

# 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

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time Feb 12, 2023

*Matthew 11:25*

*Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little  
ones the mysteries of the  
kingdom.*



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## This Week at Holy Cross

### Mon Feb 13

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

### Tue Feb 14

9am- Mass  
 5:30pm- Confirmation Class  
 7pm- OCIA

### Wed Feb 15

9am- Mass

### Thu Feb 16

9am- Mass  
 6:30pm- Screwtape Letters

### Fri Feb 17-Office Closed

9am- Mass

### Sat Feb 18

1pm- Legion of Mary  
 3-4pm-Confession  
 5pm- Mass

### Sun Feb 19

8am- Mass  
 9:15am- Faith Formation  
 11am- Mass  
 12pm- Rosary

### Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your intentions.

Mon Feb 13	Available!
Tue Feb 14	ROS Modesta Munoz ROS Martina Caseon
Wed Feb 15- Sun Feb 19	Available!

### Mass Readings for Next Week

**Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18**

*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

**Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13**

The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Corinthians 3:16-23**

*All things belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.*

**Matthew 5:38-48**

*Love your enemies.*

## Reflection

Many of us at some time or another struggle with the moral teachings of the church, especially when leaders teach them without integrity. It is demoralizing to receive challenging teachings from people who themselves are not able to live by them. But what Jesus really wants for us is healing and freedom from the things that hold us back from the fullness of life with him. As you read this gospel. Can you hear Jesus reissuing these teachings not as a way to control but as a loving invitation?

### A Sermon to Be Heeded

One of the oldest spiritual injunctions is, "Know yourself." It is meant to push people down a path of self-discovery. Although this search may begin with social ambitions and intimate relationships, eventually it will turn inward. The ones who want to know themselves will set up a watching and listening post in the center of their being. They will begin the arduous task of observing the machinations of the mind and the flutterings of the heart.

This powerful Gospel text from the Sermon on the Mount suggests we search the mind and come to self-knowledge around a few crucial issues. We should know how anger rises in us, comes to expression, and then subsides. We should watch lust and note how it grips us and rushes us along paths we may not choose. We should also come to understand how we want shortcuts to forgiveness, how we hesitate and sometimes completely stall when it comes to initiating reconciling conversations. Why are the drives to anger and lust so powerful and the drive to reconciliation so weak? Coming to this knowledge is the work we must do on ourselves if the Sermon on the Mount is to be heeded.

Only when we are quiet can we touch the depth of our feelings and thoughts and bring them forward adequately. When this happens, we delight in wholeheartedness. We are integral; the inside and the outside are in communion.

John Shea, adapted from *The Spiritual Wisdom of the Gospels*

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### On the Way Home from Mass...

Jesus tells us to let our "yes mean yes" and our "no mean no." Do you ever say yes to something but do not follow through? Why do you think following through is important to God?



Ministry Schedule for next week (Feb 18/19)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Manaois Family	Wisdom Marquez Daniel Muldoon	Cheryl Chapman Ted Walker	Matt Williams	Ethan Maes Matt Williams
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	2 Volunteers Needed	Alice Garrod	Marilyn Kerr	Garrouette Family
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Volunteer Needed	Lora Rivera Lilly Vogt	Joslyn Childs	Mercy Acheson	Theresa Mitchell Teresa Cortes

# Confirmation Service Projects

## MANA BAGS: TAKE ONE HOME

Mana Bags have been assembled and are available in the foyer. Please take one or two to keep in your car and give to someone in need on the streets (the boxes are marked by Mass time so everyone has a chance to take some). Thank you!

## USED GLASSES DRIVE

Olivia's Confirmation Service Project will run through March 11. She's collecting used prescription eyewear. The collection box is in the Fellowship Hall.

## BLANKET PROJECT

Susie, Nora, and Jack are collecting fleece fabric to make blankets. Please see the flyer in the foyer for info.

## Palms to Ashes

Please plan to bring palms to church and place them in the foyer bin. They will be burned for Ash Wednesday.

## Vocation Cross Resumes

The Holy Cross Traveling Vocation Cross will resume next week, beginning Saturday 2/18. Please sign up your family week to pray for all vocations in the church, for priests, deacons, sisters and lay persons. The sign-up list is next to the prayer book in the hall.

## Walking With Moms in Need

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked all parishes, throughout the country, to join in an effort to help pregnant and parenting moms who are in need. These women and families are in our parishes and in our community, and many times they don't know where to go for help.

In response, we at Holy Cross are forming a core team to make an assessment of what services are available in Anchorage, and how we can communicate that information to those in need. We need volunteers to be part of the core team. And, it would be great to get people from all walks of life so that we get different perspectives on what is needed and how we should respond. If you are interested, please contact Alice Garrod at 907-529-1161, or reach out to Fr. Pat.

## Low Gluten Hosts

If you need low gluten hosts, they are now available at both communion stations.



# Why Retreat?

God sees you, knows you, and loves you. He wants you to know him better this Lent... but the world is noisy. And busy. And complicated. That's why Lent is a great way to re-focus on what really matters. Start your Lent on the right foot by attending this retreat. Faith doesn't have to be boring, and community is important. God speaks to us, in ways we don't always expect— and it starts when we listen with the ear of our hearts. We will show you how.

**Retreat Details:** Meet at Holy Cross on Fri, Feb. 24 (5pm), overnight at St. Therese's Camp in Wasilla, and return Sat, Feb. 25 (late evening). Sledding/tubing included, pending weather. Cost \$80. Financial aid available. Info & RSVP by Feb. 19: [holycrossalaska.net/retreat](http://holycrossalaska.net/retreat)

## Mardi Gras Party & A Holy Happy Hour

Join us Friday, Feb. 17 for this month's Drinking with the Saints, a Mardi-Gras party. Young adults and adults welcome! Text Anna for the address: (907) 306-9363.

## 8am Mass: Looking for Input

If making masks *optional* at the 8am Sunday Mass would prohibit your attendance, please call or email Fr. Pat or Fr. Dan by March 19. Masks are always welcome at any Mass, but we are considering removing the requirement.

# Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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# LENT AT A GLANCE\*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
FEB. 19	20	21	22 <b>Ash Wednesday Mass</b> 9am & 7pm	23 <b>Eucharist Study</b> for Young Adults & Adults, 6:30-8pm	24 <b>Grades 6-12 Retreat</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 6:30pm	25 <b>Confession</b> 3-4pm
26	27	28 <b>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confession</b> 6:30-7:30pm	MAR. 01	02 <b>Eucharist Study</b> for Young Adults & Adults, 6:30-8pm	03 <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 6:30pm	04 <b>Confession</b> 3-4pm
05	06	07 <b>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confession</b> 6:30-7:30pm	08	09 <b>Eucharist Study</b> for Young Adults & Adults, 6:30-8pm	10 <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 6:30pm	11 <b>Confession</b> 3-4pm
12	13	14 <b>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confession</b> 6:30-7:30pm	15	16 <b>No Study</b> (spring break)	17 <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 6:30pm	18 <b>Confession</b> 3-4pm
19	20	21 <b>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confession</b> 6:30-7:30pm	22	23 <b>No Study</b> (see Saturday retreat event)	24 <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 6:30pm	25 <b>Eucharist Retreat</b> 9-3p <b>Confess</b> 3-4p, <b>Anointing</b> during Mass
26 <b>Anointing of the Sick</b> during both Masses	27	28 <b>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Confession</b> 6:30-7:30pm	29	30 <b>Eucharist Study</b> for Young Adults & Adults, 6:30-8pm	31 <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 6:30pm	APR. 01 <b>Confession</b> 3-4pm
02 <b>Palm Sunday</b>	03	04	05	06 <b>Holy Thursday</b> 7pm (no 9am Mass)	07 <b>Good Friday</b> Faith Walk, 3pm Stations, 7pm Service (no 9am Mass)	08 <b>Easter Vigil</b> 8pm

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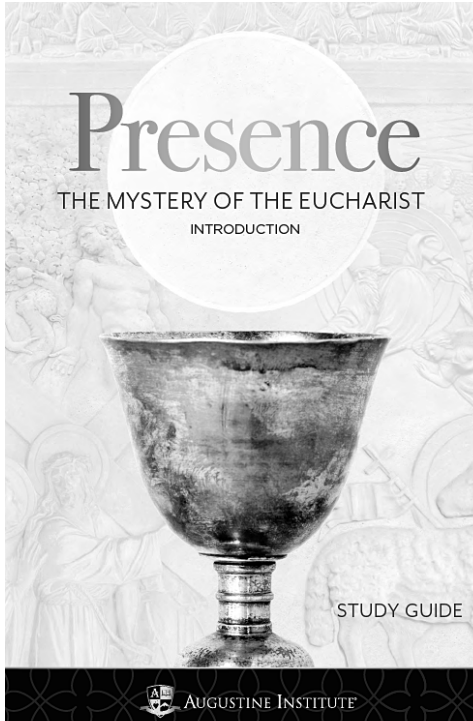
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09 **Easter Sunday Mass: 8am & 11am**

\*Unless otherwise noted, Monday-Friday Mass 9am. Saturday Mass 5pm. Sunday Mass 8am & 11am. [holycrossalaska.net](http://holycrossalaska.net)

# LENT 2023

## LEARN. PRAY. ENCOUNTER.



### **EUCHARIST VIDEO STUDY**

**THURSDAYS OR 3/25**

Join young adults & adults for 4 **Thursday nights (6:30-8pm)** for videos and discussions. Or, attend the *Presence* retreat on **Saturday, March 25** and explore 4 Eucharistic sessions in one day.

Preview the study at [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) (search Holy Cross Anchorage & follow prompts).

There is no cost for the study or the retreat!

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**FRIDAYS**

Pray the Stations of the Cross **every Friday during Lent.**

Details about the **Good Friday Faith Walk in downtown Anchorage** will be available in the coming weeks.

### **ADORATION & CONFESSION**

**TUESDAYS**

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions **every Tuesday (6:30-7:30pm)** instead of a Reconciliation Service.

Build a weekly prayer habit and encounter Christ in a new way!



### **FREE RESOURCES**

Daily videos for **kids (and adults!)** are available online at Formed. You can also pick up a "**Little Black Book**," **Word Among Us**, or **CRS Rice Bowl** from the foyer. Have a blessed Lent!

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of February 12, 2023



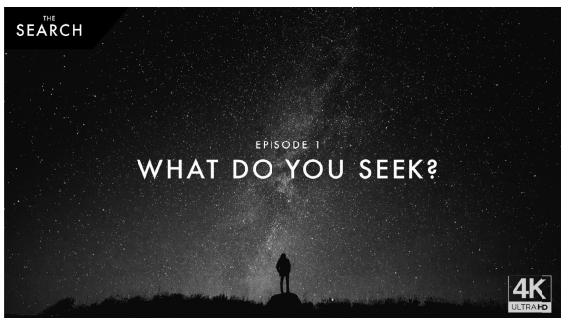
## Beloved - Session 1: Does Marriage Matter?

Happy Feast of St. Valentine! This Valentine's Day, remind yourself of the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage with the Beloved series, presented by the Augustine Institute.



## How to Study the Bible

Are you looking to take your spiritual life deeper this upcoming Lent? There's no better place to start than the Lord's Word. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Giszczak as they explain how to study and devote yourself to Scripture!



## What Do You Seek? The Search Episode 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.

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# STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



**H**ome mission dioceses across the country face similar challenges: small Catholic populations, great distances between parishes, and economic hardships that make it difficult for parishes to meet the pastoral needs of their communities. In northern Alabama's Diocese of Birmingham, for instance, one parish is the only Catholic church in its county. Another parish affected by high unemployment and underemployment lacks resources to pay for youth ministry and parish activities. Despite these economic challenges, the diocese is committed to forming disciples in the parishes and providing quality education to poor and minority students.

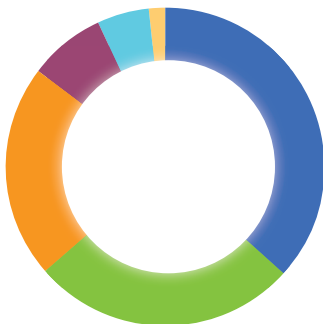
Support from Catholic Home Missions makes the day-to-day ministries of these parishes possible through grants to the diocese for parish operations, training of parish catechetical leaders, youth ministry support, and one-on-one attention to help struggling Catholic school pupils succeed in their education. When you support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, your contribution helps dioceses like Birmingham keep their parishes open and available to meet the pastoral needs of their communities.

For more information about the Catholic home missions, visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## What Is a Home Mission Diocese?

Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions.

## CHMA FINANCIALS 2021

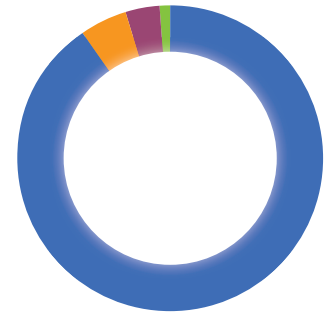


### Totals by Program Area

• Diocesan and Parish Assistance	\$3,410,000
• Faith Formation	\$2,505,000
• Priestly and Religious Vocations	\$2,017,500
• Cultural Ministries*	\$715,000
• Strengthening Marriage and Family Life	\$485,000
• Life and Dignity of the Human Person†	\$150,000

**Total: \$9,282,500**

\*including Hispanic and other ethnic and cultural ministries  
†including prison ministries and ministries for persons with disabilities



• Grants and Donations	\$8,084,200
• Program Costs	\$432,593
• Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	\$336,841
• Administrative Expenses	\$81,035

**Total Expenses: \$8,934,669**



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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:	\$	7,327	
Weekly Tithing Period:		1/30-2/5/2023	
<b>Income Sources</b>			
Weekly Collections:	\$	5,120	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	2,716	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,836</b>	
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	509	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		106.9%	
<b>Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:</b>			
<b>Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY23 YTD Period</b>			
FY23 YTD Period:		7/1/2022 to 12/31/2022	
FY23 YTD Complete (%):		50.0%	
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023:	\$	397,600	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	209,142	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	198,800	
Over/(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	10,342	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		105.2%	
<b>Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY23 YTD Period</b>			
FY23 YTD Period:		7/1/2022 to 12/31/2022	
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	122,150	58.4%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	4,368	2.1%
Online Giving:	\$	77,999	37.3%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$	-	0.0%
Other:	\$	4,625	2.2%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>209,142</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



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