

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jan 14, 2024

*John 1:41, 17b
We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings
us truth and grace.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Jan 15- OFFICE CLOSED (MLK Holiday)

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service
6pm- Youth Night

Tue Jan 16

9am- Mass
6:30pm- Fire Drill Meeting
7pm-OCIA

Wed Jan 17

9am- Mass

Thu Jan 18

9am- Mass

Fri Jan 19- Office Closed

9am- Mass

Sat Jan 20

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

Sun Jan 21

8am- Mass
9:15am- Faith Formation
11am- Mass followed by Rosary

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your Mass intentions.
Sun 8am Mass is offered for the People of the Parish

Vocations Cross

To volunteer to pray with the vocations cross.
Sign up outside the sanctuary.

Salao Family will pray with the vocations cross this week.

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The Ninevites turned from their evil way.

PSALM 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Corinthians 7:29-31

The world in its present form is passing away.

Mark 1:14-20

Repent and believe in the Gospel.



Reflection

Bible stories of calling can sometimes inspire envy among those of us who do not get to hear God's call so clearly. The fact of the matter is that such clear and immediate callings are rare. For most of us, our work of discernment, of learning to listen to God, is long and slow. With practice, we become more familiar with the ways God works in our hearts, learning to sit with apparent silence until we hear God's voice within it. We also learn to hear and see God at work in the people in our lives, in the needs present to us, and in our own giftedness.

The Language of Mercy and Light

The story of a sleepy Samuel running to Eli three times in the night—thinking it was Eli's rather than God's voice that had awakened him—strikes me as material for a comedy skit on *Saturday Night Live*. It's heartening, though, that the Lord keeps calling Samuel despite his initial cluelessness.

I think of times in my life when I was being called to something new—say, a different job or a change in attitude. Still, I resisted the call until the need for change became painfully clear. If only I had said sooner, "Speak, Lord, I am listening."

Likewise, I envy the disciples in today's Gospel. They not only see Jesus but hear him ask, "What are you looking for?" And then he invites them to "come and see." Without such audible instructions, how do we in the twenty-first century receive intimations of who we should be and how we should act?

A few years ago, I was on a flight from Amsterdam to Cairo. The man in the aisle seat next to me noticed a woman nearby who was crying. Perhaps she was sad to leave behind loved ones; perhaps she was anxious about the long flight ahead. Though neither spoke each other's language, my seatmate reached out to comfort the woman, a complete stranger.

Later, I learned the man was a Benedictine oblate, as am I. His compassion toward a person in distress is what one would expect of an oblate. Still, it made me wonder: if a stranger were to encounter me, would he or she know I am a Christian by the way I speak, act, and treat others?

The example of the man on the plane reinforces the more subtle way we receive and communicate God's mercy and the light of Christ today. Both must shine through us, absent the kind of audible messages that Samuel and the two disciples received.

How can we become the voice of Christ for others? *Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.*

Judith Valente

Judith Valente is a retreat guide, poet, journalist, and author of several spirituality titles, including How to Be: A Monk and a Journalist Reflect on Living & Dying, Purpose & Prayer, Forgiveness & Friendship.

On the Way Home from Mass...

What gestures did you see at Mass? Are there words that go with these gestures? Do you use these words or gestures as a family?

Ministry Schedule for next week (Jan 20/21)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Fleur Bases	Joseph Salao Daniel Muldoon	Ray Meliton Dave Alzheimer		Dizon Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	Joe and Rose Webb	Kristin Rehamann Alison Walsh		Muldoon Family
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Maureen Retzel	Landon Sabino Lilly Vogt	Joslyn Childs		Villa Family

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession

Throughout Lent, we will host a mini-series on Confession. Here's a sneak peek from Formed.org:

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, Forgiven communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm, beginning Wednesday, Feb 21. This event is only for young adults and adults. If you are interested in attending this event, let Jerica know.

Faith Formation Classes

January 21:
Grade 7-12 in Family Session
Preschool-6 in Classroom



January 28:
Preschool-6 in Family Session
Grade 7-12 in Classroom

Faith Formation runs from 9-10:45am.

Registration is on-going at: holycrossalaska.net/register

Interested in becoming Catholic? Learn more at an OCIA meeting happening on Tue evenings at 7pm.

For Teens & Children

YOUTH NIGHTS

EVERY MONDAY
6 PM-9 PM



WHAT'S A YOUTH NIGHT?

A Youth Night is where teens form a relationship with each other and God.

WHO'S INVITED?

Teens who are in 6th grade to 12th grade

WHEN DOES IT START?

January 15th

Location: Holy Cross Parish (sometimes)

NEED A RIDE?

Jerica and other adult volunteers can offer rides if a parent/guardian cannot drop off teen(s) to particular locations.

MEALS

Dinner is provided. If you want to contribute by donating or bringing a dish to share, let Jerica know.

ACTIVITIES

- Talks
- Movie Nights
- Adoration
- Visiting parishes
- Volunteering
- etc.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED...

Please bring a parent on the first night to sign form(s). Let Jerica know if you want to be an adult volunteer to give rides.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Email Jerica at formation@holycrossalaska.net



Vacation Bible School

Save the Date: May 28-31 at Holy Cross Parish for students in entering kindergarten-6th grade for the 2024-25 school year.

Interested to learn more? Contact Jerica at (907) 306-9363. Adult Volunteers Meeting is on

Wednesday, Feb 7, at 6pm. Adult and Teen Volunteers Meeting is on Tuesday, March 12, at 6pm. More information coming later in March.

For Families

National Eucharistic Congress 2024

The 10th National Eucharistic Congress is an invitation to experience profound personal revival so we can be sent out to share Christ's love with a world



that so desperately needs it. The event will occur on July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana. If you are interested in attending this event, please email Jerica at formation@holycrossalaska.net.

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- Library- Maureen Retzel: 441-0460
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- Readers- Jason Hlasny: 242-6655
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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:	\$	7,894	
Weekly Tithing Period:	01/2-7/2024		
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	4,487	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	100	
Online Giving:	\$	4,173	
Total:	\$	8,760	
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	866	
Actual vs. Goal (%):	111.0%		
Actual vs. Budget "Total Income" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period			
FY24 YTD Period:	7/1/2023 to 12/31/2023		
FY24 YTD Complete (%):	50.0%		
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2024:	\$	443,400	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	242,146	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	221,700	
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	20,446	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	109.2%		
Breakdown of Actual "Total Income" for FY24 YTD Period			
FY24 YTD Period:	7/1/2023 to 12/31/2023		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	111,039	45.9%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	9,072	3.7%
Online Giving:	\$	75,351	31.1%
2023 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebate Paid To Date):	\$	-	0.0%
Stole Fees:	\$	2,342	1.0%
In-Kind Donations:	\$	23,830	9.8%
Investment Income:	\$	9,448	3.9%
Fee Income:	\$	5,412	2.2%
Other:	\$	5,652	2.3%
Total:	\$	242,146	100.0%
Actual vs. Budget "Total Expenses" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period			
FY24 YTD Period:	7/1/2023 to 12/31/2023		
FY24 YTD Complete (%):	50.0%		
Annual Budget Total Expenses FY 2023:	\$	473,400	
Actual Total Expenses for Period:	\$	212,932	
Budget Total Expenses for Period:	\$	236,700	
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	(23,768)	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	90.0%		
Actual "Total Net Income" for FY24 YTD Period			
FY24 YTD Period:	7/1/2023 to 12/31/2023		
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	242,146	
Actual Total Expenses for Period:	\$	212,932	
Actual Total Net Income for Period:	\$	29,214	
Total Net Income "Over /(Under)" Total Expenses for Period (%):	13.7%		

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