



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Vision Statement

Holy Cross Parish strives to be a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, and inclusive Catholic community that gathers in unity and reaches out to attend to the needs of others.

SUNDAY October 7th, 2018
Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Reflections from the Gospel Gals

Today's gospel about 'two becoming one' and 'permanent bonds', echo long and run deep. At its core, oneness is focused outward, on the 'other', selfless and self-sacrificing, seeking the best for the other, to do the other's will. Oneness is about the bond between Jesus and his father, the inseparable bond that Jesus has formed with us and the bonds of oneness that we form in our relationships in equality and unity.

Jesus knew of his oneness with his father. He said, "The father and I are one." In this oneness Jesus knew it was his mission to do his father's will. "I must be about my father's business", he said. Jesus lived every day to bring glory to his father; he stayed connected with his father. He would often steal away to pray, to talk and to draw strength from his father. Amidst the ups and downs of everyday life Jesus worked to do his father's will. Throngs of people were always around Jesus some to be healed, others to hear his radical message of love and some, like the Pharisees and their spies, to trick, trap and discredit Jesus. He talked to rich and poor, good and bad alike and he dined with all who invited him. There were times when his friends were grieved and disappointed with Jesus as the time when he was not there to heal Lazarus. Jesus never faltered. Right up to the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed 'not my will but yours be done'. He did his father's will - he freely laid down his life - he loved us to the cross, to the resurrection, to life.

"The one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one". Jesus sanctifies and we are the sanctified. The bond that Jesus made with us is not to be 'put asunder'. We are one with Jesus, with all that God created and our work is to live out of this sanctified oneness. How do we do this? We do it exactly as Jesus did it. We stay connected with God. We spend a lot of time with God in prayer and listening to forge a very deep relationship with Jesus. We draw strength from God so that we may 'bloom where we are planted', whatever our circumstances. We keep 'eyes on Jesus' and we live to do his will, every day, 'his will not ours be done'. We work side by side with Jesus to live out his kingdom on earth and to bring his kingdom to others. He gives us life that we may give life to others.

My story is similar to that of many. Years ago, my dad died young leaving a 42 year old widow with seven young children and not much to live on. After my dad's death I saw that my mom ceased to live for herself in any way. Instead, she lived for her children. When there was never a minute to spare she made sure to eke out time to pray, to connect with her God and to be comforted by him. She did this every single day. Years later, I finally understood it. My mom had lived out of her oneness with Jesus; she did his will. She freely laid down her life and God gave it back to her.

All of us are on the road of continual conversion to unbroken, sanctified oneness with Jesus and with everyone, in all of our relationships. Let's embrace it, cherish it and live it with joy and gratitude.

In lock-step with Jesus, all the way!

Trudy Holden

OFFICE HOURS

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

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GREEN TIP—OCTOBER

Avoid driving as much as possible. Walk, bike, take the bus, or carpool. If you must drive, practice trip-linking (accomplish multiple errands on a single trip).

OUR PLACE BREAKFAST—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On **Saturday Oct. 20**, Holy Cross will be sponsoring another **breakfast at Our Place** (919 Pandora). We are looking for volunteers to constitute a team of 10-12, to be there from 8 to 10:30 am. No heavy work is involved. Serving a nutritious meal to the hungry is a wonderful way to start the weekend! Please contact Yvonne Hsieh at 250-385-8322 or at yhsieh@uvic.ca.

KAIROS BLANKE EXERCISE

Kairos Blanket Exercise – Sat. Nov. 3, 1:30 – 4:30 pm, Holy Cross Parish Hall
The Holy Cross Social & Eco Justice Committee invites all parishioners to participate in the Kairos Blanket Exercise. This is a deeply moving, participatory history lesson – developed in collaboration with indigenous Elders and educators – that fosters truth, understanding, respect, and reconciliation among indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. For more information: <https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org/>. **Limited to 60 participants. Sign-up sheet** in the lobby from Oct. 13 onwards.

ANNUAL “SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS” SALE

Saturday, October 13th at Holy Cross Parish, 9:30 – 2:30pm. Sale includes fine jewellery (pearls and semi-precious stones) costume jewellery, scarves, handbags, and silver jewelry from Nepal. Items for children, babies and much more. Fantastic prices! Proceeds go to benefit children in Canadian Families Orphanages in South India and Bangladesh. Cash/Cheques only. Free coffee, tea and goodies. For more information: www.familiesforchildren.ca or call Tiffany Begg at 250-881-8121.

RCIA

WISH TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? Also suitable for adult Catholics seeking Confirmation. Are you searching for a Church to call your own? Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that begins to explore these and other faith issues for those who may be considering following the Catholic Christian way of life. If interested, please contact the parish office at 250-477-5321, contact Phil or Sheila Wall by phone at 250-385-7007 or by email walls_in_holland@hotmail.com or email Father Karam rev.karam@gmail.com.

SOCIAL BRIDGE

The 36th year of this once a month social gathering at Holy Cross commences **Sunday, November 4th** in the Parish Centre. The evening starts at 7:00 p.m. with social bridge followed by refreshments. If you enjoy Bridge in a hospitable and non-competitive environment you are invited to join the Group. All levels of Bridge are most welcome! Please contact Tony Southwell for more information at (250) 477-5738 or via e-mail: tsouthwell@shaw.ca or Mike Neal at (250) 477-1309 or via e-mail: mneal49@shaw.ca

SPECIAL NOTE

Fr. William has written a letter to us all. It is posted up on the bulletin board along with a few pictures from the last few months of his sabbatical. Please take a moment to read it.

PRAYER REFLECTION

It is a lovely thing to have a husband and wife developing together and having the feeling of falling in love again. That is what marriage really means: helping one another to reach the full status of being persons, responsible and autonomous beings who do not run away from life.

—Paul Tournier

Because the divine goodness could not be adequately represented by one creature alone, God produced many and diverse creatures, that what was wanting in one in the representation of the divine goodness might be supplied by another. —Saint Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225-1274)

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE:** “By His Wounds We Are Healed” Sr. Nuala Kenny SC, OC, BA, MD, FRCP(C) In light of the clergy sexual abuse, Sr. Nuala Kenny SC reminds us that we are called to be agents of healing. The conference will begin with Mass at 8:45am on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at St. Edward the Confessor Parish, Duncan. To register, and for more information, please visit the Diocesan website: <http://www.rcdvictoria.org>.
- **GARAGE SALE:** Location: St. Rose of Lima, 2191 Townsend Road, Sooke. October 13th, 9am-1pm. Rain or Shine!!
- **AN EVENING WITH ANDRE REGNIER:** Spend an evening with André Regnier, Co-Founder of the Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) and author of *Clear and Simple: Conversations that lead to Conversion*. Andre will share stories and insights from over thirty years of missionary work, providing a practical roadmap to evangelize through intentional, Spirit-led conversations. Sunday, November 4, 7:00 pm – Holy Cross Parish in the Church. **All are welcome.**

On behalf of Fr. Karam and the staff at Holy Cross, we wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving; may you be surrounded by family and friends and delicious food! We are thankful for your presence in our parish, in our office and in our lives. Know that we are here for you always.



OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, October 7th

8:30 am Mass: **Eileen Knapik +**
10:30 am Mass: **Jose Pacheco +**
4:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, October 8th

7:00pm Thanksgiving Mass

TUESDAY, October 9th

9:00 am Mass: **Souls In Purgatory**

WEDNESDAY, October 10th

9:00 am Mass: **Mary Finn +**

THURSDAY, October 11th

9:00 am Mass: **Joao & Ermalinda Paiva +**

FRIDAY, October 12th

No Mass

SATURDAY, October 13th

3:45pm to 4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass: **Char Deslippe +**

SUNDAY, October 14th

8:30 am Mass: **Sam Moisey +**
10:30 am Mass: **Amaro Martins +**
4:00 pm Mass

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to the Croatian Community for the invitation to the Cultural Open House they had on Saturday. It was a great opportunity to get to know our neighbours and we look forward to many more such opportunities.



PASTORAL CARE VISITS WHILE IN HOSPITAL

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

CONTACTS

Administrator: Fr. Karam Alraban

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HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
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, 8:30	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
Sun. Coffee, 10:30	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
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
	Janita McHugh	250-220-4778
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.	Anna Mendonca	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Mom's/Tots	Partnership with St. Patrick's	
Children's Rel. Ed.	Giacinta Bewley	250-652-0204



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COLLECTION September 30, 2018

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3, 059.00
Loose	\$ 627.13
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 107.00
TOTAL	\$ 4, 793.13
Needs of the Church in Canada	\$ 205.25



Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar/ Valentina Boyd	250-995-1891 250-813-0230
Catholicism	Fr. Karam Alraban	250-477-5321
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
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	
Franciscans and Friends Youth	Maritza Chouza	778-533-1736
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky	250-477-5321 250-479-1331
RCIA	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	Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
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