



# 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 - November 7, 2021**  
**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Are we willing to give our all to God, to use the gifts given to us by God to bring about God's Kingdom? The Prophet Elijah, the widow, and Christ himself portray a complete dependence on God in the readings today. Elijah commits to the word of the Lord and trusts in God's providence. The widow, despite her desolation, commits to service and gives all she has, trusting in God's promise to provide. Out of love, Christ commits to being the final sacrifice as He places His whole being and entire will into God's hands.

In the beginning of 1 Kings 17, we witness to God's guidance of Elijah. With a severe drought throughout the land, God tells Elijah to trust the word of the Lord, then sets him alone by a wadi (a drying brook). Elijah has water and God instructs the ravens to bring him food. A peculiar experience for Elijah, with a brook that was drying up and food being brought to him by 'unclean' birds, yet he leans on God, the great nourisher, who sustains him. This desert journey bends his spirit to the will of God. So when the wadi dries up, God is right there to provide another way. God tells Elijah to go to Zarephath "for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." [1 Kgs 17:9].

The widow was gathering sticks to prepare her last supper as her jar and jug were almost empty. She would have been in a weakened state due to lack of food; her anguish, despair, desolation, and hopelessness would have been palpable. It's like she's preparing a funeral pyre, a sacrificial offering of herself and her son.

Elijah submits to the Word of God and reaches out to her for nourishment. The widow is totally focused on her plight. She cannot see beyond her predicament, yet the two of them come *into communion* over 'a little water' and 'a morsel of bread'. Her *meal* and *oil* have been her manna, her sustenance each day. In her pain and distress, Elijah shares the word of God with her, "Do not be afraid. The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail..." and the two of them serve one another and are nourished by the Word of God.

Like Moses in the desert, God has been guiding Elijah into a deeper dependence on God, and in God's mysterious and wondrous ways, brings Elijah to the widow to offer her spiritual nourishment, manna for the soul. The widow is able to see with new eyes, and her heart opens to hope. Journeys are filled with uncertainties, unknowns, zigzags, pain, sorrow, and joy. Each chapter in our life leads us to a letting go and a surrender. It's always our choice, yet God is always there calling us into a deeper awareness of our need for God. Christ, as the final sacrifice, shows us that when we give ourselves over to God, we are healed and set free to live the bigger life God created for us.

We are called to be prophets, to live close to God and be a living example of insight, dedication, holiness and commitment. Like the widow, we are called to give from our poverty, a sacrificial generosity that portrays a total reliance on God. Christ-like, we are called to offer our humble, contrite hearts, giving ourselves fully and freely out of love for God.

God's abundance, Mona

#### 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>

**REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

There will be a special Remembrance Day Mass on Thursday, November 11th at 7pm. Remembrance Day Mass for Holy Cross and St. Pat's Parishes will be held at Holy Cross Church on **Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend. A special invitation is extended to our Military Men and Women, those retired and those in active service to our country, as we honor them and the memory of their comrades who have died. We wish to pay respect and give tribute to our Military by having them process in with Fr. William for the Mass.

If you are Military and part of the Liturgical Ministries at Holy Cross or St. Pat's and are able to help at this Mass please let us know by calling Valentina at the Holy Cross Office 250-477-5321. Thank You.

**\*please note that Please note there will not be a 9am Mass on this day.**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL RAFFLE**  
**15 cash prizes totalling \$135,000 including the Grand Prize of \$60,000!**

The Knights are now selling tickets. Starting this year all tickets are sold online – there are no more paper tickets. \$30 for 10 tickets, single tickets are only \$3.

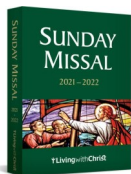
Get your tickets at our KofC website <http://www.kofcdraw.net/C7934>

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]

**MISSALS**

The 2021/2022 Missals are IN!!! They will be available after Mass next weekend, November 13/14, 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.



**BIRTHRIGHT FUDGE**

Birthright is taking Orders for their delicious Chocolate Fudges. A bit of sweet in this challenging year! The packets make great stocking stuffers or holiday gifts. Please **order by December 7** for parish office pick-up in mid December. **Parish Office hours are Tuesday – Friday 9AM – 2PM.** Please see the poster on the back page for ordering details. *Your purchase supports the pro-life pregnancy support work of Birthright Victoria.*

**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.



**PRAYER REFLECTION**

No one has ever become poor by giving. —Anne Frank

The poor widow cast only two pennies into the treasury; yet because she gave all she had it is said of her that she surpassed all the rich in offering gifts to God. —Saint Jerome

**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

**Diocesan Remembrance:** Each year a Mass is offered for those Clergy and Religious who have died during the past year and we also remember the bishop who was most recently deceased. This year, this special Mass will be celebrated by **Bishop Gary on Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at his usual 7 pm livestream.** If you are living in the southern part of the island you are invited to attend in-person. Enter via the View Street door which will be unlocked by 6:30 pm. This year we will be praying for our most **recently deceased Bishop: Raymond Roussin, bishop from 1999- 2004** and for:

- from the community of St. Paul: Fr. Marinaldo Batista
- from the Sisters of St. Ann: Sr. Therese Brousseau, Sr. Joyce Ann Kennedy, Sr. Patricia Shreenan
- from the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary: Sr. Laura Distaso, Sr. Margaret Baumann
- from the Salvatorian community: Fr. Kazimierz Olesky
- from the Poor Clare community: Sr. Clare Lewis

**BISHOP’S APPEAL 2021**

Thank you for supporting this year’s Diocesan Appeal - the **“Spirit of Hope – Healing and Reconciliation”**. Donations can still be made on-line [www.rcdvictoria.org/spirit-of-hope-2021](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/spirit-of-hope-2021) or through the special envelope.

Our parish project is: **Sponsoring a refugee family**

Parish Goal: **\$60,000** Actual to Date: **\$63,121.01** # of Gifts: **96**

**RECONCILIATION CORNER**

SENĆOŦEN is the language universally spoken by the **W̱SÁNEĆ** people in what is now Saanich, before Indigenous children were forbidden from speaking their native languages in the residential schools, and punished for doing so. Thanks to the efforts of Elders and many committed community members, including teachers and youth, the number of Indigenous language learners has been on the rise over the past decade. Read about the revitalization of SENĆOŦEN [in this article](#): an alphabet, a dedicated school, university programs, online resources, special keyboard characters, generations of speakers and teachers, and more.

**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

**SATURDAY, November 6th**

3:00pm-3:45pm: Confession  
4pm Mass: Maria DeSantos Mendonca +

**SUNDAY, November 7th**

9am Mass: Stan Prince +

**MONDAY, November 8th**

Office Closed/No Mass

**TUESDAY, November 9th**

9am Mass: Joan Marcus +

**WEDNESDAY, November 10th**

9am Mass: Gordon Holden +

**THURSDAY, November 11th**

Office Closed

7pm Mass: Remembrance Day

**FRIDAY, November 12th**

9am Mass: Xue Gui Zhang (int)

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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 Oct. 31, 2021**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 2, 880.00
Loose	\$ 155.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,712.00</b>



## **CONTACTS**

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## **A Reason to Smile from St. Patrick's Elementary School**

The Gr. 3 students at St. Patrick's Elementary are making their own pet monsters this spooky week ahead of Halloween. View their creations if you dare [here!](#)



## **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.**

## **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>

## **RACHEL'S VINEYARD**

Please note that **Rachel's Vineyard** will be coming to our Diocese in the near future. This ministry is a safe place for people to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For information please contact Nicola at [nicolamgallagher0123@gmail.com](mailto:nicolamgallagher0123@gmail.com)

## **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. Nomination forms may be requested from [schools@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:schools@cisdv.bc.ca) and must be completed and sent to the Nomination Committee at [schools@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:schools@cisdv.bc.ca) **no later than Wednesday, November 10**. Potential Board Members must meet the following requirements for nomination:

1. Be a practising Catholic and an active member of a Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Victoria.
2. Not be an employee of the CISDV, an immediate relative of an employee of the CISDV, nor a student of a school under the jurisdiction of CISDV.

Read and understand the constitution and bylaws (<https://www.cisdv.bc.ca/island-catholic-schools-board.php>), policies 200 and 201 (<https://www.cisdv.bc.ca/200-governance.php>) and the method of election.

Have a signed nomination form which includes two sponsors and Parish Priest.

For further information, contact Katja Groves, Superintendent of Schools (250-727-6893 ext 242).



## BIRTHRIGHT FUDGE ORDERING INFORMATION

Birthright is selling specialty Fudges for parish office pick-up in mid December. Please contact Peggy at [info@birthrightvictoria.org](mailto:info@birthrightvictoria.org) or 250.478.5372 by **December 7** to order.

All **Birthright Fudges\*** are **\$5** (each package = 1/4 of an 8 inch square pan).



**BLACK FOREST:**  
our best-seller, dark chocolate, cherries almonds



**MACADAMIA MADNESS:**  
dark chocolate, macadamias (size is a little smaller as the nuts are pricey)



**MIDNIGHT MINT:**  
silky dark chocolate with a hint of crème de menthe (no alcohol)



**CHOCOLATE WALNUT:**  
a softer, sweeter, more traditional fudge



**CLASSIC CHOCOLATE:**  
softer, sweeter, more traditional, (no nuts but prepared in a home kitchen ~ trace amounts may be present)



**ROOT BEER FLOAT:**  
a very pretty fudge, decadent chocolate with the taste of Root Beer over ice cream!

**CHOCOLATE APRICOTS:** hand-dipped, dried Apricots. A tarter taste for those who like their chocolate less rich. **\$3**

**CARAMEL CORN & CARAMEL CORN LIGHT** (reduced fat, calories) **\$3**

*\*Fudge freezing tips included if you would like to save for Christmas.*