

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2022

*God was reconciling the
world to himself in Christ
and entrusting to us the
message of reconciliation.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Sep 12

~~9am- Mass~~ **Cancelled!**

1pm- Aspen Creek Service

6pm- Finance Meeting

Tue Sep 13

8:15am- Catholic Story Time

~~9am- Mass~~ **Cancelled!**

5-6:30pm- Confirmation Class

Wed Sep 14

~~9am- Mass~~ **Cancelled!**

Thu Sep 15

9am- Mass

6:30pm- Screwtape Letters

Fri Sep 16 -Parish Office Closed

9am- Mass

6pm- Holy Happy Hour

Sat Sep 17

1pm- Legion of Mary

3-4pm- Confession

5pm- Mass

Sun Sep 18

8am- Mass

9:15am- Faith Formation

11am- Mass

12pm- Pancake Breakfast

Mass Intentions

Email the office to schedule your Mass Intention!

Sat 9/10	Available!
Sun 9/11	8:30am- For the People of the Parish 11am- Available!
Mon 9/12 to Sun 9/18	Available!

Next Sunday's Readings

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7

Against those who buy the poor for money.

Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

Timothy 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered for everyone to God who wills everyone to be saved.

Luke 16:1-13

You cannot serve both God and mammon.

Reflection

The four readings today, from Moses, the psalmist, Luke, and Paul, give us a coherent snapshot of salvation history. The story of Moses and the golden calf demonstrates how the Israelites' understanding of God is a Lord who expresses wrath and is dependent upon a transactional form of faith. Moses begs God to spare the Israelites and give them an opportunity to repent. The psalmist puts faith in the Lord to "clean" his heart, putting the agency of transformation on God. But then we encounter Jesus, who demonstrates the way to move people away from sin is not with ultimatums and punishment but with accompaniment, and then we have Paul, who is grateful for receiving such patience. Paul tells us, "I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated because I acted out of ignorance in my unbelief. Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant." We see the development of the human relationship with God, from the Torah to the early church.

A God Who Knows

[W]hat I love most about the parables are the details. I love that when the lost sheep is found, the shepherd "joyfully puts it on his shoulders" and carries it all the way home (Luke 15:5). I love that when the father greets his prodigal son upon return, he meets him halfway down the road with an embrace and a sloppy kiss. I love that Jesus knew you can't sew a patch of shrunk cloth on an old garment or the patch will pull away, and that you can't pour new wine into old wineskins or the skins will burst. I love that he described the kingdom of God as a tiny mustard seed that grows into a great tree with branches wide enough and strong enough to welcome all "the birds of the air" (Matthew 13:32, ESV). I love these details because they reveal to me a God who is immersed in creation, deeply embedded within the lives of God's beloved. Ours is a God who knows how to mend clothes and bake bread, a God familiar with the planting and harvest seasons, the traditions of bridesmaids, and the tickle of wool on the back of the neck.

Episcopal priest and gourmet chef Robert Farrar Capon says the parables show us that the Bible "is not about someplace else called heaven, nor about somebody at a distance called God. Rather it is about *this place here*, in all its *thisness*, and placiness, and about the intimate and immediately Holy One who, *at no distance from us at all*, moves mysteriously to make creation true both to itself and to him."

For all our lofty ruminations about God, for all the symphonies and theologies and liturgies for the divine, I've yet to find a more profound expression of God's nature than the one that begins "Once upon a time, there was a shepherd and a lost sheep."

God With Us is a marvelous storyteller.

Rachel Held Evans, *Inspired*

Rachel Held Evans (d. 2019) was a best-selling author who wrote about faith, doubt, and life in the Bible Belt. Her books include *Faith Unraveled*, *Searching for Sunday*, and *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*.

On the Way Home from Mass...

We just celebrated Jesus at Mass. What are some other ways that we celebrate being with Jesus?



Happening at Holy Cross

Faith Formation classes

September 11: Grades K-5 + parents in Family Session
Grades 6-12 in classrooms
All other adults in classrooms

September 18: Grades 6-12 + parents in Family Session
Grades K-5 in classrooms
All other adults in classrooms

*For more information, and to register,
visit us online: holycrossalaska.net/formation*

Screwtape Letters Study

We meet at Holy Cross Thursdays at 6:30pm (contact Anna to confirm the location before you come). There is no cost; bring your own catechism and Screwtape Letters, or borrow a copy, or buy a book for \$10.

OCIA/RCIA: Sacraments for Adults

OCIA is for those not yet baptized who are interested in learning more about the faith, and the baptized (Catholic or Christian) but not Communion and/or Confirmation.

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, contact Deacon Sandon at 947-9168. We are choosing a date soon.

A Holy Happy Hour: This Friday

A group of parishioners are having a social the 3rd Friday of every month (location rotates between homes). Next: **Sep 16, 6pm.** Bring a side, contact Anna for address.

Catholic Story Time for Babies & Toddlers

Parents/grandparents of babies, toddlers, or preschoolers: we invite you to join us for story time ministry beginning this Tue Sep 13 at 8:15am.

Pilgrimage for Life: RSVP by Sept. 30

Reserve your slot on the Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, DC. If you are a young person interested in attending and would like to participate in fundraising activities, contact Anna. More info at holycrossalaska.net/pfl

Happening in our Archdiocese

Priesthood Discernment Retreats

Any man interested in learning about the priesthood is encouraged to attend. Cost: \$20. Sep 23-24 for men under 18 years old, or Dec 9-10 for men over 18 years old. Contact Fr. Arthur for more info: 694-2170 or frarthur@roraff.com

St. Francis House Food Pantry

Every September, we recognize Hunger Action Month, a time to take a stand against hunger in America. This year the need is higher than ever, and St. Francis House Food Pantry is helping 500 households per week. Thank you!

Community Pregnancy Center

In 2020, Anchorage's Community Pregnancy Center provided 2,216 pregnancy and parenting classes and 1:1 mentoring. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat

For confidential information or to register for the next Retrouvaille of Alaska program beginning with a week-end experience Fri, Oct 7. Info at HelpOurMarriage.org

Bishop's Attic

The Bishop's Attic Board of Directors is recruiting new volunteer members. This group is dedicated to raising funds for the Archdiocese while providing low-cost wares and entry-level employment. Contact Sharen Walsh at sawalsh@acsalaska.net or (907) 229-6314.

Healing after Abortion: Project Rachel

Project Rachel is a support service for men and women impacted by abortion loss. The program is free confidential healing and open to all. Contact us at 297-7781 or projectrachelalaska@gmail.com. Outside the region, call (866) 434-3344. Visit our Facebook, Youtube or website for info: projectrachelalaska.com

World Youth Day

It's not too late to sign up! Contact Anna for info. Fundraising at our parish begins later this semester.

Ministry Schedule for next week (Sep 17/18)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Manaois Family	Olivia Maglaqui Sebastian Maglaqui	Diedre Williams Cheryl Chapman	Matt Williams	Bell Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	Jerica Manaois Wisdom Marquez	Maureen Retzel	Marilyn Kerr	Linda Galamgam Henry Maes
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	NA	Nikylla & Nathan Marcelino Jerica Manaois	Ann Dimatulac	Mercy Acheson Julia Morrison-Lugo	Theresa Mitchell Teresa Cortes

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Financial Corner

TITHING UPDATE				
How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?				
Weekly Offertory Goal:		\$	7,077	
Weekly Tithing Period:		8/29 to 9/4/2022		
Income Sources				
Weekly Collections:		\$	6,101	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:		\$	-	
Online Giving:		\$	2,386	
Total:		\$	8,487	
Over /(Under) Goal:		\$	1,410	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		119.9%		
Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:				
Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY22 YTD Period				
FY22 YTD Period:		7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022		
FY22 YTD Complete (%):		100.0%		
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2022:		\$	344,500	
Actual Total Income for Period:		\$	357,409	
Budget Total Income for Period:		\$	344,500	
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:		\$	12,909	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		103.7%		
Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY22 YTD Period				
FY22 YTD Period:		7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):		\$	188,833	52.8%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):		\$	3,798	1.1%
Online Giving:		\$	152,196	42.6%
2021 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):		\$	12,582	3.5%
Total:		\$	357,409	100.0%



Online Giving

To sign up online giving visit holycrossalaska.net/give

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[#iGiveCatholicTogether](https://www.givecatholictogether.com) also accepts funds for the collection.

Learn more: www.usccb.org/cc



Knights of Columbus will be having a pancake breakfast on next Sunday September 18 at noon! Join us in the hall after Mass!



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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