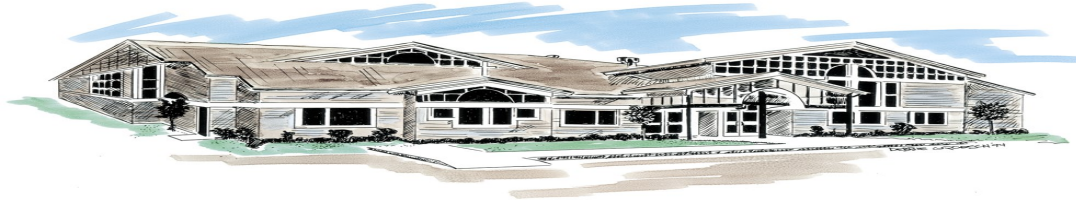


HOLY CROSS PARISH

Year MMXXI#50

of the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau



The Third Sunday of the Season of Advent

December 12, 2021

Great is the Holy One of Israel!



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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 Dec. 13

- 9 am- Mass
- 1 pm- Aspen Creek Mass
- 6 pm- Finance Meeting

Tue Dec. 14

- 9 am- Mass
- 5:30 pm- Community Night

Wed Dec 15

- 9 am- Mass
- 5:30 pm- RCIA
- 7:00 pm- Christmas Choir rehearsal

Thu Dec. 16

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

Fri Dec 17

- Parish Office Closed**
- 9 am- Mass

Sat Dec 18

- 1 pm- Legion of Mary
- 3-4 pm - Confessions
- 5 pm- Mass
- 6-6:15 pm- Dist. of Holy Communion

Sun Dec 19

- 8:30 am- Mass
- 9:30 am- Parish Christmas Party
- 11 am- Mass **Offered for the People of the Parish**
- 12-12:15 pm- Dist. of Holy Communion

SAVE THE DATE!

**Our parish's first
Synod meeting:
January 23, 2022
immediately following
the 11am Mass**



Readings for Dec 19, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4a

From you shall come forth the ruler of Israel.

Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Hebrews 10:5-10

Behold, I come to do your will.

Luke 1:39-45

And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

Reflection

If you gave up half of all you own- your belongings, clothes, phone, books jewelry, even half of the value of your house, or half of your retirement fund- to your local homeless shelter or women's crisis center, what would it feel like? Does the thought fill you with fear or outrage? Does it feel like it's too big of an ask for Christ to make? Why does it feel this way?

"What Should We Do?"

Well, in the end, it always comes down to this question, doesn't it? John, a key player in our Advent readings, had preached repentance and offered a washing ritual to ratify that repentance. For those who had submitted to this ritual, presumably their question was sincere: "Okay, we regret our sinful past; we were willing to have you plunge us into the river as a sign of our repentance, weren't we? But what do we do now?" Later Jesus will provide more radical responses to this kind of question, but John, ever practical, tells his audience to start with what's right in front of them. It's as if he were saying, "Look, the time may come when something bigger, something more dramatic, may be demanded of you. But for right now, as you go about your daily routine, do you come across people in need? Well, respond to that need. So, you're a tax collector? It's simple: Don't cheat people. You're a soldier or in law enforcement? Don't abuse your authority."

These answers seem so obvious, so straightforward. Indeed, they were in complete accord with Jewish law. John wasn't suggesting these simple answers exhausted the moral obligations of the crowds; he was just telling them to start with basic acts of compassion and integrity and see where they lead. Living virtuously rarely begins with heroic deeds; more often it's a matter of responding to the simple moral demands that are right before us. So let's start there and see where God leads us.

Richard R. Gaillardetz

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On the way home from Mass...

Name the occupation of each member of your family, including student. Challenge your children to consider how John the Baptist would advise each family member in those occupations. In the context of those occupations, how would John answer?



Christmas Mass

Dec 24, 5pm and Midnight

Dec 25, 8:30am* and 11am

*Covid safety precautions taken- space limited

Service Project: Giving Tree (thru Dec. 19)

The annual Giving Tree is sponsored by three Confirmation students (Emilia, Maddie, and Cove). This year's items include basic hygiene and household items for shelters throughout Anchorage. Please take a few ornaments and bring your donation (*unwrapped!*) to the parish by Dec. 19.

Outreach Project (hosted by Youth Ministry)

Open to all parishioners! Dec. 14: dinner at 5:30pm (optional; RSVP by noon on 12/14 via call/text to 306-9363). 6-7pm: gift wrapping & cards for visitors and new members of our parish at Christmas Mass.

Faith Formation

Dec. 12: K-5 and parents in Family Session, 6+ in classrooms

Dec. 19: Christmas Party (all grades in Family Session)

Special Collection: Retirement for the Religious

Please consider supporting this vital fund. Collection is taken this weekend Dec. 11 & 12.

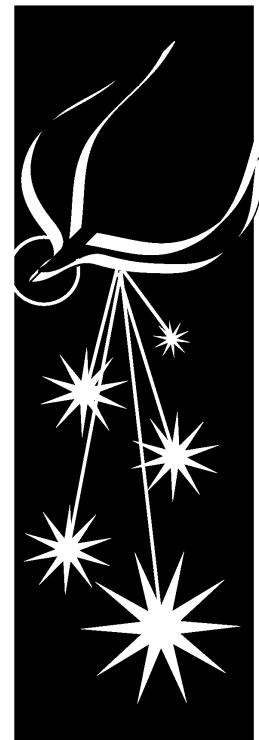


UNITED IN MISSION ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



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

Currently Holy Cross has raised \$43,299 for the United in Mission Annual Appeal. We have raised 94% of our goal. Consider donating to United In Mission. We only have \$2,526 to go! Thank you to all who have donated!



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Ministry Schedule for next week (Dec 18/19)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM of Communion	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Anna Schulten (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Margaret Heatwole Ray Meliton	Mary Rerko	Jacqueline Pantaleon Uju Morah Kaosi Morah
Sun 8:30 am	Lead instrumentalist needed. To volunteer, call Sheila: 250-6234	N/A	N/A	Eilisa Maes Jason Hlasny	Pam Webb	John Hoppe Jason Hlasny
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Anne Gore	Anne Gore	Mercy Acheson Emily Zych Anne Gore

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers** - Jess Manaos: 230-9418
- Art & Environment** - Marilyn Kerr: 346-1624
- Baked Goods** - Joan Karcz: 344-0168
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- Faith Formation** - Anna Schulten: 306-9363
- Church Maintenance** - Mike Likar: 529-9015
- Eucharistic Ministers** - John Hoppe: 350-7580
- Finance** - Greg Magee: 575-3197
- Habitat for Humanity** - John & Anita Roberts: 344-7144
- Hospitality** - Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133
- Knights of Columbus** - James Hogins: 229-3163
- Lawn and Garden** - Kirsten Hoppe: 248-1653
- Legion of Mary** - Mercy Acheson: 223-4822
- Library** - Debi Wickler: 952-1879
- Music Ministry** - Sheila Soukup: 250-6234
- Prayer Chain** - Joan Gillis: 346-3147
- Readers** - Jason Hlasny: 242-6655
- RCIA** - Sandon Broek: 947-9168
- Sacristan** - Matthew Williams: 562-0188
- Snow Plowing** - Vince Garrouette: 522-3647
- Vocations** - Sister Joan Oberle: 349-8388



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:	11/29-12/05/2021		
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	3,577	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	2,984	
Total:	\$	6,561	
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	(16)	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		99.8%	
Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:			
<i>Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY22 YTD Period</i>			
FY22 YTD Period:	7/1/2021 to 09/30/2021		
FY22 YTD Complete (%):	25.0%		
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2022:	\$	342,000	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	86,210	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	85,500	
Over/(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	710	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		25.2%	
Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY22 YTD Period			
FY22 YTD Period:	7/1/2021 to 09/30/2021		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	46,831	54.3%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	100	0.1%
Online Giving:	\$	39,279	45.6%
2021 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$	-	0.0%
Total:	\$	86,210	100.0%

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