your local parish by Jan. 24, 2022**. For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE REGISTRATION

CWL St. Patrick's Oak Bay Annual Membership Renewal/Registration: New Members welcome! There is also a form and more information attached to this bulletin and it is available for download on the St. Pat's website www.stpatsvictoria.com. Please return forms by Jan 31st. Whether returning or new members, we are happy to welcome all ladies! We are hoping that we can resume meeting regularly again in 2022. If you have any questions call Theresa Smith 250-213-3304.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY APPEAL



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights are now selling tickets. This year all tickets are sold online – there are no more paper tickets. \$30 for 10 tickets, single tickets are only \$3. Tickets can be purchased through this link: <http://kofcdraw.net/C7934>

Proceeds support our local charities. When you buy tickets we're working together to make our communities better. Thank you for your support!

[Early Bird Draws Dec 4, **Main Draw Jan 29, 2022** : BC Gaming Licence #130037]

LIBRARY CORNER

January 28th celebrates the Feast Day of the 13th century Dominican friar, St Thomas Aquinas, whose moral and theological thought underlay the “Natural Law”, the foundation of Catholic belief. We have three copies of his biography by G K Chesterton. Chesterton is brilliant, but not an easy read and It may be better to skip his lengthy introductory chapter and proceed directly to the edifying and varied life of this international medieval scholar. It is he who gave us the cautionary reminder that “it is a sin to withhold a compliment”. Earlier in the month on the 17th is the Feast Day of St Anthony, “the patron saint of lost things” --- wise to keep on the best side of him these white-haired days.

- **St Thomas Aquinas, the Dumb Ox** by G K Chesterton
- **Saints Who Changed Things** (Chapter 11) by L Knowles
- **Life:** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Aquinas
- **Quotes:** https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/158904.Thomas_Aquinas
- **Lost things:** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthony_of_Padua



PRAYER REFLECTION

Know that joy is rarer, more difficult, and more beautiful than sadness. Once you make this all-important discovery, you must embrace joy as a moral obligation. —André Gide

Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country. —Proverbs 25:25

As the builders say, the larger stones do not lie well without the lesser. —Plato

A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

Please note the following changes to the Diocesan Livestream schedule in January. These changes are also posted at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>.

Monday, Jan 24: Livestream cancelled
Friday, Jan 28: Livestream at 7 pm from Port Hardy
Sunday, Jan 30: Livestream at 9 am from Port McNeill

On all other days, the regular schedule is in effect: 7 pm on weeknights, and 9:30 am on Sundays

A new article has just been posted on the Diocesan website about the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and its connection to the Synodal journey currently underway. The text of the article is copied below, or you can find the article online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/pray-for-unity-pray-for-the-synod>.

Please share with your communities!

Job Opportunity: A job posting for the position of Director of Development for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria and Island Catholic Schools is available online at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>. Applications are being accepted until February 15, 2022; we ask for your help in sharing this posting with your communities.

NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

It's always better when we're together! The Knights of Columbus offer the students in grades 4 through 7, the opportunity to compete in basketball hoop and soccer net shot competitions. Top scorers compete at the city level and those top scorers then compete with other regional champs in the B.C. and Yukon division. Thank you, Knights, for sponsoring these much-loved events!

<https://www.facebook.com/St.PatricksSchool/>

Our condolences go out to Fr. Jim Bekkema's family and friends. Fr. Jim passed away yesterday after a short battle with cancer. We remember him fondly at Holy Cross for the times he acted as our replacement pastor over the years. He will be remembered for his wit and humour, and for always sharing the Gospel with an abundance of joy in his heart. He will be greatly missed.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, January 22nd

3:00pm-3:45pm: Confession
4pm Mass: Fred Keizer +

SUNDAY, January 23rd

9am Mass: Clive Loader +

MONDAY, January 24th

Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, January 25th

9am Mass: Aaron DeSilva +

WEDNESDAY, January 26th

9am Mass: Tony Perram +

THURSDAY, January 27th

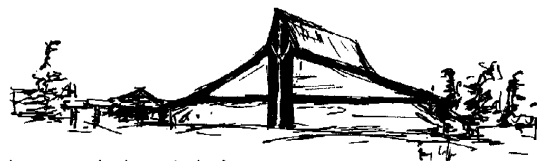
9am Mass: Amparo Dapat +

FRIDAY, January 28th

9am: Mass: Tony Perram +

Update: There will be only half capacity allowed in the church, which is 140 people at Holy Cross. Ushers will be counting people as they enter and will lock the doors when capacity is reached.

Masks are now mandatory everywhere at all times.



holy cross church garden head rd. victoria, b.c.

COLLECTION for January 15, 2022

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,875.00
Loose	\$ 135.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,687.00

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

First Friday adoration in the mercy chapel will be next held on **Friday, February 4th from 12-1pm** in the Mercy Chapel.



The Catholic Women's League of Canada St. Patrick's Oak Bay CWL

Dear Fellow Sisters at Holy Cross Parish:

Again, it is our pleasure to welcome and invite our fellow sisters to join or renew their membership with the CWL group at St. Patrick's. A renewal registration form will be sent out but if you have not received yours or you wish to be a new member, an online form is available to be download/printed from the Church Bulletin. Please return this form to either Office (in person or by mail) with your fee. For your information the CWL membership fee, voted and passed at our last GM, has increased to \$45. The major reason for this increase is our National's per capita fee is being raised from \$12 to \$25 in order to maintain its viability. Again, due to COVID protocols, we have been limited in our ability to fundraise through our usual means. With the two successful events we were able to hold the monies raised were designated for a special school project and support of our local Charities. Under current conditions, it looks like our membership fees will again be our main fundraiser for 2022. We hope with this in mind, you will **sign up for a membership** to help us continue to support those less fortunate and still in need.

Besides continuing to support our local charities (e.g. 9-10 Club Soup Kitchen, Sandy Merriman House, Anawim (Men/Women), SVdP, etc.) the CWL Exec has been exploring new ways to stay connected to our membership by publishing a monthly newsletter which informs the membership on things that are happening. We hope that you will be able to join us in future Social events.

If you wish to know more about the CWL, please check out what is happening at National by going to their website at cwl.ca under "*To Inspire*" and "*To inform-videos*"

The CWL Exec of St. Patrick's

January, 2022.



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

St. Patrick's Oak Bay 2022 Registration Form

Thank you for choosing St. Patrick's CWL! We are happy to welcome you!

New Member () Renewal () Returning from absence ()

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Membership fee is \$45.00 (cash/ cheque) payable to St. Patrick's Oak Bay CWL.

E-transfer is also available to email: cwlstpatsvictoria@gmail.com

This membership fee will again be our main fundraiser due to the current and continuing Diocesan COVID protocols. We would greatly appreciate any further donation (large or small) you wish to make along with your fee payment. This will enable us to continue supporting our local charities; caring for those less fortunate and still in need.

My donation \$ _____. (Sorry, no tax receipt can be issued).

Please take this opportunity to ensure we have the correct contact information for you on file.

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

And if you wish, please provide year _____

Unfortunately, due to continuing COVID times, our participation will still look different this coming year!

Please share your talents with us/the Parish by assisting in any of the following? Please check all you would be Interested in. If there are duo items and you are only interested in one, please circle that one.

Prayers for needs of church: _____ Phoning/email communication committee _____

Flower/Decorating committee _____ Altar linen/candle helper committee _____

Pick up/Drop off Committee (warm clothing or any items our charities need) _____

Baking for home bound/soup kitchen _____ Other (not listed) _____

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RETURN OF THIS FORM BY JANUARY 31, 2022

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF ST. PATRICK'S (OAK BAY) CWL

Susie Nute, Former Organization Chair and Isabel Harding, Membership Chair (Jan, 2022)