



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

SUNDAY - October 2, 2022
Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

When we listen to the news nowadays, we drown in the quagmire of devastation. The violence and injustice make us cry out to God just like Habakkuk, and there seems to be no end in sight. We feel God has abandoned us. Even Jesus cried, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Yet it is in Christ that we place our faith, a crucified sacrificial servant of God. Our faith is being put to the test...do we step up or do we walk away...do we believe that God has it in hand or do we focus on hopelessness? It's in times like these that we need to place what little faith we have into God's hands, to trust in God's promises, to cling to God with courage and conviction.

The book of Habakkuk reminds us that while God may seem silent and uninvolved in our world, God always has a plan, no place is too dark and no wall too thick for God's grace to penetrate in a powerful and life-affirming way. There is always HOPE!

Having hope means accepting and acting out of God's generous gift of a *spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline*. God's power is not 'over' us, rather God's power is 'with' us and *within* us. The power of LOVE for God, one another and self, along with the power of SERVICE gives us the courage and resolve to meet difficulties and dangers head on. We must hold fast to Christ Jesus, to the one true foundation, to profess our Creed and live it in the world with faith and love as we adhere to the voice of the Good Shepherd.

God gifts each of us, and each of us are needed to bring about God's design. Sometimes fear keeps us from using our gifts. We doubt, we hesitate, we panic, and in the process, we forget that fear does not come from God. Rather, fear comes from a lack of faith in God. If fear is stopping us from fully committing to God and effecting God's plan, we are called to place our faith into God's power, which makes all things possible.

The mulberry tree roots were thought to be extraordinarily strong, like our deeply rooted fears, unforgiveness and bitterness. If our mustard seed faith is deeply rooted in God, we can accomplish great things!

We are called to live in the sure faith of Christ Jesus by relying on the strength of God, leaning into the joys and sorrows of life, and standing confidently in God's all-encompassing love. We are never alone as Christ relentlessly fashions us into His disciples. It's not about *how much* faith we have, it's about what *kind* of faith we have. We may think we have heaps of faith yet sit piously in church praying and judging and tearing down the Kingdom. Or our faith may be precarious, even shaky, yet our hearts are chockfull of love, compassion, humility, and a deep desire to serve God.

Let us walk according to the Spirit plowing the land, the soil, and the heart; tending the sheep, the church, and the people; serving the poor, the marginalized, and the broken. Our faith is a *hands on* faith that requires hard work, patience, and a caring heart each and every day. Pope Francis says, "*You have to trust God. God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit.*"

God's abundance, Mona

OFFICE HOURS

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

Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week from Holy Cross Parish at 4pm Saturday. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

The St. Andrew's High School French Exchange Program is desperately in need of your help! 13 wonderful young men and women (grades 11/12) from Marie Pila High School in France are arriving on October 17th, staying for 11 nights and we are still a few host families short. We want to provide these students with a wonderful and welcoming experience here in Victoria! If anyone is able to provide a room for one of these students, please email Mr. Durkan (mdurkan@cisdv.bc.ca) at the high school as soon as possible. Remuneration of \$35/night.

Our sincerest condolences go out to the Narciso family on the loss of their father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Jesus (Jess) Narciso. The funeral will be held at Holy Cross Parish on Monday, October 3 beginning at 9:30am. The Livestream link for this funeral is: <https://youtu.be/XoY7ss4LCVg>

REMINDERS from Barb Shenton for St. Pat's and Holy Cross parishioners!

Welcome back! We are off and running with a new year of growing in faith and learning here at St. Patrick's & Holy Cross.

Baptismal Prep – Our course is now offered on the first Saturday of the month in person or on-line. Contact Barb Shenton at bshenton@rcdvictoria.org for the baptismal registration form for your child and to book a preparation session.

SACRAMENTAL PREP for First Confession & Confirmation/First Eucharist

Children must be in Grade Two for First Confession and in Grade Three for Confirmation/First Eucharist preparation.

Children who are in Grade Four and above are welcome to complete the RCIC program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) which is modeled on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Please note: Lessons for BOTH First Confession & Confirmation/First Eucharist will not begin until January 2023. Please submit a new/updated registration form for either of these sacraments to bshenton@rcdvictoria.org Forms are also available on the parish website.

Library Corner

October 4th and 11th celebrate the feast days of St Francis of Assisi and Pope John XXIII --- two kindred spirits: St Francis fleeing affluence to found the mendicant (begging) Franciscan order; St John, born in poverty and continuing to live so, initiated Vatican II in 1965. Both have composed memorable prayers.

Life: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis_of_Assisi

Prayers: <https://www.daily-prayers.org/angels-and-saints/prayers-of-saint-francis-of-assisi/>

Life: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_XXIII

Prayers: <https://www.dosp.org/our-faith/prayers/prayer-for-peace-by-st-john-xxiii/>
<https://pallottines.ie/prayer-for-strength/>

Note that there is also a new fine Collection of books in the church foyer relating to our frail Environment that has been brought together by the SEJC Committee of our parish. Please be sure to fill in the sign-out sheet and return to the table when finished reading. There is also a small box on the table accepting donations of books which would be gratefully added to the Collection.

HARVEST CELEBRATION! Holy Cross and St. Patrick's Parishes invite you to a Harvest Celebration! On Sunday, October 16th we will gather from noon - 3:30pm at Holy Cross to enjoy a BBQ lunch cooked up by the Knights of Columbus. "South Island Harmony" will be providing entertainment. Please sign up on the sheets provided in the foyer. There are also sign up sheets if you are able to bring a salad or dessert. We hope to see you there!

Prayer Reflection

Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to God's love, and the future to God's providence.

—Saint Augustine

Faith is the art of holding on to things in spite of your changing moods and circumstances.

—C. S. Lewis

I am determined not to place limits to trust and to extend it to all things . . . You will be my strength, O my God, you will be my guide, my director, my counsel, my patience, my knowledge, my peace, my justice, and my prudence.

—Claude la Colombière

The **GVAT Homes for All Assembly** is finally here! Join Fr. William and Holy Cross and St. Patrick's parishioners at **Christ Church Cathedral Sunday Oct. 2 (7 - 8:30 pm, doors open at 6:30, masks required and provided)**. Be prepared to cheer loudly as Leslie Saxon and Joe Calenda carry Holy Cross and St. Patrick's banners onto the stage. Hear the moving stories of people negatively impacted by the housing crisis, and witness the power of community solidarity as mayoral candidates commit publicly to bold policies that preserve and create new non-profit and affordable housing for all. If you absolutely cannot attend the event in person, watch the live-streaming (link to be found at www.gvat.ca).

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have released a statement re next steps related to the painful legacy of Residential Schools. Find it at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous/bishops-deepen-commitment-to-walk-together-with-indigenous-partners>.

With Arms Open Wide: Welcoming God's People

October 21 - Oct 22

St. Edward's the Confessor, Duncan.

KEYNOTE: Mona Goodman

MASS with Bishop Gary Gordon

Keynote Speaker Mona Goodman, will ground us in hospitality in the liturgical ministries in which we serve. We will have an opportunity for fellowship at our Wine and Cheese social (Friday evening). We will celebrate beautiful liturgy and engage in workshops specific to various liturgical ministries.

There will be something for everyone – Hospitality Ministers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Leaders of Prayer, Music Ministers, Coordinators of Altar Servers, Family Faith, Environment, Liturgy of the Word for Children, and more!

To register, please visit <https://armsopenwideliturgymatters.eventbrite.com/>

Fr. William has arranged a bus for those who do not want to drive up and back and up and back.

Leaving St. Andrew's High School at 5 pm on Friday October 21 Arriving at St. Edwards. Leaving St. Edwards at 8:30 pm

Saturday October 22 leaving St Andrew's High School at 7:15 am to St. Edwards then departing from there at 3:30 pm.

Please register with Fr. William for bus bookings.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE SATURDAY, October 1st

3-3:45pm: Confession

4pm Mass: Francesco Ciccone+

SUNDAY, October 2nd

9am Mass: Nestor Acebedo+

MONDAY, October 3rd

9:30am Funeral Mass - Jesus Narciso

TUESDAY, October 4th

9am Mass: Nestor Acebedo+

WEDNESDAY, October 5th

NO MASS

THURSDAY, October 6th

9am Mass: Ron Tinney+

Eric Qualley (Int)

FRIDAY, October 7th

9am Adoration in the Chapel

The Church will be open for private prayers from Tuesday to Friday
9am - noon

Masks are no longer mandatory indoors, though we do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. As always, if you are feeling unwell or symptomatic please stay home.



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COLLECTION for Sept. 26th

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS

Envelopes \$ 2,900.00

Loose \$ 335.00

Pre-Authorized Debit \$ 1,407.50

TOTAL \$ 4,642.50

Needs of the Church - \$335.00



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.

NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

Check out the diocesan website for updates on livestreaming:

Visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about> for updates

October 25 will be the first in a series of four free webinars being offered by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop's Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. The webinar topics include becoming joyful messengers of Christ, the synodal way, next steps in solidarity with Indigenous peoples, and our call to care for creation. Each sessions will be held on a Tuesday from 10 – 11:30 am, and also recorded and shared with registered participants after the event. For more information, please email oecc@ccc.ca

October 28-30 will be an online Worldwide Marriage Encounter virtual weekend. If you are a married couple who desire to restore communication & rekindle romance, this weekend is for you. More information and the registration link are available at <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/virtual-worldwide-marriage-encounter-8>. Please note: the registration deadline for this event is October 20

BRIDGE IS BACK!

The 40th year of Sunday evening Social Bridge held in the Parish Centre on the first Sunday of each month will commence November 6th, 2022 thru May 7th, 2023. All levels of play are welcome with the emphasis on "social".

If you care to join this friendly group and/or would like more information please contact Tony Southwell via e-mail: tsouthwell@shaw.ca or telephone (250) 477-5738.

University News: The Catholic Students Association, CSA, would like to thank all parishioners for their time, generosity, abundance in food, and commitment to making our first BBQ event a tremendous success! Thank you all 70 plus students who attended. Keep your calendars booked for October 15th, our next planned mass and meal. Campus masses at Multifaith have begun with confessions at 11:15, mass at 11:30. CSA provides a shared meal on campus for students who have time for fellowship and discussion about Father's homily and the readings of the day. Join us, location TBA.

FRAUD ALERT! Fr. William would like everyone to know that text and email requests for help that appear to be from him are fraudulent. Fr. William would never ask for help or money in this way! Legitimate emails from Fr. William will come from whann@rcdvictoria.org. Please ignore and delete all other emails that appear to be from Fr. William.

The Diocese of Victoria is searching for a dynamic individual for the position of Superintendent of the Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria. The job posting may be viewed at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>. All applications must be received by October 15, 2022.

Stained Glass Window Tour is booked for Monday October 3, 2022 at 10:45am at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Join us if you wish to learn more about these amazing works of art.

CWL FALL FAIR is on this weekend at St. Pat's: 9:30 -2pm September 30th and October 1st.



Mass Times

Please note the new weekend Mass Times as follows:

Holy Cross: Saturdays at 4pm and Sundays at 9am

St. Patrick's: Sunday at 11am and 4pm

Weekdays: Tuesdays and Thursdays at Holy Cross 9am

Wednesdays and Fridays at St. Patrick's 12:10pm

