

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

The Second Sunday of Lent March 5, 2023

*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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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon March 6

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

Tue March 7

9am- Mass
5:30pm- Confirmation Class
6pm- Maintenance Meeting
6:30pm- Eucharistic Adoration and Confession
7pm- OCIA
7:30pm- Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wed March 8

9am- Mass

Thu March 9

9am- Mass
6:30pm- Eucharist Study

Fri March 10-Office Closed

9am- Mass
6:30pm- Stations of the Cross

Sat March 11

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

Sun March 5

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

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your intentions.

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| Mon Mar 6-Sun Mar 12 | Available! |
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Mass Readings for Next Week

Exodus 17:3-7

Give us water, so that we may drink.

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

John 4:5-42

The water that I shall give will become a spring of eternal life.

Reflection

We do not often hear the voice of God as explicitly as the disciples do in the gospel. For most of us, God tends to speak in whispers and hints. This does not mean that God is any less present, but it does make God's presence less obvious. Following God's will for our lives is not always as easy as it is for Abram, who receives clear and direct instructions. For us, it is a matter of learning the tools of discernment so that we can hear God's voice- and remain assured of God's loving presence- as we piece together our paths in life.

A Greater Risk

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

The thrilling fact is, this Jesus who speaks to you is not a character out of a dead past. . . . Listening to Scripture in the liturgy is not the same as reading Augustine's *Confessions* . . . not the same as hearing a Shakespeare sonnet or Handel's Messiah. When the New Testament is read to you, Jesus himself speaks to you. Now. Here is the risen Christ, incomparably alive, opening up to you the meaning of what you are hearing, as he did to the desolate disciples on the road to Emmaus. And as you listen, you too can exclaim as they exclaimed: Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us . . . while he opened to us the scriptures?" (Lk 24:32). But for that, your hearts have to be open. You have to say, with Samuel of old, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth" (1 Sam 3:9, 10).

But again, there is something distinctive here. Listening to Jesus is not the same as listening to others. The same intensity, yes, the same openness; but a greater risk. When the Father told Peter, James, and John "Listen to him," he was saying "Obey him; do what he tells you; follow him." To listen to Jesus is to be his disciple, to listen the way Abraham listened to the Lord and left his "country and kindred and [his] father's house" (Gen 12:1-4). Is this how you let Scripture speak to you? Are you saying "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth," or do you really mean, as the [Christian] ethicist Paul Ramsey rephrased it, "Speak, Lord, and thy servant will think it over"?

If you really listen to Jesus in the proclaimed word, you have a fair chance of hearing him in your everyday life. Not a vision, I assure you, but Jesus speaking in your heart as truly as anyone you love profoundly speaks to your heart.

Fr. Walter J. Burghardt, *Sir, We Would Like to See Jesus*
Walter J. Burghardt, SJ, spent much of his career as a scholar of Church history and theology. He was a spellbinding preacher whose powerful calls for social justice and understanding influenced generations of priests and pastors.

On the Way Home from Mass...

What does today's Gospel reveal to you about who Jesus is?



Ministry Schedule for next week (Mar 11/12)

| Mass | Music | Sacristan | Servers | Readers | EM | Hospitality |
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| Sat 5 pm | Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome) | Matt Williams | Olivia & Sebastian Maglaqui | Diedra William Dave Alzheimer | Brent Lannen | Manaois Family |
| Sun 8 am | Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome) | Volunteer Needed | Joe & Rose Webb | Maureen Retze Alice Garrod | John Hoppe | Dora Castillo Clara Hoppe |
| Sun 11 am | Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome) | Maureen Retzel | Kaosi Morah Rowdy Reynoso | Michelangelo Canale Megan Green | Steve Thomas | Julie Thomas Kaira Brooks |



Notice of Interest

The Finance Council is seeking members of Holy Cross who may be interested in serving on the finance council. Please call or email Greg Magee (907-575-3197 or glmagee@icloud.com)

Vacation Bible School

We are tentatively planning a Vacation Bible School week in June or July; this will depend on the next Faith Formation director's plans and preferences. If you'd like to be added to an interest list to help in summer 2023, please contact Anna!



Used Glasses Drive: FINAL WEEKEND

Olivia will continue collecting used prescription eyewear for her Service Project through March 11.

Vocation Cross Resumes

The Holy Cross Traveling Vocation Cross will resume next week, beginning Saturday 2/18. Please sign up your family week to pray for all vocations in the church, for priests, deacons, sisters and lay persons. The sign-up list is next to the prayer book in the hall.



Walking With Moms in Need

The USCCB has asked all parishes, to join in an effort to help pregnant and parenting moms who are in need.

In response, we at Holy Cross are forming a core team to make an assessment of what services are available in Anchorage, and how we

can communicate that information to those in need. If you are interested, please contact Alice Garrod at 907-529-1161, or Fr. Pat.



St. Therese's Camp

Come to the second-annual young adult (18-35 years old) retreat, May 19-21, 2023. This year's focus is an Ignatian-style preached retreat led by Father James Claver of the Servants of Christ Jesus. In following Ignatius' exercises, we will seek to know Jesus Christ more, follow Him more closely, and love Him more intimately. Come experience a crash course over this weekend and get set afire for the Kingdom! Cost is \$104 per person before Easter Sunday (April 9), \$114 after Easter Sunday. Some financial aid is available; contact Rudy at campdirector@sttheresak.com or 907-232-2066



The 40 Days for Life Lenten campaign has begun: Feb 22-April 2. Sign up to take part! Go to: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/anchorage>. You'll need to create a login and password. The campaign takes place in front of Planned Parenthood on Lake Otis Parkway.

Tax Letters

If you are in need of a 2022 tax donation letter please email us and we will prepare one for you! Thank you so much for your support and generosity! office@holycrossalaska.net



NEXT WEEKEND!
FREE DINNER

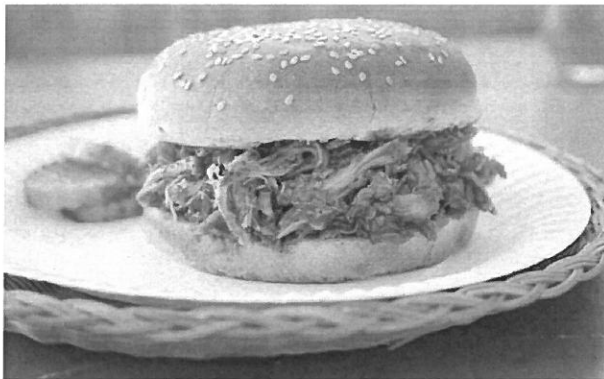


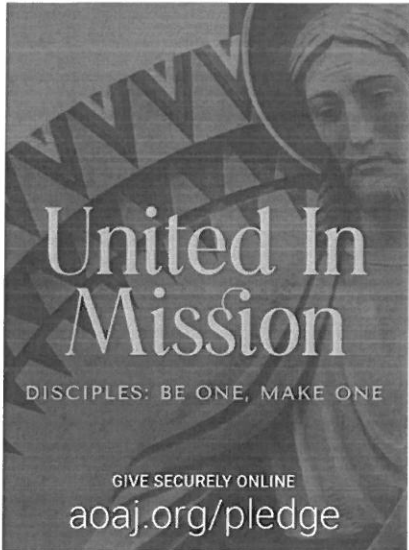
WHEN: after the 5pm Mass on Sat March 11

MENU: BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwiches,
Coleslaw and Baked Beans

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Donations are welcome.





| 2022 "United in Mission" Annual Appeal Report | | | |
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| As of Feb 22, 2023 | | | |
| Diocesan Goal for Holy Cross | \$ | 40,620 | |
| Parish Goal for Holy Cross * | \$ | 58,620 | \$ 18,000 Last 3 Yr Avg Rebate Amt |
| Total Pledged | \$ | 53,080 | 130.7% of Diocesan Goal 90.5% of Parish Goal |
| Number of Pledges | \$ | 79 | |
| Total Pledged (Over/Under) Diocesan Goal | \$ | 12,460 | |
| Total Pledged (Over/Under) Parish Goal | \$ | (5,540) | |
| Total Pledged Paid | \$ | 51,455 | |
| Total Pledged Unpaid | \$ | 1,625 | |
| Total Rebate for Holy Cross ** | \$ | 10,835 | |

* Past rebate amounts at Holy Cross have averaged \$18,000 for the last 3 fiscal years (FY20-FY22).
 ** The rebate amount is the paid portion of the "Total Pledged Over Goal" amount. This rebate is not considered "Ordinary Revenue" like similar revenues from weekly collections and online giving. These revenues are assessed or taxed at 16.7% by the Archdiocese. Since the rebate is not taxable, the rebate is paid in full at 100% to Holy Cross.

DONATIONS FOR THE 2022 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 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 2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal.

Second Sunday of Lent

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Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/4549689/>

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 Church Maintenance- Mike Likar: 529-9015
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 Parish Nurse Program- Deb Seidl: 301-4180
 Hospitality- Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133
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 Legion of Mary- Mercy Acheson: 223-4822
 Library- Debi Wickler: 952-1879
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 Livestream- John Roberts: 317-6808
 Music Ministry- Sheila Soukup: 250-6234
 Prayer Chain- Joan Gillis: 346-3147
 Readers- Jason Hlasny: 242-6655
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 Snow Plowing- Vince Garroutte: 522-3647
 Youth/ Young Adult Ministry- Anna Schulten: 306-9363

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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: | 02/20-26/2023 | | |
| Income Sources | | | |
| Weekly Collections: | \$ | 2,755 | |
| Holy Day/Holiday Collections: | \$ | 1,278 | |
| Online Giving: | \$ | 2,781 | |
| Total: | \$ | 6,814 | |
| Over /(Under) Goal: | \$ | (513) | |
| Actual vs. Goal (%): | 93.0% | | |
| Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison: | | | |
| Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY23 YTD Period | | | |
| FY23 YTD Period: | 7/1/2022 to 01/31/2023 | | |
| FY23 YTD Complete (%): | 58.3% | | |
| Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023: | \$ | 397,600 | |
| Actual Total Income for Period: | \$ | 238,735 | |
| Budget Total Income for Period: | \$ | 231,933 | |
| Over /(Under) Budget for Period: | \$ | 6,802 | |
| Actual vs. Budget for Period (%): | 102.9% | | |
| Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY23 YTD Period | | | |
| FY23 YTD Period: | 7/1/2022 to 01/31/2023 | | |
| Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail): | \$ | 138,102 | 57.8% |
| Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail): | \$ | 4,633 | 1.9% |
| Online Giving: | \$ | 91,015 | 38.1% |
| 2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates): | \$ | - | 0.0% |
| Other: | \$ | 4,985 | 2.1% |
| Total: | \$ | 238,735 | 100.0% |



Online Giving

To sign up online giving visit holycrossalaska.net/give

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