

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

The Third Sunday of Lent March 12, 2023

*John 4:42, 15
Lord, you are truly the
Savior of the world;
give me living water, that
I may never thirst again.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon March 13

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

Tue March 14

9am- Mass
~~5:30pm- Confirmation Class~~ CXL Spring Break
6:30pm- Eucharistic Adoration and Confession
7pm- OCIA

Wed March 15

9am- Mass
6:30pm- Liturgical Ministries Meeting

Thu March 16

9am- Mass

Fri March 17-Office Closed

9am- Mass
6:30pm- Stations of the Cross

Sat March 18

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

Sun March 19

8am- Mass
11am- Mass
12pm- Rosary

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your intentions.

Mon Mar 13-Sun Mar 20	Available!
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Mass Readings for Next Week

Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

David is anointed as king of Israel.

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Ephesians 5:8-14

Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

John 9:1-41

The man who was blind went off and washed himself and came back able to see.

Reflection

Our physical thirst is not only an echo of the way in which our hearts are meant to ache for God. Our need for God is infinite, for it takes an infinite God to satisfy the need. That means that our capacity is infinite. We are made for so much more than we realize.

An Open Letter to the Woman at the Well

Dear Sister,

Thank you! Thank you for coming to the well that day to perform a routine boring chore: drawing water. Woman's work. You remind me that I too can encounter Divinity in the ordinary tasks of daily life.

Thank you for not running away that day. For daring to speak with this stranger—a man and a Jew, no less! Your gutsiness encourages me to risk speaking with individuals very different from myself.

Thank you for giving in to your curiosity. I sometimes think only the big virtues matter in life: faith, hope, and love. But even little curiosities can sneak into my life and set me up for an encounter with God.

Thank you for your messy life. Out of shame (I'm guessing) you tried to hide your five husbands (plus your current lover) from Jesus. But Jesus' response to you tells me that I don't need a perfectly ordered life to engage with him.

Thank you for leaving your water jar at the well and running into town to share the news of this stranger. That left-behind jar is a sure sign that your encounter with Jesus has altered your priorities.

Thank you for your enthusiasm. The fact that so many townspeople came to meet Jesus—simply because of your witness—underscores the importance of enthusiasm in my own life of faith.

And finally, I sense that Jesus was irresistibly drawn to your openness, genuineness, and spunk. Well, so am I! And so I say again: thank you, sister, thank you!

Sr. Melannie Svoboda

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One the way home from Mass...

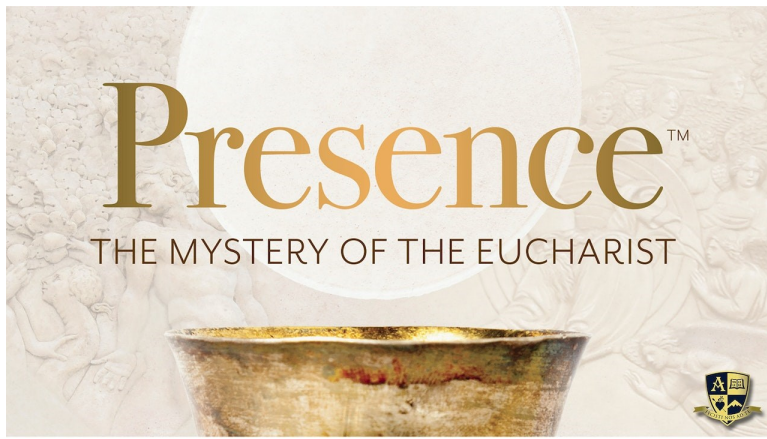
Jesus calls himself the "living water."

What do you think Jesus meant by *living water*?



Ministry Schedule for next week (Mar 18/19)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Manaois Family	Wisdom Marquez Daniel Muldoon	Ted Walker Cheryl Chapman	Jessie Maglaqui	Linda Galamgam Susan Gallardo
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	Henry & Annalise Maes	Eilisa Maes	Mike Likar	Garrouette Family
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Volunteer Needed	Nikylla & Nathan Marcelino	Joslyn Childs	Ninia Dizon	Degenhardt Family



Thank you, Debi!

Debi Wickler, parish librarian, is retiring! Words cannot fully express our gratitude for her dedication and investment of time in this beautiful resource that we are blessed to share with the community. We thank Debi for her decades of faithful service to the library, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Flower Donations Needed

Fresh floral arrangements are a delight to have to beautify our worship space. While we won't have flowers during the season of Lent, we would love to continue to enhance the altar with fresh floral arrangements. Please consider donating either on-line or in the weekly collection, and noting the donation to go toward floral arrangements.

Presence Retreat for Adults (and young people)

Join us Sat Mar 25 from 8:30am to 3pm for a day-retreat about the Eucharist. This retreat is geared toward young adults and adults, but teens are also welcome to attend.

This event is FREE. It includes breakfast and lunch; please RSVP for a food count on the signup sheet in the foyer, or contact Anna for more information.

Sneak peek the videos online at signup.formed.org (search "Holy Cross Anchorage" and follow the prompts)



St. Patrick's Day Dispensation

This year St. Patrick's day falls on a Friday in the season of Lent, because of this, the requirement to fast from meat has been lifted for the Feast of St. Patrick's day.

Faith Formation

There is NO Faith Formation class this weekend and next weekend (happy spring break)!

- Confirmation class resumes Tue Mar 21
- First Communion class resumes Sat Mar 25
- Regular Sunday class resumes Sun Mar 26 (K-5: Family Session)
- No class April 3-9 because of Holy Week and Easter.

Liturgical Ministries

All heads of liturgical ministries should attend the meeting scheduled for **Wed Mar 15 at 6:30pm** in the library. Planning for Holy Week and Easter will take place during the meeting.

Third Sunday of Lent

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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:	2/27-3/5/2023		
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	6,071	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:			
Online Giving:	\$	3,141	
Total:	\$	9,212	
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	1,885	
Actual vs. Goal (%):	125.7%		
Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:			
Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY23 YTD Period			
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 01/31/2023		
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	58.3%		
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023:	\$	397,600	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	238,735	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	231,933	
Over/(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	6,802	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	102.9%		
Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY23 YTD Period			
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 01/31/2023		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	138,102	57.8%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	4,633	1.9%
Online Giving:	\$	91,015	38.1%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$	-	0.0%
Other:	\$	4,985	2.1%
Total:	\$	238,735	100.0%



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