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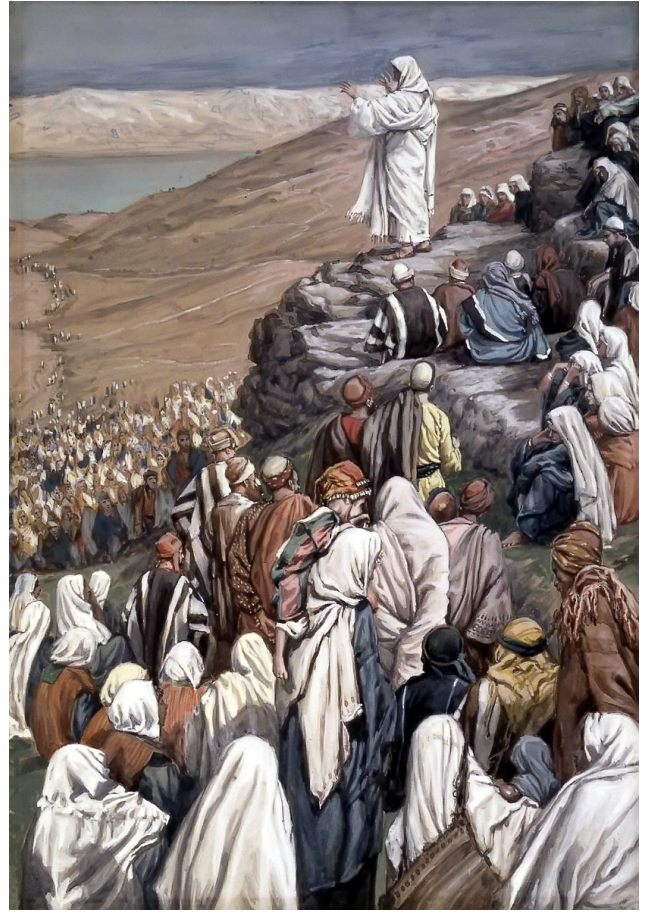


*There are different ministries,  
but the same Lord.  
You then are the Body of Christ.  
Everyone of you is a member of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:5 & 27

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time Jan 29, 2023

*Matthew 5:12a  
Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward will be  
great in heaven.*



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# This Week at Holy Cross

## Mon Jan 30

9am- Mass  
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

## Tue Jan 31

9am- Mass  
5:30pm- Confirmation Class  
7pm- OCIA

## Wed Feb 1

9am- Mass

## Thu Feb 2

9am- Mass  
6:30pm- Screwtape Letters

## Fri Feb 3-Office Closed

9am- Mass

## Sat Feb 4

1pm- Legion of Mary  
3-4pm-Confession  
5pm- Mass

## Sun Feb 5

8am- Mass  
9:15am- Faith Formation  
11am- Mass  
12pm- Rosary

### Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your intentions.

Mon Jan 30- Sun Feb 5	Available!
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### Mass Readings for Next Week

#### Isaiah 58:7-10

*Your light shall break forth like the dawn.*

#### Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

*The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.*

#### Corinthians 2:1-5

*I have announced to you the mystery of Christ crucified.*

#### Matthew 5:13-16

*You are the light of the world.*

## Reflection

We know that God's values are not our own; we hear this repeatedly in Scripture. But, saturated in a culture that values other things, we forget very easily. We put out time and attention into gathering money and security and social capital, even when we know this is not what Jesus asks of us. Consider the Beatitudes this week and how God might be using them to invite you into letting go of one of these false values.

### In This Poverty, Blessed Freedom

In the world of the Beatitudes, God attracts us so powerfully that we turn our eyes entirely toward him (and away from everything else), consecrating ourselves entirely to the glory of God. When our gaze is transfixed on God's glory so that we enter into the mystery of our being, we need to hang a big DO NOT DISTURB sign on the doors of our heart. At this point, God takes over. In order to make our hearts pure and clean, God invites us into a long period of darkness, much like a caterpillar that spins a chrysalis and waits in the shadows of a dormant hope. God comes in with a big bulldozer and starts to work. On the exterior we will experience unexpected reversal: broken relationships, disappointments, failures, illness, and misunderstanding. It will feel like the rug is being ripped out from under us. Indeed, it is, for God wants us to reach our highest ecstasy: to long for him, to cling to him with our whole being, to have nothing to offer of ourselves, to be totally dependent on him for everything: to be poor in heart. Our hearts will break as masks and illusions and scaffolding tumble to the ground, but in this poverty we will discover blessed freedom.

Even in the midst of ruinous circumstances, there will be an interior tug of war between cynicism and hope. In the midst of tears, we will cry out alternately in anger and in the blessed realization that something is emerging within us that is not of our making. God has drawn close to us and entered our solitude to share it with us, to stand in solidarity beside us in our mourning as the crucified and resurrected Lord, promising us life.

Sr. Kathryn J. Hermes, *Holding on to Hope*  
Kathryn J. Hermes, FSP, is a member of the Daughters of St. Paul. Besides her work for the Pauline Book & Media Centers, she is a spiritual companion and frequent speaker throughout the United States.

### On the Way Home from Mass...

Which Beatitude do you find most challenging? Why do you think it is hard?



#### Ministry Schedule for next week (Feb 4/5)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)		Wisdom Marquez Daniel Muldoon		Brenda Lannen	Manaois Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)		Henry and Annalise Maes		Mike Likar	Karin Hermansen Henry Maes
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)		Koasi Morah Rowdy Reynoso		Steve Thomas	Julie Thomas Kaira Brooks

## Confirmation Service Projects

Please drop off your donations THIS WEEKEND for the Mana Bag Homeless Outreach. Thank you for supporting Asher, Aidan, and Rowdy's project!

## Special Collection: Catholic Schools

Thank you for supporting this weekend's special collection, which helps provide Catholic education to young people across Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau.

## Catholic Schools Scholarships

Holy Cross provides scholarships to families who wish to send their children to an Archdiocesan Catholic school but are facing financial difficulty. For an application form, email [office@holycrossalaska.net](mailto:office@holycrossalaska.net)

## Screwtape Letters

Our book study continues meeting on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8pm (thru the end of February). Each week stands on its own & does not require any pre-study or past context: we read & discuss everything during our meeting. New faces always welcome!



## Grades 6-12 Retreat

Does God care? Does He hear me when I speak to Him? If He hears me, does He speak back, and how can I know what He is saying? During this retreat, we will discover the love of God through His self-revelation. God has spoken, and He continues to speak. God desires a personal relationship with us, and we can learn to hear His voice by

becoming familiar with the way He has communicated throughout salvation history and ultimately through Jesus Christ.

**Retreat Details:** Meet at Holy Cross on Fri, Feb. 24 (5pm), overnight at St. Therese's Camp in Wasilla, and return Sat, Feb. 25 (late evening). Sledding/tubing included, pending weather. Cost \$80. Financial aid available. Info & RSVP by Feb. 19: [holycrossalaska.net/retreat](https://holycrossalaska.net/retreat)

## St. Therese's Camp 2023

Register for summer 2023 at [www.stthereseak.com](http://www.stthereseak.com)! Camp is for kids entering grades 3-8 in fall 2023. High school camp is for kids entering grades 9-12.

- June 4-9
- June 11-16
- June 18-June 23
- June 25-30: high school week
- July 2-7: high school week
- July 16-21
- July 23-28

St. Therese's Camp offers a week-long residential Catholic camp experience. We share the joy of the faith in a powerfully fun way. Early bird rate until March 1 is \$357 for grades 3-8 and \$373 for high school; registration goes up after that. Register before May to get a free camp t-shirt. Some financial aid is available. Contact 907-232-2066 or [campdirector@stthereseak.com](mailto:campdirector@stthereseak.com) for more information.

## Lumen Christi's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala and Auction!

WE'RE BACK TO AN IN-PERSON EVENT FOR 2023 AND CAN'T WAIT TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU!

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THE BIDDING WEBSITE WILL OPEN IN FEBRUARY!

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## Financial Corner

### TITHING UPDATE

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

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	7,327
Weekly Tithing Period:	01/16-22/2023	
<b>Income Sources</b>		
Weekly Collections:	\$	5,365
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-
Online Giving:	\$	2,706
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,071</b>
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	744
Actual vs. Goal (%):	110.2%	

### Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison: Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY23 YTD Period

FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 12/31/2022	
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	50.0%	
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023:	\$	397,600
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	209,142
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	198,800
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	10,342
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	105.2%	

### Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY23 YTD Period

FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 12/31/2022		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	122,150	58.4%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	4,368	2.1%
Online Giving:	\$	77,999	37.3%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$	-	0.0%
Other:	\$	4,625	2.2%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>209,142</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## Online Giving

To sign up online giving visit [holycrossalaska.net/give](http://holycrossalaska.net/give)

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