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You are my inheritance, O Lord!

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Holy Mass

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



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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat 3- 4 pm 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 Nov 15

9 am- Mass-
Special Intentions Holy Rosary Academy

Tue Nov 16

9 am- Mass
6:30-8pm- Young Adult Night

Wed Nov 17

9 am- Mass
5:30 pm- RCIA

Thu Nov 18

9 am- Mass
5:30-7 pm- Service Night

Fri Nov 19

Parish Office Closed
9 am- Mass

Sat Nov 20

1 pm- Legion of Mary- Conference Room
3- 4 pm - Confessions
5 pm- Mass-
ROS Leonarda Manaois
6- 6:15 pm- Dist. of Holy Communion

Sun Nov 21

8:30 am- Mass
9:45 am- Faith Formation
11 am- Mass
12- 12:15 pm- Dist. of Holy Communion



More details to come!

Readings for Nov 21, 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Daniel 7:13-14

His dominion is an everlasting dominion.

Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Revelation 1:5-8

The ruler of the kings of the earth has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.

John 18:33b-37

You say I am a king.

Reflection

In your walk of faith, where do you need help in living more fully as a child of the light?

Look Well, and You Will See

[A]gospel like today's is *not* a gospel of doom. It is a gospel about distress, about pain, about dying.

That distress, however, is not the important thing. That pain is not the end. The dying is not the real sign.

Jesus made this clear in the parable he adds. In that story, he brings us before a tree that lost all its leaves during a drought or during wintertime.

He tells us: Look well, and you will see all over the tree small brown buds. You look at Jesus and you say: "So what?"

He says: "Keep looking, and you will see." And you do see some movement, change, life. The small buds open. The surrounding brown leaves give way. They crack, they bend, they break, they die. To them, this means disaster, the end, distress; yet new life is born, a pale green shoot. The old protecting leaves fall on the earth. They dry up in a sun that is darkening to them, fading away, while bringing new life to the shoot. Life and growth.

You might even use the more salient image in John[16:21], which is not bound to seasons like today's parable. It is the image in which Jesus compares the whole of creation to a woman giving birth. She is in pain, terrible pain. But it would be nonsense to only look at her pain, saying, how horrible, what distress, what drama. That pain is not the important thing. That distress is not the end. The pain is the sign of a new life being born. Once it is born, all that pain will be forgotten because of that new life.

Jesus teaches us how to look at the crumbling of the old world around us, at the falling away of so many things we are accustomed to. Jesus tells us how to interpret conflicts, wars, and starvation. He explains: "Be careful. Don't get confused. Don't let them frighten you! Don't worry! Keep going. In the end, all will be fine!"

Fr. Joseph Donders, *Praying & Preaching the Sunday Gospel*

Joseph G. Donders (d. 2013) was a member of the Missionaries of Africa and professor of mission studies at Washington Theological Union.

On the way home from Mass...

Invite each person to share how he or she prepares for the time when Jesus comes.



Confirmandi Service Projects

1. Card Party, Nov. 21 after Masses

...I was a stranger and you invited me in." Matthew 25:35

Refugees flee their nations because of violence, war or persecution. There are many examples of refugees in the Bible who are like our brothers and sisters of today. For example, the Israelites fled Egypt because of persecution. And Jesus and his parents fled Palestine, to save Jesus from Herod. As Christians, we are taught to welcome refugees without discrimination. "You shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt." Leviticus 19:33-34. So, let's love one another as our brothers and sisters and welcome strangers with hospitality. Come join us November 21, after both Masses, to create cards of welcome for new arrivals in our community or bring your own cards from home.

2. Gift Card Drive, Nov. 13—Dec. 5

This project benefits families in the Anchorage School District Child in Transition program (homeless families), teen moms, and school-referred families in need of assistance.

Please purchase **gift cards** for food, clothing or toys (Carrs, Fred Meyers, Walmart, Target, Red Apple, Costco, Fast Food) and bring the gift cards with you to church. Place gift card into a pre-labeled envelop, and into the collection basket. See the table in the foyer for more information!

Poinsettia Time

Poinsettia season is here! Art & Environment members will sell coupons @ \$10.00 each for Bell's Nursery poinsettia plants. These poinsettias are beautiful and reasonable. With the profits we decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. Purchase the coupons early! Decorate your homes and offices, give as gifts, or you may donate funds for the Holy Cross sanctuary plants. Coupons will go on sale in November after all Masses or call Marilyn Kerr at 441-3082. Visit either Bell's store to choose your plants.

Special Collection Next Week Nov. 20-21

Next week there will be a special collection taken up in support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, which works to help break the cycle of poverty in the US.



*"AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES OF CHRIST,
WE ARE UNITED IN THE TASK OF BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD"*

United in Mission Mailing!

This week, you should have received a letter in the mail from Fr. Pat. It includes updates on the United in Mission appeal and a cross-check of our donation records.

If you are a parishioner and didn't receive a letter (or if your letter had errors), please let us know, so we can update info!

To date we have raised \$40,049 and our goal is \$45,825. This leaves \$5,776 left to raise before the end of the year. To all that have given, Thank You!! Please consider supporting this worthy cause!

Faith Formation Schedule

Nov 21: K-5 & parents in Family Session, 6+ in classrooms

Nov 28: no class (Happy Thanksgiving!)

Youth Ministry: Paracord Survival Bracelets

Thu, Nov 18, 6:30-8 pm: JH&HS students will be making quick-release paracord bracelets for soldiers overseas. Join us!!

Young Adult Ministry: This Week

Wed, Nov 17, 6:30-8 pm. Includes a discussion on discernment and future plans for young adult ministry in 2022.



Relics in Our Altar: True Cross

This relic contains a piece of wood from the True Cross that was carried by Christ. Tradition says Saint Helen found the cross during a pilgrimage to the Holy Land between 326-328.

Ministry Schedule for next week (Nov 20/21)						
Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM of Communion	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Anna Schulten (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Ray Meliton Margaret Heatwole	Jessie Manaois	Dueane Roering Jess Manaois Jerica Manaois
Sun 8:30 am	Lead instrumentalist needed. To volunteer, call Sheila: 250-6234	N/A	N/A	Jason Hlasny Eilisa Maes	Pam Webb	Faith Roberts John Hoppe
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Anne Gore	Carol Blazka	Julie Thomas Mary Anne Green Emily Zych

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Online Giving

To sign up for consistent online giving please visit holycrossalaska.net/give

TITHING UPDATE			
<i>How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?</i>			
Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	6,577	
Weekly Tithing Period:		11/1-7/2021	
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	2,246	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	3,557	
Total:	\$	5,803	
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	(774)	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		88.2%	
Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:			
<i>Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY22 YTD Period</i>			
FY22 YTD Period: 7/1/2021 to 10/31/2021			
FY22 YTD Complete (%):		33.3%	
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2022:	\$	342,000	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	118,495	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	118,386	
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	109	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		34.6%	
Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY22 YTD Period			
FY22 YTD Period: 7/1/2021 to 10/31/2021			
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	65,574	55.3%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	100	0.1%
Online Giving:	\$	52,821	44.6%
2021 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$	-	0.0%
Total:	\$	118,495	100.0%

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