

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2022

2 Corinthians 5:19

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

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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Oct 24

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

Tue Oct 25

9am- Mass
5:30pm- Confirmation Class

Wed Oct 26

9am- Mass

Thu Oct 27

9am- Mass
9:45am- Grandparenting with Grace
6:30pm- Screwtape Letters

Fri Oct 28-Parish Office Closed

9am- Mass
6pm- All Saints Carnival
6pm- Holy Happy Hour (see Anna for location)

Sat Oct 29

1pm- Legion of Mary
3-4pm- Confession
3:15pm- First Reconciliation Preparation Class
5pm- Mass

Sun Oct 30

8am- Mass
9:15am- Faith Formation- All Saints Party
11am- Mass followed by Rosary

Mass Intentions

Email the office to schedule your Mass Intention!

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|------------------------|---|
| Sat 10/22 | ROS Luisito Reyes ROS Faralito Medina |
| Sun 10/23 | 8am- Available! 11am- People of the Parish |
| Mon 10/24 to Wed 10/26 | Available! |
| Thu 10/27 | Debbie Travers (Healing) |
| Fri 10/28 | Available! |
| Sat 10/29 | ROS George Gates |
| Sun 10/30 | 8am- Available! 11am- People of the Parish |

Next Sunday's Readings

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 11:22–12:2

You have mercy on all because you love all things that are.

Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

Thessalonians 1:11–2:2

May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him.

Luke 19:1-10

The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.

Reflection

The opening scene in which this parable is told is almost as charged with meaning as the parable itself. Jesus is addressing it to “those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.” Not only are those who think so highly of themselves righteous, but the necessary result of their self-satisfaction is that those around them are despised. The Pharisee in the parable isn’t just pleased with himself; his pleasure in his own deeds twists his perception of those in his community so much that he views them as lesser than himself.

How Special?

A Pharisee and a tax collector go up to the Temple to pray. It’s a familiar story, and after two thousand years of seeing the Pharisees as the bad guys and the tax collectors as fallen but redeemable, our hearing of this parable is the opposite of what Jesus’ audience would have heard. Tax collectors were among the worst of the worst; think “terrorist,” “child molester,” and you’ll be close to the mark. The Pharisees could be smug, and Jesus called them out for it. But they were trying to uphold the holiness of Israel, and doing that meant a focus on what made them unique: the Law of Moses. Their motives, like ours, weren’t always pure, but their mission was not a bad thing. When Jesus debates them, mostly it’s an in-house debate. Yet this Pharisee, like all of us at times, has lost the plot. Our first clues are that he “took up his position,” and then he “spoke this prayer to himself.” It’s about him, about his own ego, not about God. The tax collector, in his spiritual poverty, has an appropriate humility and cries out to God for mercy. We get this: he’s the good guy, and he goes home justified.

But there’s a more subtle reading of this: “I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity . . .” That strikes even closer to home for me. I certainly want to feel special, not just another unit of humanity. And to God, I am special: unique and precious. But it’s when I realize I’m exactly as special as everyone else on the planet . . . only then do I arrive at something like justification in God’s eyes.

Susan Pitchford

Susan Pitchford is a retired sociologist and a Third Order Franciscan. She is the author of The Sacred Gaze, God in the Dark, and Following Francis. She is a frequent speaker and retreat leader, and as “Off-site Anchorite,” is responsible for adult faith formation at Epiphany Parish, Seattle.

On the Way Home from Mass...

Have you ever humbly asked God for forgiveness like the tax collector? What do you think was God’s response?



Save the Date: Nativity Fundraiser for WYD

Support our World Youth Day participants in a nativity figurine silent auction after all Masses Nov. 6-13.

Faith Formation classes

October 30: Everyone in Family Session for All Saints Party!
New families, info online: holycrossalaska.net/formation

OCIA/RCIA: Sacraments for Adults

Class meets every other Tuesday evening at 7pm. To learn more about the faith, or receive sacraments as an adult, call Dcn Sandon: 947-9168.

A Holy Happy Hour: Fri, Oct 28

This social, led by a group of parishioners, is moved to the 4th Friday for this month only (location rotates).
Oct 28, 6pm. Bring a side, contact Anna for address.

Youth Ministry: Beat That! ...and cookies too

Nov. 5, 12-3pm. A minute-to-win-it showdown for teens gr. 6-12: quirky skills and hilarious challenges based on the game "Beat That." At the end, we will make cookies in a jar as a gratitude-themed service project.

Priesthood Discernment Retreat: Dec 9-10

Any man (age 18+) who is interested in learning about the priesthood is invited to the Dec 9-10 retreat. Contact Fr. Arthur: 694-2170 or frarthur@roraff.com

All Saints Carnival

Friday, October 28 from 6-8pm. Spaghetti dinner included. Contact Jim Hogins for more info & to volunteer.

Special Religious Ed at St. Elizabeth

Special Religious Education, also known as SPRED, is for persons with developmental disabilities. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish needs volunteers for a variety of age groups. Contact Amber Ellis for info: (501) 328-3753.

Camperships to St. Therese's Camp

The local Catholic Daughters of the America's are offering (3) Camperships to St. Therese's Camp in Wasilla for the 2023 summer session; for students currently in 6th, 7th or 8th grades. Info: holycrossalaska.net/camp



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Visit eucharisticrevival.org for information, videos and to subscribe to their newsletter.

World Mission Sunday

This weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses who serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

40 Days for Life

Sept. 28—Nov. 6: Anchorage prayer vigils. Learn more at linktr.ee/40daysforlifeanchorage

Saint Therese's Camp *Annual Winter Retreat*

Glory Bound 2022!

Grades 6-8 *Grades 9-12*
Dec. 28-30 *Dec. 30-Jan. 1*
\$115 **\$123**

Fun! Faith! Friends!

Scan QR code to register & for info!

Contact www.stcak.com or 907 232 2066 for more

Ministry Schedule for next week (Oct 29/30)

| Mass | Music | Sacristan | Servers | Readers | EM | Hospitality |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|--|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Sat 5 pm | Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome) | Pat Seidl | Wisdom Marquez Daniel Muldoon | Diedre Williams | Jessie Magliqui | Bell Family |
| Sun 8 am | Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome) | N/A | Jerica Manaois | | Mike Likar | Clara Hoppe Matthew Walsh |
| Sun 11 am | Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome) | N/A | Nikylla & Nathan Marcelino Jerica Manaois | Megan Green | Mercy Acheson | Millar Family |

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers- Jess Manaos: 230-9418
- Art & Environment- Marilyn Kerr: 346-1624
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- Legion of Mary- Mercy Acheson: 223-4822
- Library- Debi Wickler: 952-1879
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- Sacristan- Matthew Williams: 632-4252
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- Youth / Young Adult Ministry- Anna Schulten: 306-9363

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Financial Corner

| TITHING UPDATE | | | |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?</i> | | | |
| Weekly Offertory Goal: | \$ | 7,077 | |
| Weekly Tithing Period: | 10/10-16/2022 | | |
| Income Sources | | | |
| Weekly Collections: | \$ | 5,140 | |
| Holy Day/Holiday Collections: | \$ | - | |
| Online Giving: | \$ | 3,039 | |
| Total: | \$ | 8,179 | |
| Over / (Under) Goal: | \$ | 1,102 | |
| Actual vs. Goal (%): | 115.6% | | |
| Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison: | | | |
| Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY23 YTD Period | | | |
| FY23 YTD Period: | 7/1/2022 to 9/30/2022 | | |
| FY23 YTD Complete (%): | 25.0% | | |
| Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023: | \$ | 397,600 | |
| Actual Total Income for Period: | \$ | 95,320 | |
| Budget Total Income for Period: | \$ | 99,400 | |
| Over / (Under) Budget for Period: | \$ | (4,080) | |
| Actual vs. Budget for Period (%): | 95.9% | | |
| Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY23 YTD Period | | | |
| FY23 YTD Period: | 7/1/2022 to 9/30/2022 | | |
| Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail): | \$ | 52,852 | 57.8% |
| Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail): | \$ | 110 | 0.1% |
| Online Giving: | \$ | 38,482 | 42.1% |
| 2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates): | \$ | - | 0.0% |
| Total: | \$ | 91,444 | 100.0% |



Online Giving

To sign up online giving visit holycrossalaska.net/give

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