



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 November 17, 2019
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

These days, apocalyptic literature has the whole world sitting up and paying attention. It's starting to make sense and sound unhappily familiar. Lately, we begin to suspect those times are ours, and that vision is not so outrageous after all. Apocalyptic feeling is the sort of thing that comes around every few generations. Human history is remarkably messy, and depending on when and where you are born, your window on the world is open to interpretation. It's no accident that both Hebrew and Christian scripture end with apocalypse.



Apocalypses begin and end in the heart of each believer. The journey toward divine revelation, as any mystic will tell you, is an interior trek. The dark night of the soul is nothing less than the battle of the good and evil within us. We try to be loving people; honest in our business dealings and service to the community; faithful to our friends and family; prayerful and thankful to God for the goodness and mercy we receive each day. But even with the most rigorous spiritual discipline, we cannot avoid the fight for our soul. And as Jesus advises us, we cannot prepare our testimony in advance, because we have no way to know when the battle will begin or what will trigger it. Make no mistake though, at some point you will find yourself fighting the good fight against apathy, anger, doubt, pride, resentment, or greed. You will feel unhappy, unappreciated, and unloved. It will be a hellish time, but don't despair. On the other side of your trials awaits a loving God. Apocalypses have their rewards.

Saint Paul faced the same challenges with the Thessalonians. Though he had recently helped them establish a Christian community, some of them felt entitled to eat though they were unwilling to work, and others were minding everyone's business but their own. It's hard to pay attention to our own lives. It's tempting to be caught up in everybody's business but our own. But growth in Christian spirituality demands that we live our own life and mind our own business. While we are to be responsive to the needs of others, we are, in the end, responsible for our own lives and our own faith. Trust in God but tie your camel, the Arab proverb shrewdly recommends. We are in the world but not of the world and need to combine the qualities of serpents and doves in our dealings in the marketplace. Describe a time in your life that felt apocalyptic: destructive, chaotic, transforming, final. What had to be surrendered, and what came to life through that experience? When have you looked to a political or religious leader with hope for a better plan? Were your hopes realized or disappointed? Jesus said the temple of his day would be thrown down when worldly power passes. What aspects of modern religious life might be unmasked as worldly on the day of the Lord? Nilus of Ancyra writes...by patient endurance you will win life for yourselves, although to this must be added wholehearted thanksgiving, and prayer, and humility. For you must be ready to bless and praise your benefactor, God the savior of the world, who disposes all things, good or otherwise, for your benefit.

Eyes on Jesus,
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

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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Many deep and heartfelt thanks to the 110 families that have committed to supporting the Diocesan 2019 "Imagine" Appeal campaign. Your participation and contribution will directly support Diocesan needs across the Islands and our Holy Cross local and global projects. Our parish community has been generous, however there is room for more families to "Imagine" and take part. We are asking for 100 families to pledge \$10/month. Please join us, fill in the form and send it to the office or put it in the collection basket. Appeal information is on the Diocesan web site, or speak to an Appeal team member. Thanks again from the Appeal team.

WRITE FOR RIGHTS

Write for Rights on Sun. Dec. 8 (10 – 11:30 am, Parish Hall) The Holy Cross Social and Eco. Justice Committee is once again inviting all parishioners and friends to join the **annual Amnesty International letter-writing campaign on Sun. Dec. 8**. Come over right after 9 am mass for refreshments, and write a letter or two in defense of human rights. Writing materials and postage will be provided at the session, and instructions given to first-time participants. Visit www.writeathon.ca to learn more about this world-wide event. Please sign up (sheet in foyer) so we can anticipate the number of people coming.

ADVENT WOMEN'S RETREAT 2019

Join Mona Goodman as she leads this year's advent retreat for women. This year's theme is: ***Birthing a Humble Contrite Heart***. Saturday, December 14th from 9am to 4pm (ending with evening mass) at Holy Cross Parish. Space is limited for this event so pre-registration will be necessary. Sign up sheets are in the foyer of the church – only 30 spots per parish.

CHRISTMAS AT ANAWIM HOUSE

As the Christmas season approaches and you are making plans to celebrate with your families and special friends we would like to ask that you put those seeking love and support at Anawim house on your list. Anawim is a place where people can find hope and direction. It is more than just a drop in facility. It is a place that helps people embrace their lives. This is what makes Anawim different from other programs. We are very grateful for all the support you have provided in past years. Again this year we are hoping that you will be able to help make a difference. During Advent we will have a Christmas box for donations of new winter clothing. Fresh cut Christmas trees will be available at 973 Caledonia Street starting November 28th, 2019. Shop early as the trees sell very quickly. Your generous act of charity will help those that come through the doors at Anawim House. May the peace love and joy of this wonderful Christmas season be with each you. Thank you for caring.

AT THE LIBRARY (Tues—Fri 9am-2pm)

Some short, thoughtful reflections leading up to Advent and Christmas are on the following websites
Fr Ron Rolheiser <http://ronrolheiser.com/contact/>
Fr James Martin for the Jesuit "Daily Examen" <https://examen.libsyn.com/>
Fr Richard Rohr -for a Franciscan point of view
[Fr Richard Rohr You tube](#) If you watch him for 5 minutes: Guarantee you will stay!

Need help with Praesidium? Parish volunteers who would like help from a 'computer buddy' to complete their Learn To Protect courses please sign the sheet available in the foyer.

PRAYER REFLECTION

You are called to care for creation not only as responsible citizens, but also as followers of Christ. —Pope Francis

Love makes the whole difference between an execution and a martyrdom. —Evelyn Underhill

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **MNT ST MARY'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE:** You're invited to Mount St. Mary's annual Christmas Market on Saturday, November 16 from 9:30am – 2:30pm. This **FREE**, fun, and festive event will be held at 861 Fairfield Road in Mount St. Mary Hospital's Village Square. All funds raised will guarantee specialized equipment and programs for Mount St. Mary residents. For more info visit mountstmary.ca
- **LIVING DEEPLY—DYING WELL:** End of Life Health Issues – Workshop. **January 11, 2020. 10:30 – 2:30 pm in Seghers' Hall.** We live in a culture that, if we do not prepare to die well, someone else will make decisions for us. Each person has a God-given responsibility to make informed decisions on their own behalf and then communicate those decisions to someone they trust. We plan to live well. It is also our responsibility to plan to die well. Presenters: Phil Jennings, Tim McGee, Annette Turgeon. Lunch will be provided with a donation requested. To register, please call St. Andrew's Cathedral 250-388-5571 or standrewscathedral@gmail.com
- **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY:** (Monday, December 9th as it is transferred from the 8th this year as that is an Advent Sunday). The Cathedral will have a sung Mass at 6 pm. Incense will be used.
- **NOVEMBER TAIZE:** Music and Prayer in the Style of Taizé continues at James Bay United Church, 511 Michigan Street, at 6:00 pm, Friday, November 15. All are welcome. This is the last Taizé service for 2019. Taizé resumes in January at Lutheran Church of the Cross.
- **INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY:** Have you ever wondered what theology is? Once a month, on a Friday night from 7 – 9 pm and then on the Saturday from 10:30 – 12:30. Fr. Harrison will be exploring some of the core elements of Catholic theology and teach not only the various elements of Catholic theology, but provide exercises to help the participants think theologically. Register at the Cathedral 250-388-5571 or standrewscathedral@gmail.com. **Dates are: Jan. 17 & 18; Feb. 7 & 8; March 13 & 14; April 24 & 25; May 22 & 23.**

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, November 17th

9:00am Mass: **Angela Murphy + Hilary Ribeiro +**

MONDAY, November 18th

Office Closed

TUESDAY, November 19th

9:00am Mass: **Bobby Wilkie +**

WEDNESDAY, November 20th

9:00am Mass: **Renald Dufour +**

THURSDAY, November 21st

9:00am Mass: **Tommy Miles +**

FRIDAY, November 22nd

9:00am Mass: **Thanksgiving mass**

SATURDAY, November 23rd

4:00pm Mass: **Karl Huber, Isabelle**

Maclsaac, Barry Clarke +

SUNDAY, November 24th

9:00am Mass: **Pierce Farragher +**

THANK YOU

Thank you to Anna and Trudy for organizing such a lovely and meaningful remembrance day service. Most especially thank you to all the veterans and family members who contributed their service not only for this mass and for our country. Your dedication, fortitude and commitment is never to be forgotten.

PARISH SOCIAL LIFE

Wednesday Social group— 1pm on Wednesdays.

Duplicate Bridge— Start up October 16th at 7pm.

Social Bridge— First Sunday of the month at 7pm.

Joint Wellness— Monday and Thursday 10-11am



ADVENT RECONCILIATION

The advent reconciliation service for both St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Parish will be held on Thursday December 5th at 7pm at Holy Cross Parish. If you are able to help with the liturgical ministries for this service please contact the parish office.

CONTACTS

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250-477-5321

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COLLECTION for November 10, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3,310.00
Loose	\$ 370.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,095.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,775.00

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, 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 Muna Haddad	250-477-6455 1-778-881-5843
Parish Council	Debra Prior	250-661-0252
Finance	David Begg	250-658-0870
Maintenance/Bldg.	Ed Boomars	250-881-8124
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.	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391

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	John Bartle Clar	250-995-1891
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
RCIA	Glenn Palahicky Phil / Sheila Wall	250-479-1331 250-385-7007
RCIC	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391
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
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