

# Holy Cross Catholic Church



*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

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Oct 29, 2023

*John 14:23*

*Whoever loves me will keep my  
word, says the Lord,  
and my Father will love him and  
we will come to him.*



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## This Week at Holy Cross

### Mon Oct 30

9am- Mass  
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

### Tue Oct 31

9am- Mass  
7pm- OCIA

### Wed Nov 1

9am- All Saints Day Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)  
6pm- All Saints Day Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)

### Thu Nov 2

9am- Mass

### Fri Nov 3- Office Closed

9am- Mass

### Sat Nov 4

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

### Sun Nov 5

8am- Mass  
9:00am-Faith Formation  
11am- Mass (Rosary to follow)

### Mass Readings for Next Sunday

#### Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

*You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction.*

#### PSALM 131:1, 2, 3

*In you, Lord, I have found my peace.*

#### Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

*We were determined to share with you not only the Gospel of God, but our very selves as well.*

#### Matthew 23:1-12

*They preach but they do not practice.*

### Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your Mass intentions.

10/29- 8am: People of the Parish

11/5- 8am: People of the Parish

### Vocations Cross

Sign up on the pedestal outside the sanctuary.

The Salisi- Castillo Family will pray with the vocations cross this week!

## Reflection

In this life, the moral teachings of the church will always be at times burdensome and challenging. This is simply part of being human; until we are fully united to God in heaven we will not be acting from hearts perfectly formed in love. We can, though, try to reframe our understandings of these teachings; while they are often poorly taught and uncompassionately preached, they are *meant* to help us live in the love Jesus calls us to.

### A Harmonious Interplay

Jesus' answer to the question posed by the Pharisee looks unoriginal. He just joins two quotations from the Bible, the love of God (from Deuteronomy) and the love of neighbor as oneself (from Leviticus). But it is precisely this conjunction that is explosive, like harmless chemicals that go bang when mixed in an experiment. It is like the two spheres of the brain, fascinatingly analyzed by Iain McGilchrist in *The Master and His Emmissary: The Divided Brain and the Making of the Western World*. Human civilization depends on the harmonious interplay of the left and right hemispheres of the brain, joined by a tiny cord containing millions of nerve fibers.

We must love God with all our faculties of mind and heart, for they are created by a love that is transcendent and eternal. Infinite Love made every aspect of our being, and only in seeking that mystery of unimaginable love do we flourish and find our goal. Otherwise our love would be mere transient emotion.

Without love's transcendence, love is reduced to passing feelings of no ultimate significance. But the infinity of our love would lead to religious fanaticism and ideology if it did not come down to earth in our neighbor. The Pharisees in Matthew's account gather together against Jesus using their intelligence to trap him rather than love him. Their hearts are blunted by hatred instead of an openness to him. His body becomes an object to be destroyed.

Without being turned to our neighbors, religious love can burn up the world. And the tiny thread joining the two hemispheres is the Incarnation of the one who is human and divine.

Fr. Timothy Radcliffe

*Timothy Radcliffe, OP, is former master general of the Order of Preachers and author of Stations of the Cross (with art by Martin Erspamer, OSB) as well as Alive in God: A Christian Imagination.*

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

Is it easier to love God or ourselves?



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

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Manaois Family	Olivia and Sebastian Maglaqui		Julie Spradling Ninia Dizon	Manaois Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	John Hoppe	Joe and Rose Webb		Pam Webb Marilyn Kerr	Dora Castillo Matthew Walsh
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Lora Rivera Lilly Vogt		Elvira Taylor Janina Chlebowski	Julie Thomas Kaira Brooks

## Faith Formation Classes

November 5:

Grades 7-12 in Family Session  
Preschool-6 gr. in Classroom

November 12:

Grades 7-12 in Classroom  
Preschool-6 gr. in Family Session

***Faith Formation begins  
at 9 am and end at 10:45 am.***

*New families, register at:  
[holycrossalaska.net/register](http://holycrossalaska.net/register)*

***Interested in  
becoming  
Catholic? OCIA meets  
on Tue.  
evenings at 7pm.***



## Young Men-Come spend 24 hours at St. Therese's Camp to consider the priesthood.

Hear from our own Alaskan priests about the great adventure of the priesthood. This retreat will include talks from local priests addressing their calls, living the priesthood, prayer, delicious food, Mass, Reconciliation, and fellowship.

Dates: November 3-4, 2023

Retreat begins at 5:30pm Fri and ends at 1pm Sat. Cost: \$65. Limited scholarships available.

Register at [www.stcak.com](http://www.stcak.com)

Contact Fr. Arthur Roraff (907) 694 2170,

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with questions.



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### 2023 "United in Mission" Annual Appeal Report As of October 28, 2023

Diocesan Goal for Holy Cross	\$ 39,478	
Parish (Rebate) Goal for Holy Cross *	\$ 14,000	
Diocesan Goal + Parish Goal for Holy Cross	\$ 53,478	
Total Pledged	\$ 29,792	75.5% of Diocesan Goal 0.0% of Parish Goal
Number of Pledges	\$ 50	
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Diocesan Goal	\$ (9,686)	
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Parish Goal	\$ (27,686)	
Total Pledged Paid	\$ 17,850	
Total Pledged Unpaid	\$ 11,942	
Total Rebate for Holy Cross **	\$ -	

\* The Parish Goal is the Rebate Goal, which the Finance Council set as \$14,000 in the FY24 Budget. This goal amount is added the Diocesan Goal. The Diocesan Goal needs to met first before Parish Goal starts.

\*\* The rebate amount is the paid portion of the "Total Pledged Over Goal" amount. Since the rebate is not taxed by the Archdiocese, unlike income from weekly collections and online giving, the rebate is paid in full at 100% to Holy Cross. That is why It's Important to meet the \$14,000 goal. A 100% return!

**DONATIONS FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL APPEAL ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED.**

#### HOW TO MAKE AN ANNUAL APPEAL DONATION

There are 2 ways to make a donation. 1) Go to Archdiocese website: [www.aoaj.org/appeal](http://www.aoaj.org/appeal) to make a secured donation online or 2) Place your donation (check or cash) in an United in Mission envelope. These envelopes are available at Holy Cross in the pews and foyer. Please submit your envelope to Fr Pat or Fr Dan. If paying by check, please make the check payable to the Archdiocese of Anchorage/Juneau. Also, please indicate when making your donation online or by envelope that you are a parishioner from Holy Cross.

Thank you for donating and sharing your treasure to the 2023 United in Mission Annual Appeal.



## PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers- Jerica Manaos: 230-9418
- Art & Environment- Marilyn Kerr: 346-1624
- Baked Goods & Funerals- Looking for help!
- Blessed Sacrament Monastery- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
- Clare House- Leslie Holland: 337-278-7852
- Faith Formation- Jerica Manaos: 306-9363
- Church Maintenance- Mike Likar: 529-9015
- Eucharistic Ministers- John Hoppe: 350-7580
- Finance- Greg Magee: 575-3197
- Parish Nurse Program- Deb Seidl: 301-4180
- Hospitality- Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133
- Knights of Columbus- Pat Seidl: 242-1127
- Lawn & Garden- Julie Spralding: 636-399-0892
- Legion of Mary- Mercy Acheson: 223-4822
- Library- Maureen Retzel: 441-0460
- Liturgical Ministries Coordinator- Julie Thomas: 538-1109
- Livestream- John Roberts: 317-6808
- Music Ministry- Sheila Soukup: 250-6234
- Prayer Chain- Joan Gillis: 346-3147
- Readers- Jason Hlasny: 242-6655
- OCIA- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
- Sacristan- Matthew Williams: 632-4252
- Snow Plowing- Looking for help!
- Youth/Young Adult- Jerica Manaos: 306-9363

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## Financial Corner

TITHING UPDATE			
<i>How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?</i>			
Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	7,894	
Weekly Tithing Period:		10/16-22/2023	
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	2,590	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	3,144	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,734</b>	
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	(2,160)	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		72.6%	
<b>Actual vs. Budget "Total Income" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period</b>			
FY24 YTD Period:		7/1/2023 to 9/30/2023	
FY24 YTD Complete (%):		25.0%	
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2024:	\$	443,400	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	100,317	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	110,850	
Over/(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	(10,533)	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		90.5%	
<b>Breakdown of Actual "Total Income" for FY24 YTD Period</b>			
FY24 YTD Period:		7/1/2023 to 9/30/2023	
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	51,158	51.0%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	652	0.6%
Online Giving:	\$	35,601	35.5%
2023 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebate Paid To Date):	\$	-	0.0%
Stole Fees:	\$	1,335	1.3%
In-Kind Donations:	\$	11,915	11.9%
Investment Income:	\$	(5,629)	-5.6%
Fee Income:	\$	3,457	3.4%
Other:	\$	1,828	1.8%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>100,317</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Actual vs. Budget "Total Expenses" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period</b>			
FY24 YTD Period:		7/1/2023 to 9/30/2023	
FY24 YTD Complete (%):		25.0%	
Annual Budget Total Expenses FY 2023:	\$	473,400	
Actual Total Expenses for Period:	\$	96,811	
Budget Total Expenses for Period:	\$	118,350	
Over/(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	(21,539)	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		81.8%	
<b>Actual "Total Net Income" for FY24 YTD Period</b>			
FY24 YTD Period:		7/1/2023 to 9/30/2023	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	100,317	
Actual Total Expenses for Period:	\$	96,811	
Actual Total Net Income for Period:	\$	3,506	
Total Net Income "Over/(Under)" Total Expenses for Period (%):		3.6%	

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