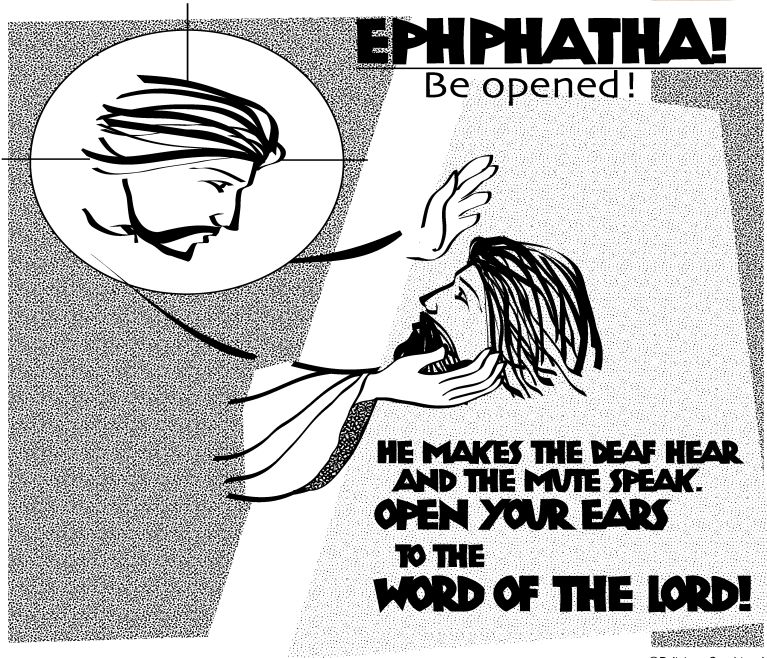


HOLY CROSS PARISH

Of the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau



Twenty-third Sunday
In Ordinary Time

September 5, 2021

Praise the Lord, my soul!

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Office Hours: Mon- Thu, 9 am- 1 pm

Holy Mass

Mon- Fri, 9 am
Sat, 5 pm
Sun, 8:30 am & 11 am



Mass is livestreamed on Facebook
weekdays, Sat 5 pm, & Sun 11 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat 3- 4 pm or by appointment.

Mission Statement

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

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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Sep 6 - Labor Day- Office Closed

9 am- Mass

1 pm- Communion Service at Aspen Creek
Senior Living Center- Marilyn Kerr

Tue Sep 7

9 am- Mass

Wed Sep 8

9 am- Communion Service

Thu Sep 9

9 am- Communion Service

Fri Sep 10

Parish Office Closed

9 am- Communion Service

Sat Sep 11

1 pm- Legion of Mary- Conference Room

3- 4 pm - Confessions

5 pm- Mass

6- 6:15 pm- Dist. of Holy Communion

Sun Sep 12

8:30 am- Mass

11 am- Mass

12- 12:15 pm- Dist. of Holy Communion

*The ears
of the deaf
will be
opened
and the
tongue of
those who
are mute
will sing.*

*the prophet
Isaiah*



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Readings for Sep 12, 2021

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:5-9a

I gave my back to those who beat me.

Psalms 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

James 2:14-18

Faith, if it does not have works, is dead.

Mark 8:27-35

You are the Christ... the Son of Man must suffer greatly.

Reflection

God instructs Isaiah, "Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!" Where are you most in need of this reassuring message in your own life?

Sheltered and Shaken

When I hear of the "kingdom of God" it is easy to just imagine a much better, kinder version of the world that surrounds me; I imagine the world as I would have it be. In that world everyone would navigate the roadways with courtesy, volunteer for local charities, and give spare change to panhandlers. We would all treat others with respect and look for respect to be returned in kind.

So, the words of the prophet hit hard. Isaiah pronounces not a significantly improved version of *my* world, but a radically transformed creation wherein the lame walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and creation itself bursts forth with extravagant fecundity. The psalmist chimes in, singing of a world in which God liberates the oppressed, feeds the hungry, and protects strangers.

The prophet's transformed world was no utopian fantasy. It was already breaking into human history centuries ago in ancient Palestine. There, moved by the infirmity of another, a Galilean Jew groaned to heaven and offered a healing touch that, like everything he did, announced the dramatic coming of God's shalom—the world as *God* would have it be.

Yet, just a few decades later, the Letter of James tells us, a more comfortable, less unsettling world prevailed among Jesus' followers. Gathered for worship, the well-coiffed were seated prominently, as surely was their due. It's understandable; I too have earned a certain deference appropriate to my education and social standing. But the question I can't shake is this: Could it be that in my yearning for respect and respectability I am missing the great reversal? Could it really be the ones deprived of all privilege and deference who will inherit the kingdom "promised to those who love him"?

Richard R. Gaillardetz

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On the way home from Mass...

Following Jesus means that we must learn to let go of our selfish desires. Jesus helps us do this by healing our wounds and opening our eyes, ears, minds, and hearts.





Currently we are in week 15 of the campaign.
Thank you to all who have given!

Special Collections

There is a small basket above the offering collection basket near the entrance to the sanctuary. This week and next a collection will be taken up to help Haiti in the recent devastation from natural disasters. Additionally, a special collection will be taken Sep 18-19, as Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe & Russian. Thank you for considering gifts for these worthy causes.

The Word Among Us Devotional Gift

The Word Among Us is daily devotional gift provided to parishioners and is available on a first come first serve basis. Pick up a copy on the table at the back of the fellowship hall.

Masks

We **request** that you please wear masks at Mass. Masks are still **REQUIRED** at the Sunday 8:30 am Mass.

Legion of Mary's 100th Anniversary

All are invited to celebrate the founding of the Legion of Mary on Sept 7, 2021, at Holy Family Old Cathedral. The Rosary will begin at 6:30 PM, followed by Mass with the Archbishop Emeritus at 7 PM. Dessert reception follows.

Faith Formation for Adults

Adult classes begin Sept. 12, led by Susan Gallardo. We will meet every Sunday, 9:45-10:45. All are welcome!

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is for Catholics and non-Catholics who want to learn about the faith. To join, contact Sandon Broek at 947-9168.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Calendar online at holycrossalaska.net/youth-ministry

Mission Trip. Summer 2022 to a Catholic community in rural Alaska. For high schoolers, and middle school with a parent. Updates: holycrossalaska.net/mission

World Youth Day. Ages 16-35, Lisbon in August 2023. Interest list and updates at holycrossalaska.net/wyd.

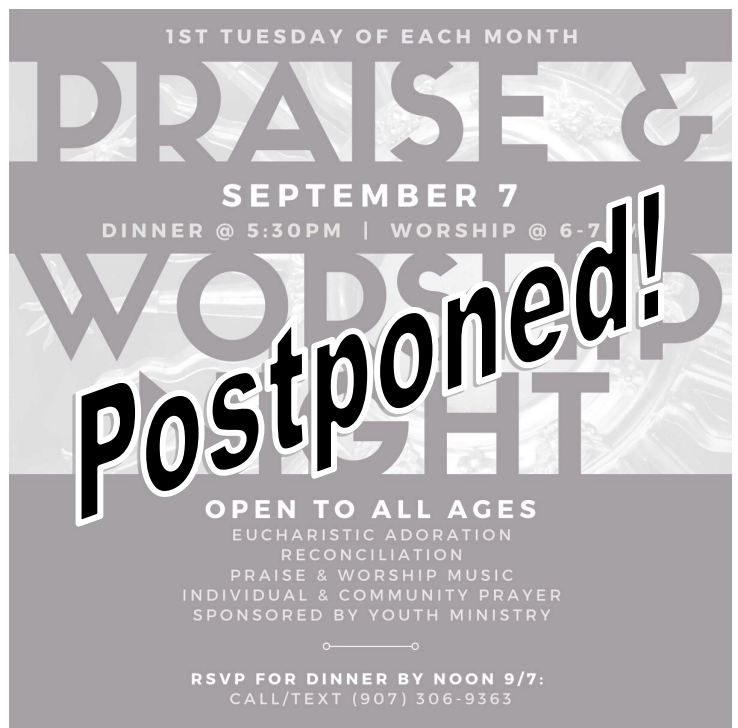
Faith Formation Schedule

Register online: holycrossalaska.net/formation

Sept. 5 No class due to Labor Day

~~Sept. 10-12 Confirmation Retreat~~ **POSTPONED!**
(ISO volunteers and chaperones)

Sept. 12 9:45-10:45 K-5 Classroom Session
6+ & parents Family Session



MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK (SEPT 11/12)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	E M of Communion	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Anna Schulten (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Dave Alzheimer Ray Meliton	Duane Roering	Noel Lastimosa Fledz Lastimosa Uju Morah
Sun 8:30 am	Lead instrumentalist needed. To volunteer, call Sheila: 250-6234	N/A	N/A	Jason Hlasny	Marilyn Kerr	Jason Hlasny Faith Roberts
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Anne Gore	Tony Blazka	Theresa Mitchell Teresa Cortes Anne Gore Mercy Acheson

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers** - Jess Manaos: 230-9418
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- Finance** - Greg Magee: 575-3197
- Habitat for Humanity** - John & Anita Roberts: 344-7144
- Hospitality** - Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133
- Knights of Columbus** - James Hogins: 229-3163
- Lawn and Garden** - Kirsten Hoppe: 248-1653
- Legion of Mary** - Mercy Acheson: 223-4822
- Library** - Debi Wickler: 952-1879
- Music Ministry** - Sheila Soukup: 250-6234
- Prayer Chain** - Joan Gillis: 346-3147
- Readers** - Jason Hlasny: 242-6655
- RCIA** - Sandon Broek: 947-9168
- Sacristan** - Matthew Williams: 562-0188
- Snow Plowing** - Vince Garrouette: 522-3647
- Vocations** - Sister Joan Oberle: 349-8388



Online Giving

To sign up for consistent online giving please visit holycrossalaska.net/give

TITHING UPDATE	
<i>How did we do last week in meeting our offertory goal?</i>	
Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$ 6,712
Weekly Tithing Period:	8/23-8/29/2021
Income Sources	
Weekly Collections:	\$ 2,682
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	
Online Giving:	\$ 2,603
Total:	\$ 5,285
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$ (1,427)
Actual vs. Goal (%):	78.7%
<i>How well are we meeting our income goals (Basket/Online/Rebates from OBOB Appeal) that were established in the current annual budget (FY21) for Holy Cross?</i>	
Year To Date (YTD) Period: 7/1/2020 to 05/31/2021	
FY21 YTD Complete (%):	91.7%
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2021:	\$ 349,000
Actual YTD Total Income:	\$ 332,611
Budget YTD Total Income:	\$ 319,917
Over /(Under) Budget:	\$ 12,694
Actual vs. Budget (%):	95.3%
Breakdown of Actual YTD Total Income for FY21	
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$ 151,335 45.5%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$ 10,128 3.0%
Online Giving:	\$ 149,308 44.9%
2020 One Bread One Body Rebate(s):	\$ 21,840 6.6%
Total:	\$ 332,611 100.0%

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