



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning 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 - November 21, 2021** **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

Today is the final Sunday of the liturgical year. All during the past year we have been hearing the Gospel read to us and reflected on in Sunday homilies. Today somehow sums up all that we have been hearing. The Jesus we have watched going around the towns of Galilee, Samaria and Judea; the Jesus we have watched teaching, healing, consoling, liberating is our Lord and King. Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King.

Jesus is summoned before Pilate. He comes before Pilate with no lawyer to present his case. Jesus has no army of soldiers to protect him from being harassed. None of Jesus' "loyal" followers are there to rally behind him and give him moral support. In today's gospel Jesus redefines what kingship is all about. Jesus rules through service of others rather than through the subordination of them. He uses the power of his compassionate and healing love, not physical and damaging force. His kingdom operates within the principles of the beatitudes, and not on some form of economic and utilitarian principles that have such a hold on modern society.

Jesus' kingship transcends time and space. The kingship of Jesus finds home in healthy human relationships. The only way we can become fully human persons is by allowing God's love to influence our words and actions. It is in acts of love that Jesus wants to direct our attention. It is in acts of love that we find God and what God is doing in our lives. It is in our acts of love that God's glory and splendor shines through. Either we find ourselves doing God's glory or we find ourselves receiving that glory. It's an earthy, practical glory that Jesus wants us to become part of – in how we live and how we love one another.

This is the King we are called to serve. Jesus lived his life with no pretense or layers of masks. Our Christian faith is grounded in the basic truth that God loves us unconditionally. In Jesus Christ, the broken humanity is redeemed once and for all. By virtue of the Sacrament of Baptism we all are empowered to become a Prophetic People, a Priestly People, and a Royal People. When we were baptized we were anointed with oil – chrism. We were united with Christ the King in dignity and with a call to service. The next question is, how do we translate this call into our lives? How do we let Jesus' royal presence become visible through our lives?

Come to think of it, when we come together for the celebration of the Eucharist, we are all involved in a very explicit protest-celebration. By coming here, we are saying that we place our hope and our security not in destructive forces that dehumanize us, but in Him whom God has set up among us as the Prince of Peace, the Good Shepherd, and as Christ the king. If God could raise Jesus from the dead, then he can also set us free from the traps we have constructed for ourselves in the woes that befall our common humanity.

Eyes on Jesus  
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 6pm*. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

### LIBRARY CORNER

**Mid November celebrates and honours, the feast days of six women:**

Nov 13, Mother Cabrini [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frances\\_Xavier\\_Cabrini](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frances_Xavier_Cabrini)

16, St Margaret of Scotland, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint\\_Margaret\\_of\\_Scotland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Margaret_of_Scotland)  
St Gertrude, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gertrude\\_the\\_Great](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gertrude_the_Great)

17, St Elizabeth of Hungary, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth\\_of\\_Hungary](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth_of_Hungary)

22, St Cecilia, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint\\_Cecilia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Cecilia)

25, St Catherine of Alexandria, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catherine\\_of\\_Alexandria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catherine_of_Alexandria)



### WRITE FOR RIGHTS

**Write for Rights on Sun. Dec. 12 (10 – 11:30 am, Parish Hall)**

The Holy Cross Social and Eco. Justice Committee is inviting all parishioners and friends to join the **annual Amnesty International letter-writing campaign**. Come over right after 9 am Mass for refreshments, and write a letter or two in defense of human rights. Writing materials, instructions and postage will be provided at the session, first time participants welcome! Covid-19 protocols will be observed. Visit [www.writeathon.ca](http://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.

### VOLUNTEER CHEFS NEEDED FOR UNIVERSITY SUPPER

This year's UVic/Camosun student suppers have been a great success, with more than 30 students participating. Fr. William celebrates Mass beforehand. We are planning another supper for Sunday December 5th at 5:00 pm in the parish hall. We need volunteers to drop off home-made chicken casserole (or something similar), or salad by 4:30 pm on that day. I will put a sign-up sheet in the church foyer this Sunday with details, but if you are not attending Mass in person and wish to help, just e-mail me. This outreach is a good way for our parishioners to show community with the students. Many thanks! John Oleson ([jpoleson@uvic.ca](mailto:jpoleson@uvic.ca)).

### ANAWIM HOUSE DONATIONS

With the colder weather approaching Anawim House is looking to re-stock it's depleting shelves. They are in particular need of: **canned goods (for example, pork and beans, tuna, canned pasta, etc), dried pasta, jarred pasta sauce, cereal, peanut butter for sandwiches**, are in very high demand right now.

There is also always a constant need for new men's underwear and warm socks. Please remember that Anawim House often helps women who come by the house as well, so items for women are also accepted. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Centre, or left in the Anawim Grocery cart in the foyer of the church. The donations are collected weekly from the church by Anawim volunteers. *Taking care of our brothers in need.*



**Feeding the Community**

**PRAYER REFLECTION**

The emperor is within the church, not above it. —Saint Ambrose  
People are instructed in the truths of the faith . . . far more effectively by the annual celebration of our sacred mysteries than by any pronouncement, however weighty, of the teaching of the church. —Pope Pius XI, instituting the Feast of Christ the King  
A man who was completely innocent offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act. —Mahatma Gandhi  
We believe that we have . . . inherited the kingdom of the heavens, in Christ Jesus our Lord. —Saint Athanasius

**A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE**

To access the live stream link from the Diocese of Victoria website simply google: Diocese of Victoria or go to [www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream). Celebrate Mass on-line with Bishop Gary.

**SUNDAY** ..... 10 AM

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY** ..... 7 PM

**A DECEMBER SCHEDULE CAN BE FOUND [HERE](#).**

A new post has just been added to the Diocesan website about Synod 2021-2023: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/communion-participation-and-mission-a-synodal-journey>

**FEAST OF ST. ANDREW**

On Tuesday, November 30th, St. Andrew's Cathedral will celebrate our Patronal Festival with Mass at 12:00 pm and at 7:00 pm and all are welcome. For the evening Mass, entry to the Cathedral is via our View Street door.

**RECONCILIATION CORNER**

In an earlier notice (August 8), you were invited to watch the documentary "[Picking up the Pieces: the Making of the Witness Blanket](#)." Coast Salish artist and UVic Professor, Carey Newman, created this monumental art installation from items collected from residential schools, government buildings and churches across Canada, to commemorate the victims of residential schools. A book on the Witness Blanket is in our Indigenous Collection. Now you can **view a true-to-scale replica of the Witness Blanket at the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre** between Nov. 16 and Dec. 12. [Read this article](#) in the *Saanich News* to learn more about this exhibit.

**WRAPPING PAPER DONATIONS NEEDED**

The children at **St. Patrick's Elementary School** have a couple of special Christmas projects coming up. *They are requesting donations of wrapping paper and supplies for these two events.* If you have half used, or brand news rolls of wrapping paper to donate please drop it off at the parish office and it will be delivered to the school. *Thank you!*

**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

**SATURDAY, November 20th**

3:00pm-3:45pm: Confession  
4pm Mass: Barry Clarke +

**SUNDAY, November 21th**

9am Mass: Paul MacDonald +

**MONDAY, November 22nd**

Office Closed/No Mass

**TUESDAY, November 23rd**

9am Mass: Colin McCartney +

**WEDNESDAY, November 24th**

9am Mass: Ron Clifford +

**THURSDAY, November 25th**

9am Mass: Doug Monro (int)

**FRIDAY, November 26th**

9am Mass: Sr. Chris Brennan +  
**OFFICE CLOSED**

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*In-person Masses have resumed now with no restrictions on numbers. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact the Office (250-477-5321.)*

*Masks are now mandatory for everyone in the Church and the parish centre.*



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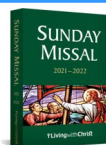
**COLLECTION for Nov. 14, 2021**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 4,685.00
Loose	\$ 175.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,537.00</b>

**MISSALS**

The 2021/2022 Missals are IN!!! They will be available after Mass THIS weekend, November 20/21, for **\$5 per Missal**. If you are not able to come to Mass to get yours, you can pick it up at the office during office hours.



## CONTACTS

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## NOTE FROM THE UVIC/ CAMOSUN CHAPLAIN

**How to find God in film.** Join us for Movie Night on Monday, November 22nd from 7-9:30pm. Depending on film availability, 'The Way' or 'Parasite' will be viewed. Bring your inner movie critic to Multifaith Centre, parking lot #6. Shared snacks will be provided. RSVP: [lfoch@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:lfoch@rcdvictoria.org)



## ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

First Friday adoration in the mercy chapel will be next held on **Friday, December 3rd** from 1-2pm in the Mercy Chapel.

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE - ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

The St. Patrick's Parish CWL Hobby Group is hosting this year's Christmas Craft Sale on **Saturday, November 20th** before and after 6pm Mass, and **Sunday November 21st** before and after 11am Mass in the Parish Centre. Great gift ideas for the special people on your list, all handmade by experienced local crafters! Hand knitted items, handmade baby clothes and accessories, home made baking, fudge and more! 2060 Haultain St.



## CHALICE CHRISTMAS GIFT CATALOGUE



We invite you to share the blessings of Christmas with children in the developing world. Chalice's Christmas Gift Catalogue allows you to purchase a gift for someone in need in honour of a friend or a loved one. A beautiful handwritten card will be sent to the recipient, telling them of the gift that is given. Any gift purchased through the catalogue will receive an official tax receipt.

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/TicketingCatalog.aspx?eventid=148817&langpref=en-CA&Referrer=https%3a%2f%2fadmin.e2rm.com%2f>

## CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS DIOCESE OF VICTORIA: AGM

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Victoria (CISDV) Society will be held on **Tuesday, November 23 at 7:00pm** in the library at St. Andrew's Regional High School. There will be a private ballot election for two positions to the CISDV Board of Directors at this meeting. Each position is for a three-year term. For further information, contact Katja Groves, Superintendent of Schools (250-727-6893 ext 242).

## BIRTHRIGHT FUDGE

Birthright is taking Orders for their delicious Chocolate Fudges. A bit of sweet in this challenging year! Please **order by December 7** for parish office pick-up in mid December. **Parish Office hours are Tuesday – Friday 9AM – 2PM.** *Your purchase supports the pro-life pregnancy support work of Birthright Victoria.*

## MORNING ROSARY

Please join the rosary group that gathers in the Church every **Tuesday to Friday morning at 8:30** (before morning Mass) to pray the rosary together. **All are welcome.**

