

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

Ascension Sunday May 21, 2023

*Matthew 28:19a, 20b
Go and teach all nations,
says the Lord;
I am with you always, until
the end of the world.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon May 22

9am- Communion Service
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

Tue May 23

9am- Communion Service

Wed May 24

9am- Communion Service

Thu May 25

9am- Mass

Fri May 26-Office Closed

9am- Communion Service

Sat May 27

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

Sun May 28

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

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your intentions.

Thu 5/25- ROS Gerry Travers

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.

PSALM 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit.

Vocations Cross

The Munoz Family will pray with the vocations cross this week. To sign up see the pedestal just outside the sanctuary.

Reflection

Each of us is called to share in the evangelizing work that Christ entrusts to the disciples here. For laypersons, it is not always apparent how we are making disciples or teaching the faith or leading others to baptism. But opportunities abound and every relationship is a chance to make Christ more present to someone, baptized or not, who might not know him well.

A Different Definition

At the Jesuit university I attended, the motto *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam* (“For the greater glory of God”) appeared above the stage of a landmark campus lecture hall. As a student, I barely considered the meaning of the phrase—though I knew enough Latin to translate it.

But now, years later, I’ve put away the Latin dictionary. Seeing Jesus’ copious use of “glory” and “glorify” in today’s Gospel (six times, to be exact!), I wonder, how does *he* translate “glory”? And how do *I*? Does it mean exaltation and honor? Sometimes, yes. How do we glorify God? With blaring trumpets, clapping hands, and shouts of joy? Sometimes, yes. After all, making music means praying twice.

But note the timing of Jesus’ prayer: It comes shortly before his arrest and crucifixion. If death is near, what part does glory play? Surely, there will be glory at the resurrection. But where’s the exaltation now?

What if we define glory in a different way? What if glory is the revelation of God’s boundless love? Is this what Jesus means when he speaks of glorifying God on earth by doing God’s work? Is it what he seeks when he asks for the glory he had with God before the world began? If glory is God’s love revealed, then—joyous as trumpets and clapping hands may be—we can glorify God in quiet ways, too: speaking kindness to a stranger, sharing our lane on the freeway, giving help to someone in need. No dictionary needed. Glory to God!

Sr. Regina Scaringella

Regina Scaringella, OP, is a Dominican Sister of Caldwell, New Jersey, and assistant editor of Give Us This Day.

On the Way Home from Mass...

I wonder how the disciples felt about Jesus’ words to “Go and make disciples of all nations.”



Ministry Schedule for next week (May 27/28)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Leo Gallardo	Wisdom Marquez Daniel Muldoon	Diedre Williams Dave Alzheimer		Gallo Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	John Hoppe	Henry & Annalise Maes	Julie Kentch		Jaquelyn & Jaeden Cabrera Matthew Walsh
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Volunteer Needed	Kaosi Morah Rowdy Reynoso	Megan Green		Leigh Rivera Mary Anne Green

VBS



Vacation Bible School

- Date:** June 13-15 (Tues-Thurs)
- Time:** 5pm Family Dinner, 5:30-8pm VBS
- Location:** Holy Cross Parish
- Ages:** entering K-6
- Volunteers:** grades 7+ and adults
- Cost:** \$20 per student (limited space available)
- Signup by May 29th:** holycrossalaska.net/vbs

RSVP your kids by Monday, May 29th, for guaranteed registration. Latecomers are first come, first serve.

VBS Seeking Volunteers:

- Games Leader (Adult)
- Adult & Teen Crew Leaders

VBS Volunteer Info:

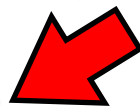
Register at holycrossalaska.net/vbs

Meeting & Training Dates:

- **NEW** June 7, 6pm: Meeting
- June 11, 12:15pm: Leader Training

At-home training/prep:

- May 28: station supply list due
- June 5: Background Check (age 16+) and Safe Environment (age 18+) complete.
- June 12: Setup Night
- June 16: Cleanup Night (if needed)



Summer Lawn Care at Holy Cross

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped at the spring spruce-up this last weekend! If you have a green thumb and would like to help with summer mowing or yard care, please contact our new Lawn & Garden coordinator, Julie S or the office to help!



Save the Date: Golf Tournament!

Archbishop's Golf Tournament is back! It will be Aug 10 at Moose Run. Sing up at aoaj.org/archbishops-golf-tournament



Arts Lecture at Holy Family

You are invited to the next RELIGION AND THE ARTS lecture at Holy Family "Pentecost and the Holy Spirit" Presented by Dr. Laura Walters Wed, May 24, 7pm Holy Family Ministry Center.

Lumen Christi Catholic High School

Lumen Christi Catholic High School in Anchorage, Alaska, is seeking highly qualified applicants to fill several full-time teacher vacancies in math, science, social studies, and English/language arts for the 2023-2024 school year. Please send resume & cover letter Brian Ross at bross@lumenchristiak.com

Alpha Assisted Living Home Job Opening

Alpha Assisted Living Home is a Five Bed Home looking to hire a part time employee. We are seeking a caring individual who would like to work 2 days/week with the possibility of being full time if the need arises. Contact: Jeanice Ogarro, 907-332-0565/alpha.alh2022@gmail.com

Ascension Sunday

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- Snow Plowing- Looking for help!
- Youth/Young Adult- INTERIM Jerica Manaos: 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:	\$	7,327	
Weekly Tithing Period:	05/8-14/2023		
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	3,390	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	2,326	
Total:	\$	5,716	
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	(1,611)	
Actual vs. Goal (%):	78.0%		
Actual vs. Budget "Total Income" for FY23 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period			
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 4/30/2023		
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	83.3%		
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023:	\$	434,000	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	377,394	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	361,667	
Over/(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	15,727	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	104.3%		
Breakdown of Actual "Total Income" for FY23 YTD Period			
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 4/30/2023		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	195,758	51.9%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	6,650	1.8%
Online Giving:	\$	129,825	34.4%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebate Paid To Date): *	\$	11,870	3.1%
Stole Fees:	\$	6,422	1.7%
Investment Income:	\$	12,225	3.2%
Fee Income:	\$	6,680	1.8%
Other:	\$	7,964	2.1%
Total:	\$	377,394	100.0%
* Pending Rebate Payment = \$1,275			
Actual vs. Budget "Total Expenses" for FY23 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period			
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 4/30/2023		
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	83.3%		
Annual Budget Total Expenses FY 2023:	\$	434,000	
Actual Total Expenses for Period:	\$	344,866	
Budget Total Expenses for Period:	\$	361,667	
Over/(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	(16,801)	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	95.4%		
Actual "Total Net Income" for FY23 YTD Period			
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 4/30/2023		
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	377,394	
Actual Total Expenses for Period:	\$	344,866	
Actual Total Net Income for Period:	\$	32,528	
Total Net Income "Over/(Under)" Total Expenses for Period (%):	9.4%		

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