

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.*

**Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Feb 11, 2024**

Luke 7:16

***A great prophet has
arisen in our midst,
God has visited his***

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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Feb 12

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

Tue Feb 13

9am- Mass (Fat Tuesday)
7pm-OCIA

Wed Feb 14

9am & 6pm Mass (Ash Wednesday)

Thu Feb 15

9am- Mass

Fri Feb 16- Office Closed

9am- Mass
6pm- Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

Sat Feb 17

1pm- Legion of Mary
3-4pm- Confession
5pm- Mass
6pm- Knights of Columbus Hosted Dinner

Sun Feb 18

8am- Mass
9am- 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

2/10– 5pm: ROS– Maria Garino

2/11– 11am: ROS– Arthur Alvear

Vocations Cross

To volunteer to pray with the vocations cross.

Sign up outside the sanctuary.

Kerr Family will pray with the vocations cross this week.

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Genesis 9:8-15

God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood.

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

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Peter 3:18-22

The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now.

Mark 1:12-15

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him.

Reflection

Jesus meets a leper, who begs to be made clean. To be clean meant that the leper could rejoin the community, rather than live as an outcast. Jesus was able to see this man with the eyes of compassion and to offer him a way out of his life of suffering. When we experience pain, misery, and anguish, we realize how much we need one another and God. How can we share God's love and closeness with those who feel cut off from the support of the community?

When Hope and Healing Come Knocking

Good grief, what is more antithetic to the notion of glory than a withered and ravaged human body? A withered and ravaged human life. What was left for the leprous man when he discovered the rash on his body, the first faint warnings of future devastation and isolation?

Until one day, hope knocked at the door of his heart. He heard people speak of a prophet, a healer, someone who could make a body whole again. Could he snatch at this hope? Was it for him? This man, Jesus, this prophet, did he care about the castoffs of his world?

He would try. He would make his way through that crowd, ringing the bell, seeing the people shrink away, knowing that they wanted nothing of him but distance, knowing they would feel only relief if he should waste into death from his disease.

"Lord!" His croak of a voice calls from a safe distance. "Lord, if you want to . . ." Meaning: *Lord, if you care enough. Do you care? Do I matter enough for you to squander your power on me?*

"You can make me clean." *That is not the issue. I know you can do it. Whether you want to do it for me is the question. "You can make me clean if you think I am worth your trouble."*

Jesus walks to him. The man looks up at the Lord, and what does he see? Dare he hope?

He sees the glory of God in human eyes. He sees deep, deep wells of understanding and compassion. His heart is throbbing. He locks onto the gaze of Jesus. He feels— incredibly—the hand of Jesus on his head. The hand on his leprous head.

"I do want to. Be made clean." *Look, I give you back a place, a family, respectability. I give you back the give-and-take of love. I give you back yourself.*

Sr. Miriam Pollard

Miriam Pollard, OCSO, is a sister of Santa Rita Abbey in Sonoita, Arizona.

On the Way Home from Mass...

During the week, we may get busy with schoolwork, household chores, or other things that fill our days. In these times, how can we remember to turn to Jesus for help when we are in need?



Ministry Schedule for next week (Feb 17/18)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Manaois Family	Joseph Salao Daniel Muldoon	Cheryl Chapman Diedre Williams	Julie Spradling Matt Williams	Susan Gallardo Fleur Bases
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	Joe and Rose Webb	Elisa Maes Julie Kentch	Mike Likar Diane Hlasny	Karin Hermansen Henry Maes
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Maureen Retzel	Nikylla and Nathan Marcelino	Mary Anne Green Michelangelo Canale	Janina Chlebowski Teresa Mitchell	Nunes Family

Faith Formation Classes

February 18:

Grade 7-12 in Family Session
Preschool-6 in Classroom



February 25:

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.

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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Save the Date

Sat 5/4- 1pm: Men's BBQ

Sat 5/11-1pm: Ladies Tea

Sun 5/19- 12pm: Parish Picnic

Seeking Volunteers

- * Flowers for the altar. Sign-up sheet on easel in the Fellowship Hall.
- * Vocations cross. Sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.
- * 2/14: Ash Wednesday; Sacristans, Readers, Eucharistic Ministries are needed.
- * 6/11-6/14-VBS Leaders are needed! See Jerica!

Reminder

Faith Formation Grab and Go Breakfast. Please sign-up on kitchen sign-up sheet. THANK YOU for your contributions!

Photographer

If you know anyone with photography skills or talents, please see Jerica.

Sun, 5/1 Confirmation

Sun, 5/12 First Communion

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers- Jerica Manaos: 230-9418
- Art & Environment- Marilyn Kerr: 346-1624
- Baked Goods & Funerals- Looking for help!
- Blessed Sacrament Monastery- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
- Clare House- Leslie Holland: 337-278-7852
- Faith Formation- Jerica Manaos: 306-9363
- Church Maint. / Snow Removal- Mike Likar: 529-9015
- Eucharistic Ministers- John Hoppe: 350-7580
- Finance- Greg Magee: 575-3197
- Parish Nurse Program- Deb Seidl: 301-4180
- Hospitality- Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133
- Knights of Columbus- Pat Seidl: 242-1127
- Lawn & Garden- Julie Spralading: 636-399-0892
- 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
- Youth/Young Adult- Jerica Manaos: 306-9363

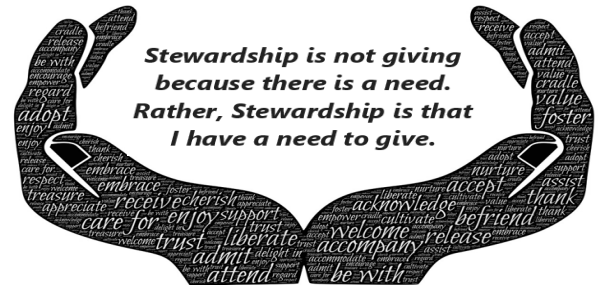
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TITHING UPDATE

How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	7,894
Weekly Tithing Period:	01/29-02/4/2024	
Income Sources		
Weekly Collections:	\$	4,970
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-
Online Giving:	\$	3,080
Total:	\$	8,050
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	156
Actual vs. Goal (%):	102.0%	



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