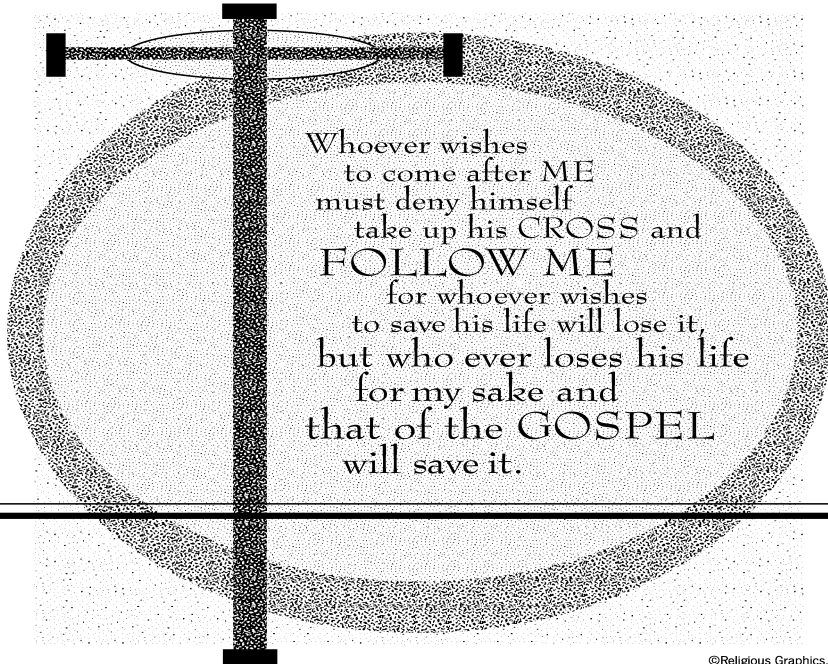


HOLY CROSS PARISH

Of the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau



Twenty-fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021

I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living!

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Holy Mass

Mon- Fri, 9 am
Sat, 5 pm
Sun, 8:30 am & 11 am



Mass is livestreamed on Facebook
weekdays, Sat 5 pm, & Sun 11 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat 3- 4 pm or by appointment.

Mission Statement

*There are different ministries, but the same Lord.
You then are the Body of Christ.
Everyone of you is a member of it.*
1 Corinthians 12:5 & 27

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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Sep 13

9 am- Mass

Tue Sep 14

9 am- Mass

Wed Sep 15

9 am- Mass

Thu Sep 16

9 am- Mass

Fri Sep 17

Parish Office Closed

9 am- Mass

Sat Sep 18

1 pm- Legion of Mary- Conference Room

3- 4 pm - Confessions

5 pm- Mass

6- 6:15 pm- Dist. of Holy Communion

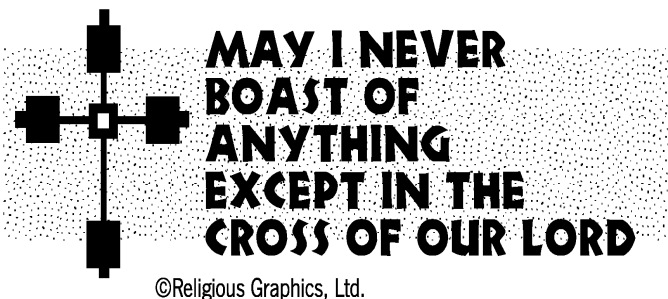
Sun Sep 19

8:30 am- Mass

9:45 Faith Formation

11 am- Mass

12- 12:15 pm- Dist. of Holy Communion



Readings for Sep 19, 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6-8

The Lord upholds my life.

James 3:16-4:3

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

Mark 9:30-37

The Son of Man is to be handed over Whoever wishes to be first will be the servant of all.

Reflection

The first reading and the gospel invite us to shape our perspective to think not as human beings do but as God does. Those who cling to the truth and devote their lives to faithful discipleship can proclaim with the suffering servant, "The Lord is my help, therefore I am not disgraced."

A Liberating Sign of Love

[T]he Christian gospel is more than a transcendent reality, more than "going to heaven when I die, to shout salvation as I fly." It is also an immanent reality—a powerful liberating presence among the poor right now in their midst, "building them up where they are torn down and propping them up on every leaning side." The gospel is found wherever poor people struggle for justice, fighting for their right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Bee Jenkins's claims that "Jesus won't fail you" was made in the heat of the struggle for civil rights in Mississippi, and such faith gave her strength and courage to fight for justice against overwhelming odds. Without concrete signs of divine presence in the lives of the poor, the gospel becomes simply an opiate; rather than liberating the powerless from humiliation and suffering, the gospel becomes a drug that helps them adjust to this world by looking for "pie in the sky."

. . . God's word is paradoxical, or, as the old untutored black preacher used to say, "inscrutable," a mystery that one can neither control nor fully understand. It is here and not here, revealed and hidden at the same time. "Truly, you are a God who hides himself, O God of Israel, the Savior" (Isa 45:15). Nowhere is that paradox, that "inscrutability," more evident than in the cross. A symbol of death and defeat, God turned it into a sign of liberation and new life. The cross is the most empowering symbol of God's loving solidarity with the "least of these," the unwanted in society who suffer daily from great injustices. Christians must face the cross as the terrible tragedy it was and discover in it, through faith and repentance, the liberating joy of eternal salvation.

James H. Cone, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*

James H. Cone (1938–2018), known as the founder of black liberation theology, was regarded as one of the most influential theologians in America. He was the Charles Augustus Griggs Distinguished Professor of Systematic Theology at Union Theological Seminary until his death.

On the way home from Mass...

In addition to "Christ," Jesus has many other titles. We call him "Son of God," "the Light," "the Way" "the Good Shepherd," and "True Vine." How do these titles help you better understand who Jesus is? Which image of Jesus helps you to "take up your cross and follow" him, knowing he will support and protect you?





Currently we are in week 16 of the campaign.
Thank you to all who have given!

Special Collections

There is a small basket above the offering collection basket near the entrance to the sanctuary. This week and next a collection will be taken up to help Haiti in the recent devastation from natural disasters. Additionally, a special collection will be taken Sep 18-19, as Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe & Russian. Thank you for considering gifts for these worthy causes.

The Word Among Us Devotional Gift

The Word Among Us is daily devotional gift provided to parishioners and is available on a first come first serve basis. Pick up a copy on the table at the back of the fellowship hall.

Masks

We **request** that you please wear masks at Mass. Masks are still **REQUIRED** at the Sunday 8:30 am Mass.

Faith Formation for Adults

Adult classes begin Sept. 12, led by Susan Gallardo. We will meet every Sunday, 9:45-10:45. All are welcome!

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is for Catholics and non-Catholics who want to learn about the faith. To join, contact Sandon Broek at 947-9168.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Calendar online at holycrossalaska.net/youth-ministry
Mission Trip. Summer 2022 to a Catholic community in rural Alaska. For high schoolers, and middle school with a parent. Updates: holycrossalaska.net/mission
World Youth Day. Ages 16-35, Lisbon in August 2023. Interest list and updates at holycrossalaska.net/wyd.

Faith Formation Schedule

Register online: holycrossalaska.net/formation

Sept. 12 9:45-10:45 K-5 Classroom Session
6+ & parents Family Session
Sept. 19 9:45-10:45 K-5 & parents Family Session
Grades 6+ Classroom Session
Oct. 1-3 **Confirmation Retreat**-ISO volunteers/chaperones

Liturgical Ministry Trainings

ALL are invited to either day's training held, Sept. 12 or 19, from 9:45-10:45 am. Below are brief descriptions of just a few ministries looking for volunteers!

Music/Choir Ministry- Augustine, the great fifth-century bishop of North Africa, said, "Those who sing pray twice." So, if you can sing or play an instrument, and love to help others praise the Lord through music and song, consider joining the this ministry!

Eucharistic Ministry- In this ministry you can assist the priest and deacons in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass. Consider helping in this important ministry.

Art & Environment Ministry- Our purpose is to better lead us to focus on God's presence in the liturgy with the use of color, light, and symbols. To do this we prepare with the scriptures, work with our priests, learn the appropriate colors for each, and often work 'behind the scenes.' We plan for the flowers, banners, candles, appropriate furnishings, and coverings needed for each Feast. We welcome new members as this is a volunteer team effort that flourishes with more participants. Sign up or contact Marilyn Kerr at 907-441-3082 with your questions and thoughts.

Altar Servers- The ministry of altar server in the Catholic Church is very unique. Other than the priest and deacon, no one else has the opportunity to participate so closely in the preparation of the Eucharist. Everything they do is a witness to their love of Jesus in the celebration of the Mass. Students in 4th grade through high school, who have received First Communion, are invited to be trained to serve on the altar.

Sacristan-The sacristan ministry is the ministry that is responsible for preparation of the worship space for mass, including the sacred vessels, and for clean-up after the mass. In addition, Sacristans act as coordinator for the other liturgical ministries prior to mass, making sure that ministers are in place for those duties.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK (SEPT 18/19)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	E M of Communion	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Anna Schulten (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Julia Morrison-Lugo	Jessie Manaois	Jessie Maglaqui Joy Maglaqui Jacqueline Pantaleon
Sun 8:30 am	Lead instrumentalist needed. To volunteer, call Sheila: 250-6234	N/A	N/A	Eilisa Maes	Isty Hlasny	Angie Garrouette Vince Garrouette
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Joslyn Childs	Carol Blazka	Mary Anne Green Justice Maiava Gigi Gueco Julie Thomas

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers** - Jess Manaos: 230-9418
- Art & Environment** - Marilyn Kerr: 346-1624
- Baked Goods** - Joan Karcz: 344-0168
- Blessed Sacrament Monastery** - Sandon Broek: 947-9168
- Clare House** - Leslie Holland: 770-0847
- Faith Formation** - Anna Schulten: 306-9363
- Church Maintenance** - Mike Likar: 529-9015
- Eucharistic Ministers** - John Hoppe: 350-7580
- Finance** - Greg Magee: 575-3197
- Habitat for Humanity** - John & Anita Roberts: 344-7144
- Hospitality** - Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133
- Knights of Columbus** - James Hogins: 229-3163
- Lawn and Garden** - Kirsten Hoppe: 248-1653
- Legion of Mary** - Mercy Acheson: 223-4822
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- RCIA** - Sandon Broek: 947-9168
- Sacristan** - Matthew Williams: 562-0188
- Snow Plowing** - Vince Garrouette: 522-3647
- Vocations** - Sister Joan Oberle: 349-8388



Online Giving

To sign up for consistent online giving please visit holycrossalaska.net/give

TITHING UPDATE

How did we do last week in meeting our offertory goal?

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	6,712
Weekly Tithing Period:		8/30-9/5/2021
Income Sources		
Weekly Collections:	\$	3,572
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:		
Online Giving:	\$	3,416
Total:	\$	6,988
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	276
Actual vs. Goal (%):		104.1%

How well are we meeting our income goals (Basket/Online/Rebates from OBOB Appeal) that were established in the current annual budget (FY21) for Holy Cross?

Year To Date (YTD) Period:	7/1/2020 to 05/31/2021	
FY21 YTD Complete (%):	91.7%	
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2021:	\$	349,000
Actual YTD Total Income:	\$	332,611
Budget YTD Total Income:	\$	319,917
Over/(Under) Budget:	\$	12,694
Actual vs. Budget (%):		95.3%

Breakdown of Actual YTD Total Income for FY21

Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	151,335	45.5%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	10,128	3.0%
Online Giving:	\$	149,308	44.9%
2020 One Bread One Body Rebate(s):	\$	21,840	6.6%
Total:	\$	332,611	100.0%

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