

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2023

John 11:25a, 26

*I am the resurrection and
the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me,
even if he dies,
will never die.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon March 27

9am- Mass

1pm- Aspen Creek Service

Tue March 28

9am- Mass

5:30pm- Confirmation Class

6:30pm- Eucharistic Adoration and Confession

7pm- OCIA

Wed March 29

9am- Mass

Thu March 30

9am- Mass

6:30pm- Eucharist Study

Fri March 31-Office Closed

9am- Mass

6:30pm- Stations of the Cross

Sat April 1

1pm- Legion of Mary

3-4pm-Confession

3:15pm- First Communion Prep

5pm- Mass

Sun April 2- Palm Sunday

8am- Mass:

9:15am- Faith Formation

11am- Mass

12pm- Rosary

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your intentions.

Mon 3/27-ROS Irma Galindo

Tue 3/28 to Sun 4/2- Available!

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Isaiah 50:4-7

My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

PSALM 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him.

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Vocations Cross

This week the Hoppe Family will pray with the vocations cross.

Reflection

When Jesus calls us to fuller life in him, it is not always comfortable or easy. There are often demands and sacrifices we would not have expected and certainly would not have chosen for ourselves. But whole Lazarus stood alone as the first called forth from the tomb, we are never left alone with our challenges; it is Christ's own life that we share, and he accompanies us always.

Full of Hope and Promise

It's the Fifth Sunday of Lent, and many of us are probably groaning inwardly, "How long, O Lord? Will Easter ever get here?" If this is the case for you, then take heart—and take a long, deep look at each of today's readings. They are shot full of hope and promise.

It is so easy to downgrade resurrection to a vague notion or merely embrace it as just another theological construct among many. In fact, and shockingly, a large percentage of Christians doubt the reality of resurrection.

What I find so hopeful on this Lenten Lord's Day is that God does not pitch resurrection to us as a possibility or even a probability *but as a fact*—and, not only as a fact, but *a promise*. "I will open your graves and have you rise from them . . ." Twice this fact is declared, and then God makes it a promise.

Paul, writing to the Romans, takes up the theme of resurrection, linking the resurrection of Jesus with the resurrection that awaits you and me. How? Why? Because we have been imbued with the same Spirit with which Jesus and Ezekiel's people were filled. It is the same Spirit promised by the risen Jesus, sent upon the disciples and all the Church on Pentecost.

The Lazarus narrative takes the general notion of resurrection and gives it specificity. Lazarus's being raised by Jesus prefigures and anticipates Jesus' own rising up. It is an icon, a promise to us.

So, if you are struggling and feeling overwhelmed by the Lenten journey, take heart. The best is yet to come—the promise of him who said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Fr. John Meoska

John Meoska, OSB, is a monk of Saint John's Abbey and an avid woodworker.



On the Way Home from Mass...

I wonder how Martha was feeling before she heard Jesus was coming. I wonder how she felt after Jesus said, "Your brother will rise."

Save the Date- Holy Week

Palm Sunday Masses:

April 1 at 5pm

April 2 at 8am & 11am

Confessions Wed Apr 5, 5-7pm

Holy Thursday Mass: April 6 at 7pm

Good Friday:

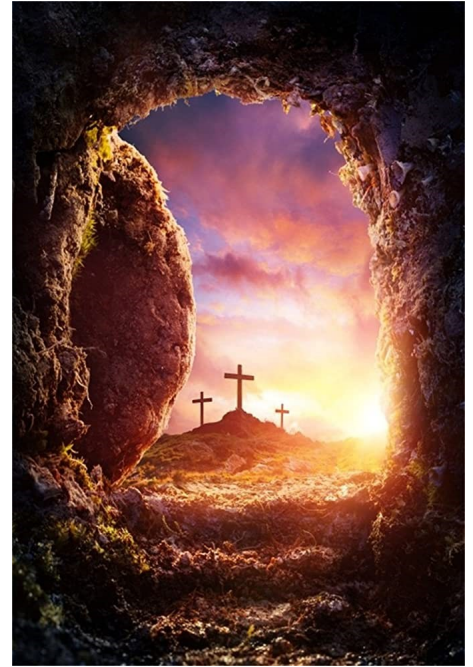
April 7- Stations at 3pm

Mass at 7pm

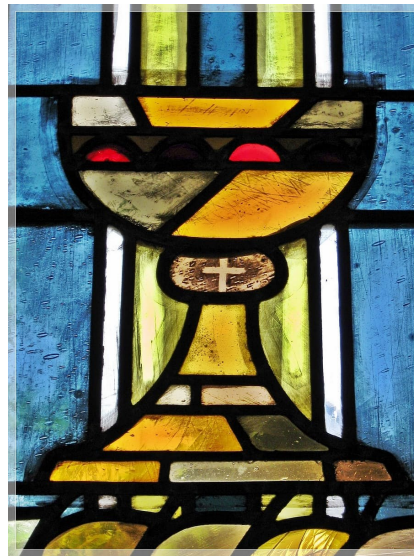
Holy Saturday Confessions Apr 8, 10am-1pm

Easter Vigil Mass: April 8 at 8pm (no 5 pm)

Easter Day Masses: April 9 at 8am & 11am



The communion cup will return on Holy Thursday. Please know that you are only required to receive the sacrament under one form, either precious body or the precious blood. You are not required to have both, but you are welcome to receive both if you desire. Please make what ever choice is best for you.



Ministry Schedule for next week Palm Sunday (Apr 1/2)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Matt Williams	Wisdom Marquez Adelina Dizon Jerica Manaois	Diedra William Dave Alzheimer Ted Walker		Linda Galamgam Virtuous Marquez Susan Gallardo
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	John Hoppe	Henry and Annalise Maes Jerica Manaois	Paul Clark Kristin Rehmann Jason Hlasny		Garrouette Family
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Maureen Retzel	Kaosi Morah Rowdy Reynoso Jerica Manaois	Ann Dimatulac Mary Anne Green Joslyn Childs		Theresa Mitchell Kaira Brooks

5th Sunday of Lent



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REDEMPTION
LAZARUS
UNTIE
JOHN
EZEKIEL
ROMANS
DAYS
RISE
MORTAL
DEAD
SOUL
TRUSTS
TOMB
LIVE
MARTHA

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2022 "United in Mission" Annual Appeal Report As of Mar 21, 2023 week 43

Diocesan Goal for Holy Cross	\$	40,620		
Parish Goal for Holy Cross *	\$	58,620	\$	18,000 Last 3 Yr Avg Rebate Amt
Total Pledged	\$	54,100		133.2% of Diocesan Goal 92.3% of Parish Goal
Number of Pledges		81		
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Diocesan Goal	\$	13,480		
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Parish Goal	\$	(4,520)		
Total Pledged Paid	\$	53,335		
Total Pledged Unpaid	\$	765		
Total Rebate for Holy Cross **	\$	12,715		

* Past rebate amounts at Holy Cross have averaged \$18,000 for the last 3 fiscal years (FY20-FY22).
** The rebate amount is the paid portion of the "Total Pledged Over Goal" amount. This rebate is not considered "Ordinary Revenue" like similar revenues from weekly collections and online giving. These revenues are assessed or taxed at 16.7% by the Archdiocese. Since the rebate is not taxable, the rebate is paid in full at 100% to Holy Cross.

DONATIONS FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL APPEAL ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED.

HOW TO MAKE AN ANNUAL APPEAL DONATION

There are 2 ways to make a donation. 1) Go to Archdiocese website: www.aoaj.org/appeal to make a secured donation online or 2) Place your donation (check or cash) in an United in Mission envelope. These envelopes are available at Holy Cross in the pews and foyer. Please submit your envelope to Fr Pat or Fr Dan. If paying by check, please make the check payable to the Archdiocese of Anchorage/Juneau. Also, please indicate when making your donation online or by envelope that you are a parishioner from Holy Cross.

Thank you for donating and sharing your treasure to the 2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal.

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BUILDING Our Mission to the Missions

The Black and Indian Mission Collection (BIMC) exists to help diocesan communities to build up the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God.

Every year, it is the amazing generosity of Catholic faithful, just like you, who enable the Black and Indian Mission Office to support the following important priorities:

Enlivening Parish Life & Catechesis

Grant funds from the BIMC support parish-based catechetical programs, which form and train catechists who form children to be disciples of Jesus in the world and who put bibles and catechisms in kids' hands so they can learn the ways of the Lord and take their place around his altar.



Empowering Evangelizers

BIMC grant funds support African American and Native American ministries to sponsor events and formation that encourage living the Christian life in culturally appropriate ways. The religious sisters shown here, serve Native American Catholic communities across the United States.



Helping Educators Reach Kids

With your contribution to the BIMC, you will help support the placement of good teachers to educate African American and Native American children. In 2022, your generous donations reached over 5,000 students in more than 400 schools and parishes across the United States.



Encouraging Vocations

The church needs men and women to answer the call to the consecrated life and offer their witness as radical disciples of Jesus Christ. We need priests in order to have the Eucharist! Supporting the BIMC enables us to help encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life in African American and Native American communities across the country.



BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION
www.blackandindianmission.org



36th Annual
LUNCH, TEA & AUCTION

An event supporting the Life Affirming mission
of the Community Pregnancy Center



SILENT AUCTION BEGINS AT 9 AM
LIVE AUCTION & PROGRAM BEGINS AT 11:20 AM

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023
CHANGEPOINT CHURCH

cpc Community Pregnancy Center

All Aboard
Set sail with us for an adventure of a LIFETIME!

For more information or to purchase your table or seat, visit
www.friendsofcpcanchorage.com/springevent or call Jill at (907) 375-7303.



487
Pregnancy Tests

375
Ultrasound Exams

3,716
in-person and streamed pregnancy, parenting and Life Skills classes

519
individual mentoring sessions

1,083
shopping trips

68,111+ diapers

1,962 packs of wipes

7,718 articles of baby clothing

Life LESSONS



CPC'S BABY SUPPLY STORE

621
served at CPC with Pregnancy Tests, Ultrasound, Pregnancy and Parenting Classes, Mentoring, Baby Items, and post abortion healing through PACE.

Together We Served

585 women

36 men

556 received services for the first time in 2022

Age

29%	27.5%	19%	14%	10%	0.5%
20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 +	15 to 19	14 -

Relationship Status

17%	10%	13%	29%	31%
Did not Report	Engaged	Living Together	Married	Single

Community Pregnancy Center (CPC) Helps Anchorage

Confessions

Tuesdays at 6:30-7:30 pm:

March 28th

April 4th

Saturdays at 3-4 pm

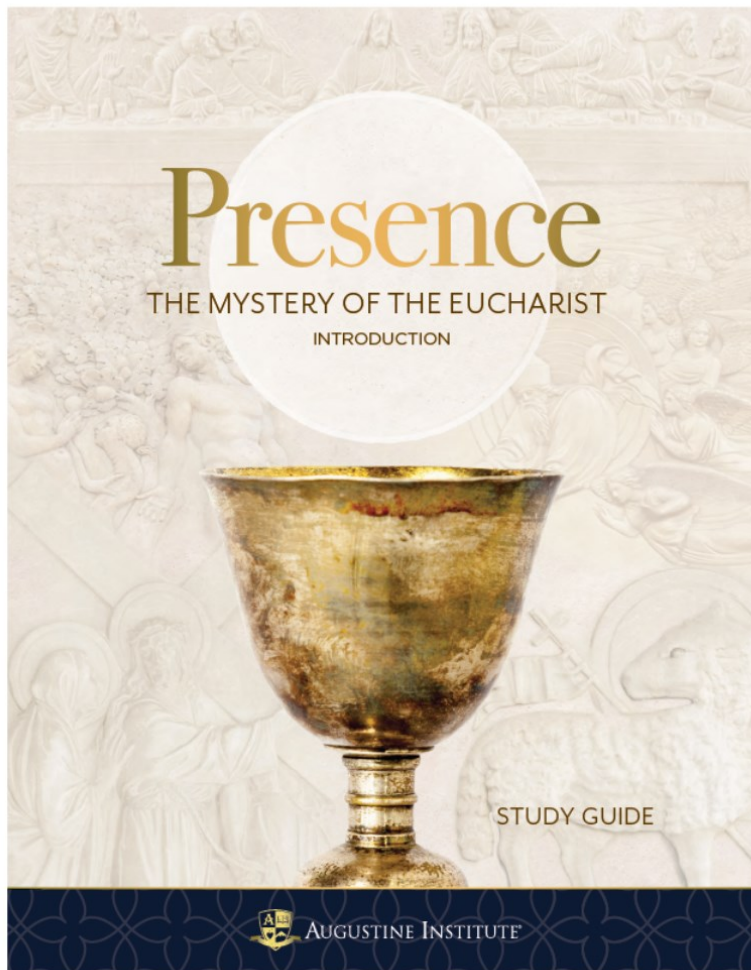
April 1st

Or by appointment



This Weekend:

Anointing of
the Sick
offered at all
Masses



Thank you to all
the participants
and volunteers
who attended the
Retreat this
weekend!

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

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 Lawn & Garden- Looking for help!
 Legion of Mary- Mercy Acheson: 223-4822
 Library- Maureen Retzel: 441-0460
 Liturgical Ministries Coordinator- Julie Thomas: 538-1109
 Livestream- John Roberts: 317-6808
 Music Ministry- Sheila Soukup: 250-6234
 Prayer Chain- Joan Gillis: 346-3147
 Readers- Jason Hlasny: 242-6655
 OCIA- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
 Sacristan- Matthew Williams: 632-4252
 Snow Plowing- Looking for help!
 Youth/ Young Adult Ministry- Anna Schulten: 306-9363

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Financial Corner

TITHING UPDATE	
How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?	
Weekly Offertory Goal: \$	7,327
Weekly Tithing Period:	03/13-19/2023
Income Sources	
Weekly Collections: \$	3,612
Holy Day/Holiday Collections: \$	-
Online Giving: \$	2,777
Total: \$	6,389
Over /(Under) Goal: \$	(938)
Actual vs. Goal (%):	87.2%
Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:	
Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY23 YTD Period	
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 2/28/2023
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	66.7%
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023: \$	397,600
Actual Total Income for Period: \$	277,149
Budget Total Income for Period: \$	265,067
Over /(Under) Budget for Period: \$	12,082
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	104.6%
Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY23 YTD Period	
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 2/28/2023
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail): \$	154,888 55.9%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail): \$	5,936 2.1%
Online Giving: \$	102,520 37.0%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates): \$	8,175 2.9%
Other: \$	5,630 2.0%
Total: \$	277,149 100.0%



Online Giving

To sign up online giving visit holycrossalaska.net/give

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