



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 May 26, 2019
Sixth Sunday of Easter

In today's gospel Jesus offers peace, the kind of peace that the world can neither offer nor does it understand. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you Do not let not your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." Many of us long for God's peace but our cares, worries and fears send us into a tailspin and we try to control our lives according to our wants and desires and what we see to be 'the best' answer. In the most tragic of circumstances our hearts can become deeply troubled as mine has been since we learned that Brendan has terminal cancer.

My heart is troubled and overwhelmed. There are no words to express the depth of the pain. Jesus does not condemn me for this. Rather, his heart too was troubled, broken in the Garden of Gethsemane. Abandoned by his friends, Jesus saw and took on, to the point of sweating blood, the suffering troubled hearts of all humankind, our hopelessness, our despair, our fear, our sin. He experienced and understood everything any of us could possibly go through in this life. Yet amid this unbearable suffering, Jesus chose the peace that his father offered. In that moment, in that desolation, Jesus surrendered himself totally in eternal hope, love and trust to his father. "Not my will but yours be done", he uttered and freely in God's peace he walked the road chosen for him. He walked his valley of darkness and he walks with me, with all of us, the valleys of our darkness, the valleys of our tears every day, every step of the way – to completion. Mine is a daily surrender to a loving God who never abandons me.

God's peace comes to us through his Holy Spirit and from the people and things he brings into our lives. What is the peace of God in my life right now, the peace of God that takes away all fear? The deepest peace of God for me, my consolation, is in my knowing and trusting in the promise of Jesus, the promise of resurrection, first of Jesus, and then of each of us when we die; I know that 'life is not ended but changed'. The peace of God for me is the blessing of family, near and far, as we reach out to hold the other up, to be as Christ for each other. The peace of God for me is the comfort of my Gospel Gal Sisters who are the love of God in their every gesture of caring. The peace of God for me is my Holy Cross family being God's assurance through words, prayers, actions. The peace of God for me is my non-church friends who live the love of Jesus by being there whenever I need them. The peace of God for me is the snippets of scripture, words from hymns that come to my mind unsolicited. They bring me closer to God's love and tell me Jesus is with me and when there is only one set of footprints, I know Jesus is carrying me. In this peace I walk with Brendan.

Every day, I am reminded that God's peace is in everyone, everywhere, at all times. Ours is to open our eyes, see it, claim it as our own, offer it to others and live it one day at a time. My journey, everyone's journey, is a journey of continual conversion to unbroken, sanctified oneness with Jesus knowing that he gives us the strength to endure to our resurrection.

The Peace of God is with all of us,
Trudy Holden

OFFICE HOURS

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

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from your office or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Thomas Chinnappa** to make this request.

No 9 am Mass week of May 27 – 31st. Clergy will be on Retreat

Please note that there will be no 9am masses at Holy Cross and St. Patrick's Parish that week. However, St. Andrew's Cathedral downtown will be having daily mass at 12:10pm Monday – Friday.

Freebies --- Freebies ---- Freebies !!!!

Our Parish Library will have tables of books at both Saturday and Sunday Masses June 1st and 2nd. **Free for the taking ---- Bring a shopping bag --- Between the Church & parish hall**

They are usually duplicates or superseded editions. Some are brand new (i.e. never been read!). And cover topics of History, Devotion, Reasons to Believe, Vatican II, etc , and Notable Authors such as Nouwen, Vanier, Rohr, Rolheiser, Merton, Kung, Rupp et al.



FR. LEO ROBERTS BURSARY

Eligibility requirements:

Individual facing family difficulties / financial hardship.

Strong academic marks with experience in church, community involvement and volunteer work.

Full time student at Post Secondary institution/ college or trade school.

A practicing catholic involved in their parish community.

Scholarship: \$2000 per year. Scholarship will be renewed for up to three additional years based on financial hardship and need.

Essay: Write a one page essay (maximum 200 to 250 words) stating your career objectives, your accomplishments, your community and volunteer involvement. Tell us why you need financial assistance.

Deadline: Friday , June 28, 2019

How to apply: email essay to Father William Hann at wjhann@rcdvictoria.org or send in mail to Father William Hann, Holy Cross Parish [4049 Gordon Head Road, BC V8N 3X7](https://www.google.com/maps/place/4049+Gordon+Head+Road,+BC+V8N+3X7)

“WE” - ANAWIM HOUSE FUNDRAISING EVENT

Thursday, June 6 from 7:00 – 10:00 pm The venue is at the Victoria International Marina, beverages and lots of delicious canape's prepared by the Boom + Batten. This year we'll have time for mingling with friends, watching the harbor activity and witnessing a casual 20-minute interview with two Anawim graduates. To buy a ticket or donate, visit; www.anawim-victoria.myevent.com Or phone Jim Ross at: (778) 350-1947. **“WE”** donations will look after increased costs and build our revenue to operate our women's house. Your support are greatly appreciated.

FATHER'S DAY INVITATION FOR HOLY CROSS PARISH

St. Patrick's CWL is celebrating Father's Day with a Strawberry Shortcake Feast and other delicious strawberry delicacies on **Sunday June 16th** after the 11am mass. Please come and enjoy the festivities.



2019 CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacramental Prep B class has been preparing the last 2 years for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation, and now the big day is finally here! On June 1st at 4pm, Bishop Gary Gordon will be here to preside over the service, and all are welcome to attend in support of these 9 children from our parish as they embark on the next stage of their journey in faith. Cake will be served in celebration after the mass.

PRAYER REFLECTION

You are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. —*Ephesians 2:19-20*

The soul does not love like a creature with created love. The love within it is divine, uncreated; for it is the love of God for God that is passing through it. —*Simone Weil*

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **ST. ANDREW'S SPRING FLING:** St. Andrew's High School Music Department will be hosting its annual Spring Fling Concert featuring its award winning Choir, Concert and Jazz Bands on Wednesday, May 29th at Holy Cross Parish, at 7:00pm. Tickets cost \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors and children under 12, and are available at the door. Refreshments will be served.
- **ST. ANDREW'S REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RECEPTION:** Farewell to the Old School Wing! Welcome all alumni, former staff, and friends of St. Andrew's Regional High School! You are invited to join us on Saturday, June 15th from 2-4pm for an afternoon down memory lane! Come and write a farewell message on the inside walls of the old school, tour the school, shoot some hoops in the gym and enjoy an afternoon with friends before the old school building (original from 1964) is demolished over the summer! RSVP in Eventbrite, or contact 250-479-1414/email gguevara@cisdv.bc.ca for more information.
- **DIOCESAN FAMILY CAMP:** *Calling ALL Families!* Join Us for the **7th Annual Diocesan Family Camp from August 22-25 at Nanoose Bay Camp.** Enrich your faith with keynote speaker, Fr. Julian Marcelo Gonzales, Superior of Divine Mercy Congregation. This weekend is sure to strengthen your family's connection with Christ, with one another, and with other families! **ALL FAMILIES** are invited to enjoy this weekend full of fellowship, faith and fun! For more information and/or to register email familycamp@rcdvictoria.org OR visit www.rcdvictoria.org

50th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Parishioners who may remember **Fr. Rolf Hasenack** during the time when he was Pastor at Holy Cross are invited to attend his 50th Ordination Celebration on **Friday July 12, 2019 @ 5:30pm.** It will be held at **St. Elizabeth's Church** in Sidney. If you are certain that you can attend, please sign up in the lobby over the next few weeks. Knowing exact numbers will help the planning committee gauge how many guests will be coming. Each person attending will receive a ticket (no charge) to bring the night of the event. Please also indicate on the sign up sheet if you are able to bring a dish (portions to feed 4-6 people). We hope that many of you will be there to mark this blessed milestone with Fr. Rolf!

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

- SUNDAY, May 26th**
9:00am Mass: **Don Smith +**
- MONDAY, May 27th**
No Mass
- TUESDAY, May 28th**
No Mass
- WEDNESDAY, May 29th**
No Mass
- THURSDAY, May 30th**
No Mass
- FRIDAY, May 31st**
No Mass
- SATURDAY, June 1st**
11:00am Funeral for Margaret Kovacs
4:00pm Confirmation Mass: **Asuncion Kilates Cortel +**
- SUNDAY, June 2nd**
9:00am Mass: **Peter Krystalowich +**

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Al Moir and family for donating the fridge for our church kitchen, to Ed Boomars and Bob Francis for picking it up, and to Ed for cleaning and installing it so that it fit properly. We are grateful for your generosity and hard work!

SAVE THE DATE!

This year's parish **AGM** will be held in the parish hall on **June 16th at 10:15-11:15.**

All parishioners are invited to attend and take part in this meeting. Your voice and opinions matter!

Ministry reports will be posted in the foyer at the start of June for review.



CONTACTS

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

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250-294-9615 after hours

Hospital Chaplain: 250-889-3761

Administrative Assistant: Valentina Boyd

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Parish Council: Esther Sangster-Gormley

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University Chaplain: Fr. Dean Henderson

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COLLECTION May 19, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2,2397.25
Loose	\$ 255.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,095.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,587.25

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, 9:00	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
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.	Call office	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	Valentina Boyd	250-813-0230
Catholicism		
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Sheridan Cooper	250-598-0248
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