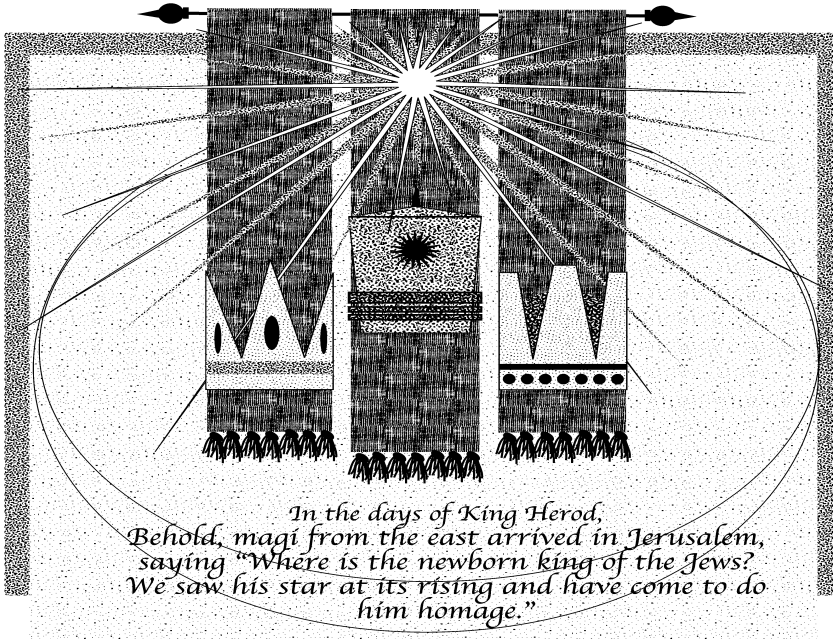
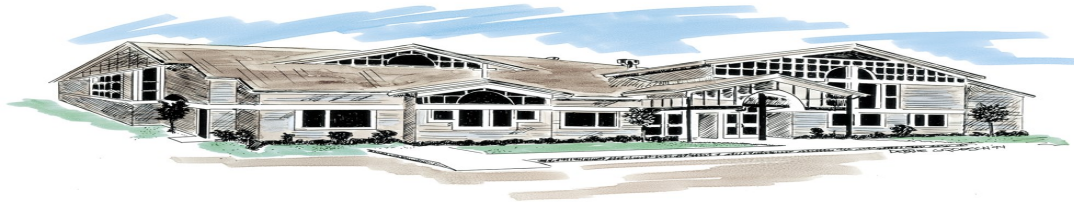


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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

Shed Your light
upon our hearts, 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 Jan 3

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

Tue Jan 4

9am- Mass

Wed Jan 5

Parish Office Closed
9am- Mass
5:30pm- RCIA

Thu Jan 6

9am- Mass

Fri Jan 7

Parish Office Closed
9am- Mass

Sat Jan 8

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

Sun Jan 9

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

Reflection

This is the first instance of God expanding the Abrahamic covenant beyond the Israelites. For nearly two thousand years, the Hebrews have been God's chosen people. Now, with the arrival of Jesus, the promise of God's kingdom expands to include all of humanity. This is modeled to us when the emissaries from a completely different country arrive to honor him and claim Jesus as their Lord too.

The Star Shines On

Those who have tried to follow the Creator of the stars often find themselves in the midst of an Epiphany. They are called to follow stars that seem beyond their reach.

Once a mother whose son had been murdered saw a star that said, "Forgive." The star led her to a prison, to the murderer. The light of the star enabled her to discover within her own heart a mercy she didn't know she possessed. The mercy belonged to the Creator of the stars but it was hers to use when she was in need. She used it well.

There was another woman who had an Epiphany that wouldn't stop. The star she saw shone right into the hearts of the poor. The compassionate ministry that continues in the Catholic Worker houses has turned Dorothy Day into a star that keeps on shining. . . .

Martin Luther King, Jr., saw a star that is still shining. It was a star of hope for those who were suffering from the oppression and evil of racism and prejudice. He followed that star to his death. He is the patron saint of those who find it hard to follow stars.

And then, there was that man of God from San Salvador. His name? Oscar Romero! He was elevated to the office of archbishop because it was believed he would be a safe, middle-of-the-road person, one who keeps peace by being silent. Perhaps that is who Oscar used to be, but everything changed one day. He had an Epiphany. He saw a star of truth that shone straight through all the lies, impelling him to speak out against injustice. He spoke. He died. His star shines on.

And you? You must add your own names to this list.

Sr. Macrina Wiederkehr, *Seasons of Your Heart*

Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB, (d. April 2020) was well known for her creative spiritual writings and retreat ministry. She made her home with the Sisters of St. Scholastica in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

On the way home from Mass...

The word *epiphany* means "manifestation, revelation." What was revealed to the Magi? What revelations about God do you receive on this epiphany celebration?



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Readings for Jan 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (alt. Isa 40:1-5, 9-11)

Behold my servant with whom I am well pleased.

Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38 (alt. Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7)

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

When Jesus had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened.



SYNOD

DATES & TIMES

- Sun Jan 23, 12pm
- Sat Feb 19, 10am
- Wed Mar 16, 6:30pm

Pope Francis is hosting a Synod about communion, participation, and mission. He wants EVERY voice to be heard- including yours! Objective & Purpose

The objective of the Synodal Process is to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church.

The purpose of this synod is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people’s hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission.

Learn more at holycrossalaska.net/synod.

What happens in a Dialogue Session?

Part 1: Listen to the Holy Spirit through prayer, scripture, and a reflection.

Part 2: Discussion orientation and framework questions

Part 3: Listening (each participant joins a small group of <10 people and has 3-5 minutes to share his or her thoughts on any of the themes)

Part 4: Dialogue & reflection between group members.

Faith Formation

Don’t forget faith formation starts back up on Sun Jan 9!

The Search

Holy Cross will be hosting a small group (geared toward adults) to watch, discuss, and truly benefit and grow from experiencing *The Search*.

Dates & Times

- Evening option: Wednesdays, January 12 - February 23, 6:30 - 8:00pm.
- Morning option: if there is enough interest, we will also offer a morning session (from 9:30am-11am).

Paperback books to accompany the video series are \$15 each (scholarships are available for families in need).

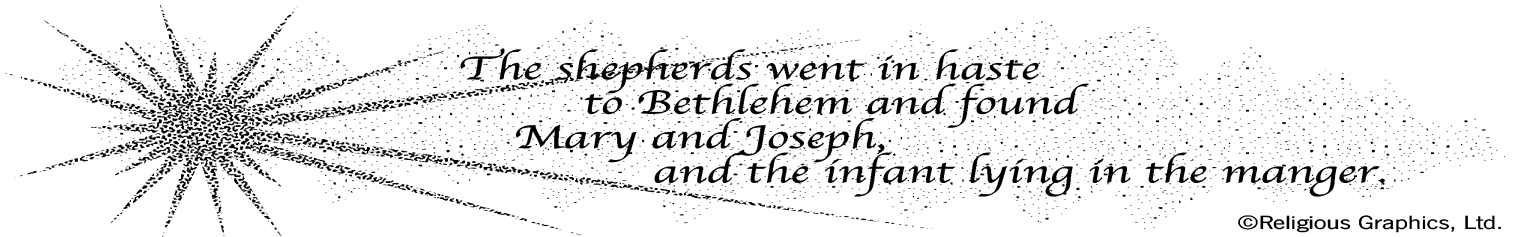
Learn More & Register

Visit our website to register and to watch the trailer (and the whole first episode): holycrossalaska.net/the-search



Retrouaille

Marriage Troubles? If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, Retrouaille (pronounced retro-vi) can help, as it has helped tens of thousands of others. Our next program begins February 25, 2022. For more information, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com, or call 907-863-8000 or email: anchorage@helpourmarriage.org



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Ministry Schedule for next week (Jan 8/9)						
Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM of Communion	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Anna Schulten (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Deb Seidl Julia Morrison-Lugo	Jessie Manaois	Jacqueline Pantaleon <u>Uju Morah</u> <u>Kaosi Morah</u>
Sun 8:30 am	Lead instrumentalist needed. To volunteer, call Sheila: 250-6234	N/A	N/A	Alice Garrod	Mike Likar	Angie Garrouette Vince Garrouette
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Joslyn Childs	Ninia Dizon	Mary Anne Green Anne Gore Teresa Cortes

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers** - Jess Manaos: 230-9418
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- Finance** - Greg Magee: 575-3197
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- 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
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- Vocations** - Sister Joan Oberle: 349-8388



Online Giving

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

TITHING UPDATE

How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	6,577
Weekly Tithing Period:		12/20-26/2021
Income Sources		
Weekly Collections:	\$	4,044
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	855
Online Giving:	\$	2,110
Total:	\$	7,009
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	432
Actual vs. Goal (%):		106.6%

Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison: Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY22 YTD Period

FY22 YTD Period:	7/1/2021 to 11/30/2021	
FY22 YTD Complete (%):	41.7%	
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2022:	\$	342,000
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	141,299
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	142,500
Over/(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	(1,201)
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		41.3%

Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY22 YTD Period

FY22 YTD Period:	7/1/2021 to 11/30/2021		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	76,667	54.3%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	250	0.2%
Online Giving:	\$	64,382	45.6%
2021 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$	-	0.0%
Total:	\$	141,299	100.0%

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