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

Second Sunday of Lent Feb 25, 2024

Matthew 17:5
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

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Mass Times Mon-Fri 9am | Sat 5pm | Sun 8am & 11am | Reconciliation Sat 3-4pm or by appt

This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Feb 26

9am- Mass

1pm- Aspen Creek Service

6pm- Youth Night

Tue Feb 27

9am-Mass

6pm- Confession & Adoration

6pm- VBS "Adult" Volunteer Meeting

7pm-OCIA

Wed Feb 28

9am- Mass

6:30p- Transforming Power of Confession

Thu Feb 29

9am- Mass

Fri Feb Mar 1- Office Closed

9am- Mass

6pm- Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

Sat Mar 2

1pm- Legion of Mary

3-4pm- Confession

5pm- Mass

Sun Mar 3

8am- Mass

9am-Faith Formation

11am- Mass followed by Rosary

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your Mass Intentions.
Sun 8am Mass is offered for the People of the Parish.

2/24- 5pm: ROS- John Cherven 2/26- 9am: Special- Catanina Kozniki

Vocations Cross

To volunteer to pray with the vocations cross sign up outside the sanctuary.

<u>Del Kolb</u> will pray with the vocations cross this week.

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Exodus 20:1-17

The law was given through Moses.

PSALM 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Corinthians 1:22-25

We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to many, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

John 2:13-25

Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

Reflection

In today's Gospel, Peter, James, and John witness the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. Moses and Elijah appear on either side of Jesus, showing us that the Law and the Prophets direct people to Jesus, in whom the full glory of God is manifest. The three disciples did not experience this as individuals, but as a group, in community. The family is a community in which we can experience the glory of God. How have we experienced this in the sacraments, in the beauty and wonder of nature, or in our life as the domestic Church?

The Path to a New Life

Peter, John, and James glimpse something of the glory of Jesus on the mountain. They receive a graced insight into who he is, the fulfillment of God's promises. It was a learning that went beyond their own powers or capacities. We can understand Peter's disjointedness and his wanting to build those tents. He wants to stay there, in that moment.

But life is not all mountaintop experiences or "aha" insights. Not for Peter, and not for us. Sometimes there are doubts, uncertainties, and fears to deal with. Sometimes we must make decisions when nothing seems clear at all. Sometimes we forget everything we've learned.

Coming down from the mountain is part of the journey as well: "As they were coming down the mountain, he [charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when] the Son of Man had risen from the dead" (Mark 9:9). Jesus is modeling something for the disciples here. Mount Tabor, the mountain of transfiguration, is only a stop along the road to Jerusalem. Jesus is following his path to another mountain, one called Golgotha, a place that will involve suffering and sacrifice. It, too, will be a revelation of glory, but not one the disciples will recognize at first. They will have to grapple with its meaning, with its promise of redemption. Somehow this is the path to a new life.

Jesus leads the way on a path that we all must walk. Sometimes he will lead us up mountains—to moments of deep clarity and awareness. Other times we will have to walk in trust, not knowing where we are going. That is when those moments of clarity come to our aid. They become our reference points, core memories that inform our decisions and give us courage to act. They remind us of what we've learned. They help us remain faithful to our deepest selves.

Fr. Mark A. Villano, adapted from Journey to Jerusalem

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On the Way Home from Mass...

What do you imagine the glory of the Lord looks like? How can we give God glory? What would that look like?



	Ministry Schedule for next week (Mar 2/3)								
Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality			
Sat	Ryan Meliton	Matt Williams	Olivia & Sebastian	Ted Walker	Jess Manaois	Matt Williams			
5 pm	(walk-ins welcome)		Maglaqui	Ray Meliton	Duane Roering	John Meyer			
Sun	Ryan Meliton	Mike Webb	Joe & Rose Webb	Jason Hlasny	Gig Currier	Munoz			
8 am	(walk-ins welcome)			Eilisa Maes	John Hoppe	Family			
Sun	Sheila Soukup	Need volunteer	Kaosi Morah	Katie Sklarosky	Janina Chlebowski	Landicho			
11 am	(walk-ins welcome)		Rowdy Reynoso	Megan Green	Teresa Mitchell	Family			

Faith Formation Classes

March 3:

Grade 7-12 in Family Session Preschool-6 in Classroom



March 10 and 17:

No Faith Formation! Have a great Spring Break!

Faith Formation runs from 9-10:45am. Registration is on-going at: holycrossalaska.net/ register



Vacation Bible School

Save the Date: June 11-14 Where: Holy Cross Parish Who: Students in entering kindergarten-6th grade for the 2024-25 school year.

More information to come.

Adult Volunteer Meeting is Tue, Feb 27, at 6pm.

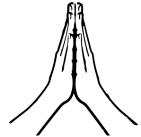


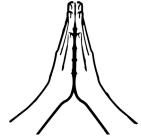
This mini-series:

Will explore the grace and healing offered in Confession and show how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love.

Held Wednesday evenings at 6:30-8:00pm throughout Lent.

Please contact Jerica for additional details.







Second Sunday of Lent

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Financial Corner

2023 "United in Mission" Annual Appeal Report As of February 21, 2024						
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	\$	59,885	100.0% of Diocesan Goal			
			145.8% of Parish Goal			
Number of Pledges		130				
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Diocesan Goal	\$	20,407				
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Parish Goal	\$	6,407				
Total Pledged Paid	\$	57,900				
Total Pledged Unpaid	\$	1,985	(Diocesan Goal - Total Pledged Paid)			
Total Rebate for Holy Cross	Ś	18,422	(Total Pledged Pald - Dioceasan Goal)			

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