

Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Mission Statement: Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

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 March 17th, 2019
Second Sunday in Lent

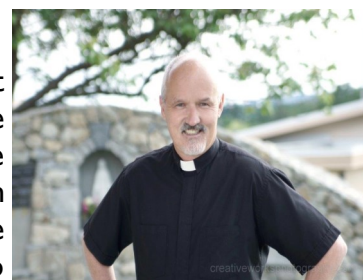
The story of the transfiguration of Jesus is quite a story. It is also a very important story, because it shows a side of Jesus that is both comforting and encouraging. The story is very strategically placed in the Gospel. It comes just at the time in his life when Jesus must take a second look at **where he is going**. It comes at a time when the conflict between Jesus and his opponents is coming to a head. It is also the time when his disciples do not know what to make of Jesus anymore. So, Jesus goes up the mountain. In the Bible, that means the place of God's presence. And two important figures of the Old Testament appear on the scene: Moses and Elijah. Jesus has a lot in common with them.

Jesus is at a critical point in his life journey, and they have been there before him. As for Elijah: he is the man who, very much like Jesus, had only one passion: the kingdom of God. But all Elijah met was resistance, so much so that it got to him. He went into the wilderness, sat under a tree and said: "**God, I have had enough. Let me go to sleep and please don't let me wake up again.**" But he wakes up and then something drives him to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God's presence. And there Elijah has an overwhelming experience of God that energizes him anew and he can go on again. And as for Moses: he had a similar experience. He met all sorts of difficulties with the people he was supposed to lead...**resistance, skepticism, stubbornness**; enough to be tempted to throw in the towel. So, Moses pleads with Yahweh to show him the way. Moses too goes up the mountain, this time the mountain of Sinai. And he too experiences the presence of God, which enables him to get over his crisis. **He regains his confidence. He can hope again; he can move on.**

It is no wonder then that precisely at this critical moment in Jesus' life, Moses and Elijah appear on the scene. They have been there before. Talking things over with them, it becomes clear to Jesus that he is on course. He is encouraged by their story. But above all, he finds strength in God's presence to him. The Bible tries to describe this with the image of his face changing and his clothes becoming brilliant. And from the cloud that covered them comes the voice: "**This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him!**" These same words had sounded at an earlier decisive moment in Jesus' life, at his baptism in the Jordan, the moment that it became clear to Jesus what path he would have to follow. Now he is equipped to go on his way to Jerusalem, where in laying down his life he will become a source of life for us. God's presence to **Moses, Elijah, and Jesus** pulled them through their difficult moments. They could pull themselves up on him. **That same God has also made himself into our God, when we were baptized in Jesus name.**

Dear friends, there are certain moments of depth in our lives that leave us speechless. Sometimes it's literally a mountaintop moment such as the one Peter, James, and John experienced when they saw Jesus transformed in glory and shining like the sun. Whatever the initial occasion, it pays to hold such memories safe in our hearts, for they can nurture us in difficult times of confusion, doubt, and trial and carry us through our lives.

Eyes on Jesus
Father William



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OFFICE HOURS

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

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: 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 rotation.

SHARE THE JOURNEY: SHARE LENT 2019

Share the journey with members of the Umuechem community in Nigeria

In 1990, a peaceful community in the south of Nigeria became the victim of what has been recognized as the first crime committed by an oil company. Traumatized by a massacre of unparalleled violence, a large majority of the members of this community fled to neighbouring communities, never to return home again. To make sure that their story is never forgotten and to combat impunity, Development and Peace's partner Social Action is supporting the Umuechem community in their legal action against the oil company.

Discover the story of people forced to flee their homes and ways for each one of us to act in solidarity with them: devp.org/lent.



LENTEN MISSION

A Lenten Mission with Bishop Gary Gordon will be held **March 25th, 26th, and 27th**.

Monday March 25th: 9am at Holy Cross Parish. Homily will be the mission talk.

Tuesday March 26th: 9am at St. Patrick's Parish. Homily will be the mission talk.

Wednesday March 27th: 9am at Holy Cross Parish. Homily will be the mission talk.

Discover a love that is the great joy of knowing "I am not alone." Join Bishop Gary Gordon on a journey of discovering how life is a great joy when accompanied

WHOLLY HUMAN, HOLY DIVINE ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES

Our annual five week ecumenical Lenten series will start Wednesday March 13th. The evening starts at 6pm with shared soup dinner followed by video and group discussion.

March 20th: At Lutheran Church of the Cross with Knox Presbyterian—"The Temptation"

March 27th: St. Aidan's United Church—"The Struggle"

April 3rd: St. Luke's Anglican—"The Prayer"

April 10th: At Grace Lutheran with "The Place" Community—"Letting Go"

Sign up Sheets are in the foyer. Registration is required.

LEARN TO PROTECT

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria is asking all its parishes to implement the Praesidium "Learn to Protect" Program for all parish volunteers and employees. This is a very easy and interesting on-line program that teaches you how to keep children and vulnerable adults in your care safe from abuse, how to protect yourself from false allegations of abuse, and how to create a safe Church environment for all. At the moment, we are starting with all employees (beginning with the priests) and all the volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults. You will be notified via email and telephone with more information when your specific volunteer area is ready to begin.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND ROSARY

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 9am mass. There is also daily rosary before morning mass from Tuesday to Friday at 8:30am all through the year. All are welcome to join these extra times of prayer and worship.

PRAYER REFLECTION

“Faith is a light of such supreme brilliance that it dazzles the mind and darkens all its visions of other realities, but in the end . . . we gain a new view of all reality transfigured and elevated in the light itself.”

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **CHRISM MASS:** On Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 pm Bishop Gary Gordon will be the principal celebrant at a Mass that is celebrated annually. At this liturgy, we gather around the bishop for the blessing and consecration of the oils that will be used in all our parishes in the coming year. May our presence at the Chrism Mass be a sign of our support and gratitude for their ministry—and a reminder that baptism calls all of us to lives of service. **All are invited to attend. A reception will follow.**

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Fr. William encourages parishioners to take advantage of the Penitential services at the following parishes. Over the next few weeks join him at one of these services based on your schedule.

Sacred Heart Parish: March 21st, 7pm
St. Joseph the Worker: March 28th, 7pm
Holy Cross/St. Patrick's at Holy Cross: April 4th, 7pm
Our Lady of the Rosary: April 9th, 7pm.

REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES AT EASTER

We welcome donations for the Easter floral display. If you would like to contribute to our Easter flowers and remember a loved one, please pick up an envelope at the foyer. Once you have filled it out, place your donation inside and drop in the collection basket.

OUR PLACE BREAKFAST

Serving a nutritious meal to the hungry is a meaningful way to prepare our hearts for Holy Week. On **Saturday April 13**, Holy Cross will be sponsoring another **breakfast at Our Place** (8 – 10:30 am). We need **volunteers** to constitute a team of 10-12 people. Please contact Yvonne Hsieh at 250-385-8322 or at yhsieh@uvic.ca.

IN THE LIBRARY

(Tues.-Fri. 9am-2pm)

Readings for Lent on the Suggestion Shelf

- *Illuminated Life, Monastic Wisdom* by Joan Chittister
- *The Final Gift (A new Way of the Cross)* by Basil Arbour
- *Day by Day Through Lent* by Daniel Lowery
- *Revelation of Love* by Julian of Norwich
- *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas A Kempis

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, March 17th

9:00am Mass: **John & Winnie King +**
4:00 pm Mass University Mass

MONDAY, March 18th

No Mass

TUESDAY, March 19th

9:00 am Mass: **Bill Goodacre +**

WEDNESDAY, March 20th

9:00 am Mass: **Thanksgiving**

THURSDAY, March 21st

9:00 am Mass: **Donald Smith +**

FRIDAY, March 22nd

9:00 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro & Jose Pacheco +**

SATURDAY, March 23rd

3:00-3:45pm Reconciliation
4:00pm Mass: **Angelo & Saverina Falvo +**

SUNDAY, March 24th

9:00am Mass: **Bradley Graham, Hilary Ribeiro +**
4:00 pm Mass University Mass



THANK YOU CORNER!

A big thanks to Anna, Ann, Jane, Barb, Yvonne, Elaine, and Debby for making enough soup to feed 70 people at our first Lenten Ecumenical session last Wednesday.

PARISH SOCIAL LIFE

Joint Wellness—Monday and Thursday 10am

Wednesday Social group— 1-3pm
Duplicate Bridge—Wednesday 7pm.

Social Bridge—First Sunday of every month.

CONTACTS

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COLLECTION March 10, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3, 215.00
Loose	\$ 467.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 095.00
TOTAL	\$ 4, 777.00

HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy	Debby Pietraszek	250-477-7375
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	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322
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