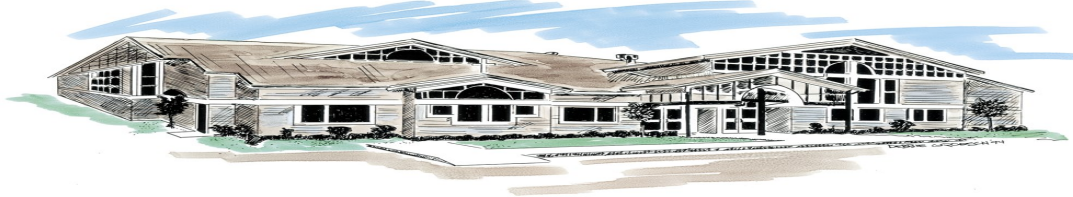


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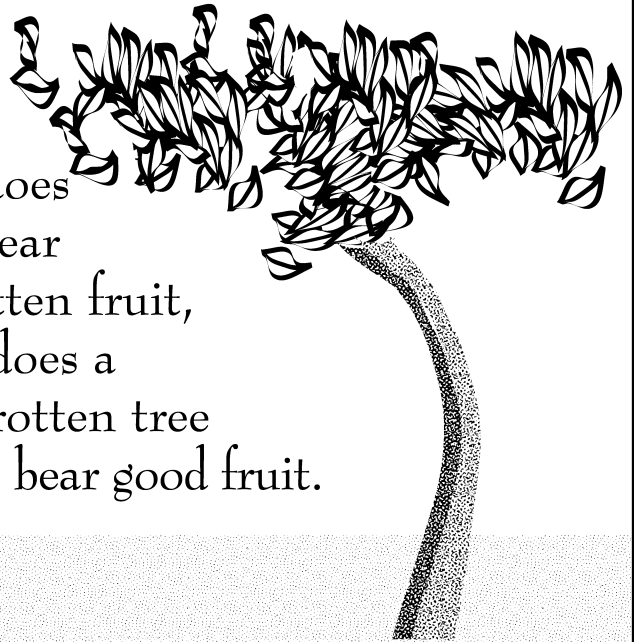


## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 2022

It is good to give thanks  
to the Lord!

A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.



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### Holy Mass

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



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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat 3-4pm 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 Feb 28

9am- Mass

1pm- Aspen Creek Service

### Tue Mar 1

9am- Mass

### Wed Mar 2- Ash Wednesday

9am- Mass

6:30pm- Mass

### Thu Mar 3

9am- Mass

5:30pm- OCIA

6:30pm- Synod meeting via Zoom

### Fri Mar 4- Parish Office Closed

9am- Mass

6:30pm-Stations of the Cross

### Sat Mar 5

1pm- Legion of Mary

3-4pm- Confession

5pm- Mass

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

### Sun Mar 6

8:30am- Mass

9:30am- Synod meeting

9:45am- NO FAITH FORMATION

11am- Mass

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

### Mass Intentions

Call the office to schedule your Mass Intention!

Mon 2/28 to Wed 3/2	Available!
Thu 3/3	9am- Arturo Munov
Fri 3/4	Available!
Sat 3/5	5pm- Available!
Sun 3/6	8:30am- Available! 11am- For the People of the Parish

## Readings for March 6, 2022

### First Sunday of Lent

#### Deuteronomy 26:4-10

*The confession of faith of the chosen people.*

#### Psalms 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

*Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.*

#### Romans 10:8-13

*The confession of faith of all believers in Christ.*

#### Luke 4:1-13

*Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert and was tempted.*

## Reflection

It's easy to become overwhelmed by the poetic presentation used in much of Scripture. We're reading words that have been handed down over centuries and translated into English from Hebrew and Greek. When you read the sentence "As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just," it looks over-whelming. This isn't usual word order for English. Instead of rushing through it, take it a phrase at a time. The tribulation of good people is like a potter putting a clay mold into a furnace. Will it stay together, or will it crack under the pressure? Reading Scripture is not easy, and the Old Testament is frequently intimidating. This text has already gone through one translation before coming to you. You are always invited to move more words around in your personal prayer, relishing what moves your heart.

### Plain Speaking

This Gospel always makes me smile.

Maybe the people who first heard it smiled, too, thinking: "Only the son of a carpenter would give a talk about splinters and beams." Jesus, of course, knew his way around wood, just as he knew his way around the human heart.

But to me, what's most striking is the form this message takes. It's full of wood, fruit, and brambles. It's a tangible parable—one his listeners could literally grasp. It reminds us that Jesus was a realist, someone who intimately understood everyday life and used it to make a point. (Modern preachers, take note!)

The setting in Luke's Gospel is significant, too. This comes to us from what is known as "The Sermon on the Plain." Jesus delivered it after coming down from a mountain where he had been praying. On this level ground, he couldn't help but see people face-to-face. He met them where they were.

Which makes us all wonder: Do we do the same in our encounters with others? And—given the subject of the parable—do we understand our own weaknesses and blind spots?

This episode asks us to approach the world from a place of humility. The effect, Jesus suggests, can be transformative, producing "goodness in the heart." Who knows what may result? We might even take the raw materials of our own lives—the splinters and beams, the cracked bark and fallen branches—and build something beautiful.

In a sense, the one who worked with wood is inviting us to be woodworkers ourselves.

Deacon Greg Kandra

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## On the Way Home from Mass...

It might be easier to recognize the bad in others, but it is healthier to identify what is good about them. Name one good quality in people you know.





## Final 3 Synod Listening Sessions!

We want to hear from everyone: all voices are essential to the journey. For Zoom sessions, please RSVP: [holycrossalaska.net/synod](http://holycrossalaska.net/synod)

- Thu Mar 3 at 6:30pm (ZOOM ONLY)
- Sun Mar 6 at 9:30am
- Wed Mar 16 at 6:30pm

## Faith Formation

Feb. 27:	K-5 & parents	Family Session
	Gr. 6+	Classrooms
Mar. 6 & 13:	No class (spring break)	

## Early Bird Deadline: St. Therese's Camp

St. Therese's Camp offers a week-long residential Catholic camp experience in a fantastically fun way. The early bird rate deadline is March 1. For more info, call 907-232-2066, email [campdirector@stthereseak.com](mailto:campdirector@stthereseak.com)

## Ash Wednesday

Mass will be held this Wed, March 2, at 9am & 6:30pm

## Stations of the Cross begins this week

Join us every Friday during Lent (beginning this Fri, March 4) at 6:30pm for Stations of the Cross.

## Youth Night

No youth night this Tue, Mar 1 (go to Ash Wednesday Mass instead). Join us next Tuesday during spring break for "Beat That" (minute-to-win-it game), Mar 8 @ 6:30pm.

## Confirmandi Service Projects

Jacob's food drive and Sebastian's glasses drive end 3/13.

Fr. Andrew Lee is working in Cambodia with the Korean Missionary Society. This winter, Holy Cross gave \$5,000 toward their medical clinic. Confirmandi students, Jade and Amanda, are taking up a Lent collection to fund their medical student dorms. If you'd like to give, use the small collection basket.

## 2022 Lenten Parish Mission Sneak Peak!

Save the date for this year's Lenten Parish Mission, featuring speaker, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. For the next 4 weeks, we'll provide a sneak peek into the mission's talk topics. Watch some sample talks via YouTube on our website: [holycrossalaska.net/parish-mission](http://holycrossalaska.net/parish-mission).

## Lenten Mission Sneak Peek #1: March 28

*Rich in Mercy: Finding Healing in God's Mercy*

Beginning with the teaching of Saint John Paul II and his father's incredible conversion story, Deacon Harold will probe the depths of God's merciful love to help you find the forgiveness, healing, and peace for which your heart longs.

# 2022 Lenten Parish Mission

Hosted by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

Join us for the weekend homily and 4 dynamic presentations:

- **Monday, Mar. 28:** Rich in Mercy: Finding Healing in God's Mercy
- **Tuesday, Mar. 29:** Baptized into His Death: The Power of the Cross and Its Meaning in Our Lives
- **Wednesday, Mar. 30 (+ Reconciliation Service):** A Light in the Darkness: Seeing Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- **Thursday, Mar. 31:** Behold Your Mother: The Marian Heart of Suffering



Save the Date: March 26-31, 2022 | Info online: [holycrossalaska.net/parish-mission](http://holycrossalaska.net/parish-mission)

### Ministry Schedule for next week (Mar 5/6)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM of Communion	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Anna Schulten (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Ted Walker Julia Morrison-Lugo	Jerika Manaos	Susan Gallardo Jacqueline Pantaleon
Sun 8:30 am	Lead instrumentalist needed. To volunteer, call Sheila: 250-6234	N/A	N/A	Pam Webb	Mike Likar	Jason Hlasny John Hoppe
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Joslyn Childs	Mercy Acheson	Julie Thomas Theresa Mitchell

## 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
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- Faith Formation** - Anna Schulten: 306-9363
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- 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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## Financial Corner

### TITHING UPDATE

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

Weekly Offertory Goal: \$ 6,577

Weekly Tithing Period: 2/14-20/2022

#### Income Sources

Weekly Collections: \$ 4,200

Holy Day/Holiday Collections: \$ -

Online Giving: \$ 2,634

**Total: \$ 6,834**

Over /(Under) Goal: \$ 257

**Actual vs. Goal (%): 103.9%**

### Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:

#### Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY22 YTD Period

FY22 YTD Period: 7/1/2021 to 01/31/2022

FY22 YTD Complete (%): 58.3%

Annual Budget Total Income FY 2022: \$ 342,000

Actual Total Income for Period: \$ 203,831

Budget Total Income for Period: \$ 199,500

Over /(Under) Budget for Period: \$ 4,331

**Actual vs. Budget for Period (%): 59.6%**

### Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY22 YTD Period

FY22 YTD Period: 7/1/2021 to 01/31/2022

Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail): \$ 109,284 53.6%

Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail): \$ 1,838 0.9%

Online Giving: \$ 92,709 45.5%

2021 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates): \$ - 0.0%

**Total: \$ 203,831 100.0%**

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