

# The Anglican Parish of Holy Cross

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## Happenings around Holy Cross ~ May 2019

### From the Rector's Desk:

Easter is about celebrating new life. Of course, we celebrate more than just the resurrected life of Jesus; we also celebrate how Jesus leads us into new life. Through his spirit, working in us more than we can ask or imagine, Jesus leads us into new experiences of his presence, no dynamics of fellowship, and new areas of ministry. Isn't that exciting!

One of the wonderful places of 'newness' that we have experienced here at Holy Cross is the ministry of our Curate, Carmen. Carmen has been with us since November of 2018 and is a wonderful addition to our staff. Since her arrival, she has been diligent in connecting to parishioners and experiencing the variety of ministries the church offers. Carmen brings a wealth of knowledge, a passion for ministry, and, most importantly, a love for Jesus and his church. We are incredibly blessed to have Carmen with us, and as time goes on you will find that Carmen will be taking on more and more responsibility and leadership here at Holy Cross.

Easter is about celebrating new life, and Carmen brings opportunity for new ministry and new life at Holy Cross. Now, you may have noticed that Carmen is only with us half-time. But did you know that Carmen is also a quarter-time Chaplain at the University of Calgary? Carmen spends time each week at the university in ministry amongst the students and staff. Carmen has a natural gift to connect with people, and I know that Carmen's ministry amongst the students there will be a powerful one. Yet Carmen's role there also may open up Holy Cross to new experiences of God's leading, and new calls of ministry. Holy Cross has always had an 'unofficial' relationship with the university, and while Carmen's time at the university is not an extension of her ministry here, there are wonderful opportunities for us to support her work and ministry there.

Another new thing that will be happening for our curate occurs later in June. Carmen will be priested at the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer on June 22nd, along with four other individuals. She will celebrate her first Eucharist, both at the 8:00 and the 10:00 service, here at Holy Cross on the following day. Please circle both the 22nd and the 23rd on your calendars so that you can share in Carmen's ministry.

Now I know that some are concerned that Carmen will be leaving us after she becomes priested. Some have asked if she will move to another parish in only a few months time. After all, our intern David was here for one month, and Matthew was here for four months, so it is assumed that Carmen herself will move on before the year is done. I want to assure everyone that this is not the case. In conversation with the diocese, Carmen's curacy at Holy Cross extends, at least, to the end of December 2020. Not only is Carmen's ministry here a profound blessing, but it is also timely. As we continue to grow as a community, Carmen's ministry will continually bless us in the new life and ministry into which God leads us.

Therefore, I encourage you to reach out to Carmen and be blessed by her ministry. As part of the pastoral staff here, she is available to meet with you, to pray with you, or to answer any questions or concerns you may have. She is in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday, but her email ([carmen.maier@holycrosscalgary.org](mailto:carmen.maier@holycrosscalgary.org)) is always open. May God continue to bless us with new life, and call us into new areas of ministry, as we seek to live out the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

**Check out our website:** [www.holycrosscalgary.org](http://www.holycrosscalgary.org). We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

**Going to the hospital?** Please identify your religion as Anglican as this places your name on the Anglican list at Spiritual Care Services. Please let the church office know if you are in hospital. If you do not inform the office or the clergy, we will not know that either you or your loved one is in the hospital.

Please submit articles for the June newsletter by May 15, 2019.

**Parish Mission Drive for January through June 2019 - St. Edmund's Food Bank** We encourage you to bring a non-perishable food item with you each Sunday when you attend services if you are able – there is a collection box in the narthex. To donate financially, please make your cheque payable to Holy Cross Church, and indicate **St. Edmund's Food Bank** in the memo section. Your donation will be included in the Holy Cross tax receipt at the end of the year. If you have any questions, please speak to a warden or a parish council member.

**Lectio Divina:** Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 pm in the St. Michael room. Lectio Divina, i.e. divine reading, is a practice deeply rooted in Christian history. In Lectio Divina, we sit with a Biblical text for the purpose of discerning the voice of Jesus as He speaks into our lives. For more information, please speak to Reverend Kyle.

**Fire Door Regulations:** No doubt you will have noticed signs on the doors in the parish hall and the lower hall indicating that they are fire doors which must be kept shut at all times. This is in response to a directive by the fire department. While Montessori has permission to leave the doors open while they are in session because their fire evacuation plan includes designating an individual to close the doors in case of fire, the doors are to remain shut at all other times, including service times. Your cooperation in this regard is appreciated.

**ACW:** Come join us on May 5, 2019 after the 10:00 am service for our monthly ACW meeting. All women are welcome to join us for a light lunch, fellowship and meeting.

**Strawberry Tea:** Please come join us for our Annual Strawberry Tea on Saturday, May 11 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Bring your family and friends to this delicious annual treat. All are welcome! If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Lisa.

**Carmen's Ordination:** Please mark your calendar! Carmen will be priested on June 22 at 11:00 am at the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer. She will celebrate her first Eucharist here on June 23 at 8:00 am and 10:00 am.

Join us for our Sermon Series based on questions raised on Easter morning, at both 8:00 am and 10:00 am services:

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| April 28: | What do I do about Jesus?     |
| May 5:    | What do I do about Faith?     |
| May 12:   | What do I do about Growth?    |
| May 19:   | What do I do about Prayer?    |
| May 26:   | What do I do about Suffering? |

**Curate's Corner:** - The Rev. Carmen Maier

Our Lord, after he rose from the dead, chose to reveal himself to his disciples through eating with them. On the road to Emmaus, the disciples did not recognize Jesus until he spent the evening with them and broke bread. At the shore of Galilee, Jesus met his disciples over a shore breakfast he made for them. Is it not curious that the powerful truth of Jesus' resurrection was not brought home to the disciples in some kind of spectacular way? But no, it was through the ordinary that the disciples met their Risen Lord – through the meal.

That takes a lot of pressure off of us. We need only to imitate Jesus in order to share our faith in his resurrection. We need only to break bread with others. Yes, of course, at the Holy Table. But then, perhaps just as important, through our coffee time, and maybe even through the hospitality we extend from our own homes.

Do you think visitors recognize something of the truth of Christ's resurrection in our fellowship together? I do.

## **Book Club:**

For twenty years, Holy Cross book club has donated books to charities at Christmas time as an out reach project. This year we donated 11 books to the Children's Hospital Foundation. The book, "Rings of Time" by Renée Veillet, was one of those books this year.

The author lives in NW Calgary with her husband Vaughn & sons Connor & Carter. In her own words, from her website; "As I learned about my own family history during the settling of Canada's west, I became fascinated by Canadian history. My ancestors endured hardships that were unimaginable; my great grandfather was forced to leave his family behind in order to seek work in Canada. The first family member he could afford to bring over travelled in steerage class on the Titanic and did not survive. When he was able to return to his homeland finally to collect his family, half of them, including his wife, had perished from illness. I feel a debt of gratitude towards my ancestors and want to honour them by sharing their stories with my children and the generations to come."

"In writing Rings of Time, my hope was that students could immerse themselves in Alberta in 1913, picture themselves in this strange world and learn about Canadian history, not from a textbook, but as a way of life."

All book club members thoroughly enjoyed this novel. It is obviously written for young adult readers, as the main character is 18 at the opening of the story. Each of us learned new tidbits of Alberta history from this well researched story & could relate because it takes place "in our backyard" so to speak. From the book jacket, a brief summary of the book; "Abandoned at birth, eighteen-year old Emilie is searching for her family. Just as she is about to unravel the clues to her mysterious beginnings, she is thrust back in time a century [to] the year 1913. Emilie's attempts to return to the future are quickly put on hold as she gets caught up in the harsh realities of early homesteading, where self-reliance is key to survival. Stubborn and proud, Emilie makes it her mission to thrive." Unbeknownst to the book club members, this is the first book in a series, so it leaves the reader with a cliffhanger, at the end of the book. All of the members were frustrated not knowing what happens next! We all hope she writes the sequel soon!

We members felt this book is more suited for older teens & young adults, aged 15 & up, than younger teens. But the author reveals on her website, that she wrote it with junior high students in mind. She even does school visits in the Calgary area for ELA or Social Studies curriculum. This gives Grade 7, 8 & 9 students a chance to ask her questions, & receive a signed copy of her book (at a reduced cost, \$10). She even provides teachers with a Resource Guide!

Rings of Time has been awarded the Gold Moonbeam Award in the Young Adult Historical Fiction category. It has also received the IPPY (Independent Publisher Book Award) Gold Medal in the Young Adult Fiction category. A copy of this fascinating time travel novel will be available soon in the church's library. Submitted by Glynis

**BOOK CLUB REVIEW: "I Saul" by Jerry B. Jenkins with James S. MacDonald**

Jerry Jenkins novels have sold more than 70 million copies including the mega-best-selling Left Behind series. Twenty of his books have reached the New York Times best-seller list, including seven that debuted at #1. Jerry and his wife Dianna, live in Colorado.

A murderer who would change the world! Yes we all know about him!

In this novel we are taken from present day Texas to a dark dungeon in Rome in 67 AD and to ancient Israel, Asia and back to Rome. Book club members all agreed that the chapter-to-chapter shift from present day to the first century was engaging and effective.

Augustine Knox is a seminary professor who is called to help his friend Roger, who has discovered priceless parchments. There are two adventures in this book the story of Augustine Knox and Saul of Tarsus. Both these men in different ways faced death for the sake of truth. This read has political intrigue, romance, historical details and friendship relationships.

All members of book club agreed that this book is a good read for both male and female readers. We were pleased to have Reverend Kyle Norman join us on Monday evening. He graciously took time to read the book and contributed to our discussion on many levels. We thank you Kyle for sharing your thoughts with us and experiencing an evening with the book club. Submitted by Sandi

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