



Christ our Savior
is born to us
in the city of Bethlehem

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LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Christmas 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Holy Cross Parish,

As we celebrate the birth of Our Lord two thousand years ago, we gather again to ask that he might be born once more in our own minds and hearts and the lives of others in our time and place in human history—the history of salvation. Last year, as a result of the COVID pandemic, we were limited in our ability to come together in person for our Christmas liturgies. This year, although the pandemic continues, we are once again able to do so as a result of vaccination and the other safeguards we have taken.

When we remember the events that we celebrate at Christmas, we don't do so from a distance as in the case of other historical events that we commemorate. Instead, we are participants in those events, continuing the saving work that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph began so many years ago in our role as members of their Holy Family with Christians of all times and places. The many expressions of love and friendship that we offer at this time each year help us to participate in the eternal love of God for each one of us that we hope to share in the world to come. Indeed, like so many other aspects of our lives as Christians, our Christmas celebrations offer a foretaste of the life of heaven, a life of unlimited and everlasting love.

The last two years have presented us all with special challenges, and the coming year may do so as well. But just as Jesus overcame the even greater obstacles of his own time and place, so we have confidence that he will continue to do this for us and those we love. May the Lord bless all of us, and our families and loved ones wherever they might be, this Christmas and throughout the new year!

Fr Pat



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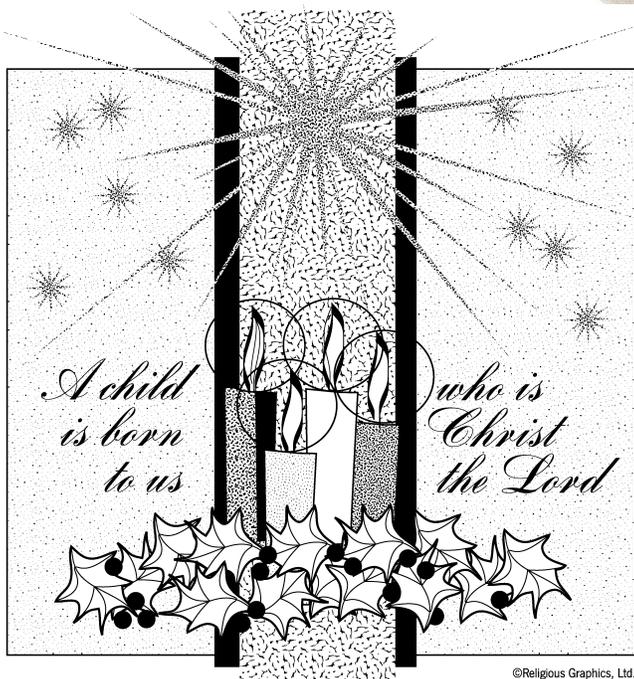
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HOLY CROSS PARISH

of the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau



Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

December 25, 2021

Today is born our Savior,
Christ the Lord!

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Office Hours: Mon & Tue, 9 am- 1 pm

Regular Mass Schedule

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

Sun Dec. 26

8:30 am- Mass
11 am- Mass
12-12:15 pm- Dist. of Holy Communion

Mon Dec. 27

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

Tue Dec 28

9am- Mass
5:30pm- RCIA

Wed Dec. 29- Parish Office Closed

9am- Mass

Thu Dec 30- Parish Office Closed

9 am- Mass
5pm- Mass
Midnight- Mass

Fri Dec 31- Parish Office Closed

9 am- Mass
5pm- Mass (Vigil Solemnity)

Sat Jan 1

11 am- Mass (Solemnity)
5pm- Mass

Sun Jan 2

8:30 am- Mass
11 am- Mass Offered for the People of the Parish
12-12:15 pm- Dist. of Holy Communion

Readings for Dec 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Those who fear the Lord honor their parents.

Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Colossians 3:12-21

Family life in the Lord.

Luke 2:41-52

His parents found Jesus sitting in the midst of the teachers.

Readings for Jan 2, 2022

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Now it has been revealed that the Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.

Matthew 2:1-12

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

Reflections for the Nativity of the Lord

The glory of the Lord shone around them. The shepherds were going about their daily life, tending the sheep, when they were suddenly surrounded by the glory of the Lord, The whole world is wrapped in glory. Two millennia ago, as well as today, the word of God is born, the eternal Lord lowered himself to enter into human life. With the angels, we proclaim this news of great joy: God has become man, and has filled humanity with this glory. *Glory to God in the highest!*

Strive to Comprehend the Mystery

God is on earth, God is among us, not now as lawgiver—there is no fire, trumpet blast, smoke-wreathed mountain, dense cloud, or storm to terrify whoever hears him—but as one gently and kindly conversing in a human body with his fellow men and women. God is in the flesh...

How can the God-head be in the flesh? In the same way as fire can be in iron: not by moving from place to place but by the one imparting to the other its own properties. Fire does not speed toward iron, but without itself undergoing any change it causes the iron to share in its own natural attributes. The fire is not diminished and yet it completely fills whatever shares in its nature. So is it also with God the Word. He did not relinquish his own nature and yet *he dwelt among us*. *He* did not undergo any change and yet *the Word became flesh*. Earth received him from heaven, yet heaven was not deserted by him who holds the universe in being.

Let us strive to comprehend the mystery. The reason God is in the flesh is to kill the death that lurks there. As diseases are cured by medicines and assimilated by the body, and as darkness in a house is dispelled by the coming of light, so death, which held sway over human nature, is done away with by the coming of God... [W]hen the grace of God our Savior appeared and the Sun of Justice rose, death was swallowed up in victory, unable to bear the presence of true life. How great is God's goodness, how deep God's love for us!

St. Basil the Great, *Homily on the Birth of the Lord*

Basil the Great (ca. 329–379), was bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia, Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). One of the three "Cappadocian Fathers," Basil is also a Doctor of the Church.

On the way home from Mass...

What did you hear in the Gospel reading? How can we show our joy and our gratitude for Jesus' birth?



Reflections for The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

If you knew you were destined to inherit everything your heart desires, how would you act in everyday life? If you knew that, ultimately, you will be taken care of, how would that knowledge alter your daily disposition? This is what John tells us, “Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.” If we truly believe this, daily anxieties can be put in a healthy perspective.

The Place We Truly Belong

My children are near the age of Jesus in today’s Gospel, which means there are times I only generally know where they are—down the street or in the park. Like Mary and Joseph in the caravan, I usually assume my children are where they are supposed to be.

So I feel Mary and Joseph’s panic upon discovering Jesus is not with them and can understand the agony of a three-day search for their son. It would be hard not to feel that such anxiety was something your child had “done to you.” Yet Jesus tells his parents they had no need for anxiety because they should have known exactly where to find him. They should have known he wasn’t supposed to be with them at that moment. Earlier in Luke, when Mary and Joseph bring the infant Jesus to the temple, Simeon takes him from his mother’s arms and proclaims God’s blessing. Even earlier in the nativity story, Mary and Joseph hear strangers claim their son for all humanity.

Neither do our children ever belong to us alone. They belong to the world and to others, who will know them in ways we never will. Despite this, I will always search for my children and hope to bring them home. But I also hope that when I find them in a place where they truly belong, even if it is apart from me, I will recognize that God is with them—the same God who will notice when I am absent and search for me. I live in the hope that we will always be found, and therefore always be together.

Melody S. Gee

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On the way home from Mass...

Why is it important to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family? How are Jesus, Mary, and Joseph models for our home life?



Easy, Quick, & Convenient

Online Giving uses current technology and security standards to easily setup recurring contributions. It also enables our church to take advantage of new tools to become more efficient.

Online Giving Member Benefits

- Secure and confidential
- Efficient (direct from checking, savings, or credit card)
- Simple (start, stop and make changes anytime)
- Convenient (No need to write checks or bring cash)

Start giving online today!

1. Visit our website: holycrossalaska.net/give
2. Create an account.
3. Schedule your recurring gifts.

If you haven’t already, please prayerfully consider giving online! Contact the church office with questions.

TITHING UPDATE			
<i>How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?</i>			
Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	4,073	
Weekly Tithing Period:		12/13-19/2021	
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	4,137	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	2,595	
Total:	\$	6,732	
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	2,659	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		165.3%	
Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:			
<i>Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY22 YTD Period</i>			
FY22 YTD Period:		7/1/2021 to 09/30/2021	
FY22 YTD Complete (%):		25.0%	
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2022:	\$	342,000	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	86,210	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	85,500	
Over/(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	710	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		25.2%	
Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY22 YTD Period			
FY22 YTD Period:		7/1/2021 to 09/30/2021	
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	46,831	54.3%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	100	0.1%
Online Giving:	\$	39,279	45.6%
2021 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$	-	0.0%
Total:	\$	86,210	100.0%

SPRING 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



THE SEARCH

What do you seek? Join us as we explore life's big questions. Weds Jan. 12 - Feb. 23, 6:30 - 8:00pm



SYNOD

What does it mean to be Church? Where do we need to grow? Share your views Jan. 23 after 11am Mass.



ARTIST'S RETREAT

For creatives of all kinds: bring your own projects, or come learn! January 14 - 15. Register by Jan. 9.



PARISH MISSION

Nationally acclaimed speaker Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. Save the Date: March 26 - 31.



WORLD YOUTH DAY

Experience the global Church and see Pope Francis in Lisbon, Portugal. August 2023.



YOUNG ADULTS

How can we support you in your walk of faith? Complete our Young Adults survey and let us know!

Clickable links online: holycrossalaska.net/survey

WELCOME!

New Families, welcome!

If this is your first time visiting Holy Cross, welcome! Thank you so much for joining us this weekend to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Holy Cross Parish is a diverse and welcoming Catholic Church in the Anchorage area, committed to bringing the Good News of Christ to all.

We are one of the smallest parishes in the Anchorage city limits. We have an extremely diverse congregation, including Filipino, Latino, Polish, and Native cultures, to name a few.

To register at our parish, pick up a form in the foyer, or register online at holycrossalaska.net/registration

Schedule a baptism

For more information on becoming Catholic, receiving a sacrament, or having your child baptized, please contact the office at office@holycrossalaska.net or 349-8388.

What makes Holy Cross unique?

Parish Library

Our parish is home to a very large parish library. Browse resources for adults and children on a wide variety of topics, and new books are added monthly!

The library is open anytime the parish is open (before and after Mass, and during office hours). Books can be checked out using the card on the inside cover.

Stations of the Cross

Our outdoor Stations of the Cross is available 24/7. Though it is a little snowed in in the winter, you are welcome to come pray anytime.

Monthly Praise & Worship

A Praise and Worship night is hosted on the first Tuesday of each month. It includes Eucharistic Adoration, the sacrament of reconciliation, and time for both private and communal prayer.

Get Connected

For the latest updates, check the bulletin: available in paper form or on the website at holycrossalaska.net.

Holy Days at a Glance

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(a Holy Day, but not one of obligation this year). Mass will be held on Dec. 31 at 5pm and Jan. 1 at 11am.

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2.

Easter

Easter is held this year on April 17.

THE SYNOD



DATES & TIMES

- Sun Jan 23, 12pm
- Sat Feb 19, 10am
- Wed. Mar. 16, 6:30pm

Pope Francis is hosting a Synod about communion, participation, and mission. He wants EVERY voice to be heard- including yours! See p. 7 for more information.

WHAT IS THE SYNOD?

Objective & Purpose

The objective of the Synodal Process is to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church.

The purpose of this synod is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission.

Learn more at holycrossalaska.net/synod.

What happens in a Dialogue Session?

Part 1: Listen to the Holy Spirit through prayer, scripture, and a reflection.

Part 2: Discussion orientation and framework questions (see the right column for the Big Question and themes)

Part 3: Listening (each participant joins a small group of <10 people and has 3-5 minutes to share his or her thoughts on any of the themes)

Part 4: Dialogue and reflection between group members.

Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Big Question:

The Church's mission is to
proclaim the gospel,
journey together,
and serve others.

How can the church
best live out this mission?

1. As **Companions on the Journey**, are all of the people of God included?
2. Are we **Listening** to everyone, especially minorities, the vulnerable, people living on the margins and those who feel separated from the Church?
3. **Speaking out**: what enables or hinders speaking up courageously and responsibly in our local church?
4. **Celebration**: how should the church promote active participation of all the faithful in Mass? How can it inspire and guide our common life and mission of the church?
5. **Sharing Responsibility for our Common Mission**: how do we ensure the various social ministries of the church are active and supported by all of the faithful?
6. **Dialogue in Church and Society**: what particular issues in the Church and society need more attention?
7. **Ecumenism**: how can the Church community relate with members of other Christian traditions and denominations?
8. **Authority and Participation**: how is authority exercised within our local Church? How are lay ministers promoted and lay people encouraged as co-responsible members?
9. **Discerning and Deciding**: how does the Church make decisions and how can it be improved to include and promote transparency and accountability?
10. **Forming Ourselves in Synodality**: how do we form people to be more capable of walking together, listening to one another, participating in mission and engaging in dialogue?

THE SEARCH



Do any of these situations sound familiar?

- You get the big promotion, but it doesn't make you happy for more than a day or two.
- You buy the fancy car, but the thrill is over by the time you pull into the garage.
- Your team wins the Super Bowl... and you all you have to show for it was an expensive jersey with someone else's name on it.

We expect things to fulfill us, but they don't...

Why is life this way? Why are we here? Not just here in these bodies, on this planet, in this year.

Why do we exist? Why are we filled with longing?

As Catholics, we know life is a beautiful mystery. This winter, explore the depths of that mystery and what it means.

The Search is a video series, but it's not meant just to be watched . . .

...and it's certainly not meant to be watched alone.

That's why we are hosting a small group to watch, discuss, and truly benefit and grow from experiencing *The Search*.

- If your faith is already solid, *The Search* will help you to deepen it. If you're feeling unsure, it's for you too. If you're worried about your kids or grandkids, it's a great series for you to share with them -- by bringing them along.
- *The Search* features scientists, artists, philosophers, and other people from all walks of life proclaiming how their searches for meaning in life led them to Jesus and the Gospel.
- *The Search* proclaims the Gospel in words that modern ears are ready to hear and images that modern eyes can't help but see and remember.

Dates & Times

Our parish group (geared toward adults) will meet once a week, for 7 weeks, in January and February.

- Evening option: Wednesdays, January 12 - February 23, 6:30 - 8:00pm.
- Morning option: if there is enough interest, we will also offer a morning session (from 9:30am-11am).

Paperback books to accompany the video series are \$15 each (scholarships are available for families in need).

Learn More & Register

Visit our website to register and to watch the trailer (and the whole first episode):

holycrossalaska.net/the-search

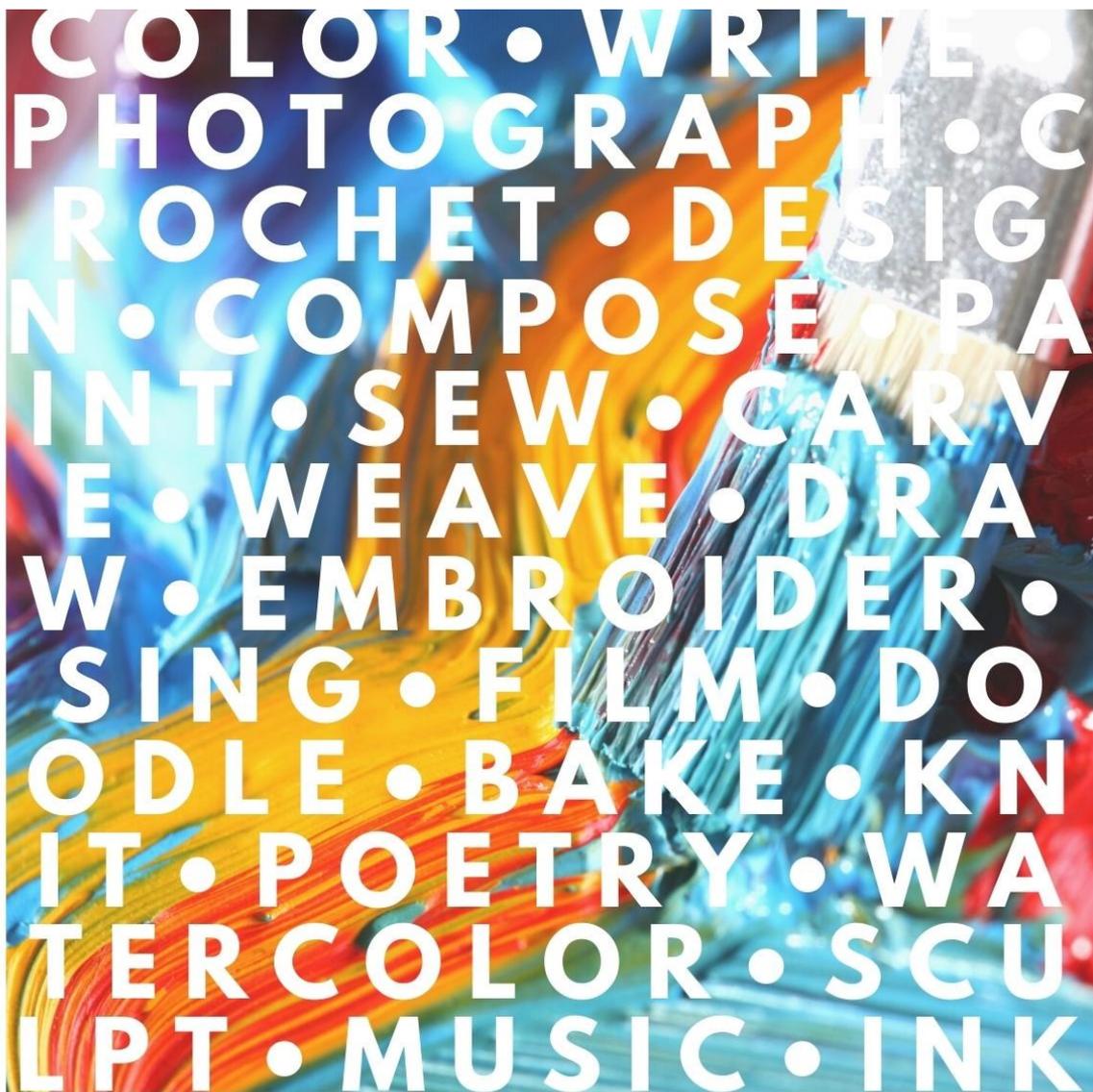
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ARTIST'S RETREAT

JAN. 14-15

CREATIVES OF
ALL KINDS
WELCOME!



WHAT'S AN ARTIST'S RETREAT?

The Artist's Retreat is an opportunity to pray with and learn from fellow creatives as we recognize our God-given dignity and take time to celebrate God's creative hand at work in our lives.

WHO'S INVITED?

Creatives of all ages and all experience levels (Children in 5th grade and below must be accompanied by an adult).

RSVP

Please register by January 9 (even if you are bringing your own meals & supplies!). Sign up online at holycrossalaska.net/artists

TIMELINE

Location: Holy Cross Parish

FRIDAY (1/14)

6:00pm Dinner, Orientation & Talk
7:30pm **Open Craft**, Optional Intensive:
Metalworking Rosaries
9:00pm Night Prayer, **Open Crafting**
10:00pm Depart

SATURDAY (1/15)

8:00am Breakfast & **Open Crafting**
9:00am Morning Prayer & Talk
9:30am **Open Craft**, Optional Intensive:
Arm-Knit a Scarf
12:00pm Lunch
1:00pm **Open Craft**, Optional Intensive:
Watercolor Mountain
3:00pm Reconciliation & Adoration
4:00pm **Open Crafting** & Cleanup
5:00pm Mass with the parish
6:00pm Depart

COSTS

MEALS

\$10 meal ticket includes soup supper, pastry breakfast, and sub sandwich lunch. Or, bring your own meals.

OPEN CRAFTING

Open Crafting is free time to work on projects of your choice. Bring your favorite supplies and start (or finish!) a project of your choice.

INTENSIVES

Intensives are optional breakout sessions that teach a particular skill through a project. All supplies included.

- **Metalworking Rosaries** (\$15)
- **Arm-Knit a Scarf** (\$10)
- **Watercolor Mountain Scene** (\$20)

PARISH LENTEN MISSION



About Deacon Harold

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is an internationally renowned speaker, author, and preacher. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame, and a Master of Theological Studies Degree from the University of Dallas. He has appeared as a guest on numerous international Catholic radio and television programs, and is the host or co-host of several popular series on the Eternal Word Television Network. Deacon Harold, a Benedictine Oblate, is the author of the best-selling book, *Behold the Man: A Catholic Vision of Male Spirituality*, and has written the acclaimed work, *Father Augustus Tolton: The Slave Who Became the First African American Priest*. He is a member of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars and the Confraternity of Catholic Clergy.

Save the Dates: March 26-31

Deacon Harold will preach the homily at all Masses on Saturday, March 26 and Sunday, March 27

The mission will be held Monday through Thursday, March 28-31, here at Holy Cross Parish.

Our Lenten Reconciliation Service will also be held during the Mission.

Sneak Peek

Browse Deacon Harold's videos, books, and budding podcast series at deaconharold.com (see especially the "Media" tab on his website).

Sample talk topics for our Lenten mission are provided below. Please join us!!

Lenten Mission Topics

Rich in Mercy: Finding Healing in God's Mercy

Beginning with the teaching of Saint John Paul II and his father's incredible conversion story, Deacon Harold will probe the depths of God's merciful love to help you find the forgiveness, healing, and peace that your hearts long for.

Baptized into His Death: The Power of the Cross and Its Meaning in Our Lives

In this talk, Catholic speaker and evangelist Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers will answer the question, "Why did Jesus have to die?" by offering some reflections on Psalm 22 and the meaning of authentic freedom. Deacon Harold will help you discover the meaning of human suffering and how it draws us into the Paschal Mystery, drawing a connection between God's holy will and the obedience of faith.

Behold Your Mother: The Marian Heart of Suffering

Mary is the perfect disciple of the Lord who was filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35), and who always leads us to her Son. Deacon Harold will show that through prayer in the Holy Spirit during times of pain and suffering, we can unite our hearts to the pierced soul of the Blessed Mother thus uniting ourselves more closely to the crucified Christ.

A Light in the Darkness: Seeing Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

This presentation will explore the nature and reality of sin, examine why it is so destructive to a man's relationship with God, and recognize the need for conversion and reconciliation by looking at how the Sacrament of Confession restores, deepens, and strengthens men's relationship with our Heavenly Father.

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Faith Formation is geared to students in grades **Kindergarten** through Confirmation (**8th grade and high school**).

Faith Formation is a two-part process:

- Every other week, students and parents attend Family Sessions together.
- On alternate weeks, students meet with their peers in a classroom.

New families WELCOME!

Although our sacrament processes have already begun, it's not too late to join the Family Session and classrooms!

Register this spring at holycrossalaska.net/formation. Fees include books and Family Session materials.

Class Calendar

Classes resume on January 9 at 9:45am.

- K-5 will meet in classrooms
- Grades 6+ and parents will be in Family Session.

January 2021

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Date	Gr. K-5	Gr. 6+
						1	2: NO CLASS		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Faith Formation	Classrooms	Fam Session
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Faith Formation	Fam Session	Classrooms
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Faith Formation	Classrooms	Fam Session
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Faith Formation	Fam Session	Classrooms
30	31								

February 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Date	Gr. K-5	Gr. 6+
		1	2	3	4	5			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6 Faith Formation	Classrooms	Fam Session
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	13 Faith Formation	Fam Session	Classrooms
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	20 Faith Formation	Classrooms	Fam Session
27	28						27 Faith Formation	Fam Session	Classrooms

March 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Date	Gr. K-5	Gr. 6+
		1	2	3	4	5	2 - Ash Wednesday		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6 & 13: NO CLASS		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Faith Formation	Classrooms	Fam Session
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Faith Formation	Fam Session	Classrooms
27	28	29	30	31			Parish Mission: March 26-31		Community Event

April 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Date	Gr. K-5	Gr. 6+
					1	2	3 Faith Formation	Classrooms	Fam Session
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17: NO CLASS (Easter)		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22 First Communion		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	23 First Communion		
							24 Faith Formation	Classrooms	Fam Session

May 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Date	Gr. K-5	Gr. 6+
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1 Faith Formation	Fam Session	Classrooms
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	3: Confirmation		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	8: NO CLASS (Mother's Day)		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	15: Spring Picnic		Community Event
29	30	31							



Website coming soon!

aoaj.org/wyd

AOAJ TRAVEL ITINERARY

Long Trip Begins Here

- July 24: Depart from Anchorage
- July 25: Arrive in Barcelona
- July 26: Day trip to Montserrat
Night in Barcelona
- July 27: Bus to / night in Pamplona
- July 28: Bus to Azpeitia
Bus to / night in Burgos
- July 29: Bus to / night in Santiago de Compostela
- July 30: Full day in Santiago de Compostela
- July 31: Bus to Lisbon

Short Trip Begins Here

- July 31: Arrive in Lisbon
- Aug 1: WYD Opening Ceremony
- Aug 2: Morning catechesis in Lisbon
Afternoon/evening in Fatima
- Aug 3: Catechesis
Welcoming Ceremony with Pope Francis
- Aug 4: Catechesis, Stations of the Cross
- Aug 5: Saturday Vigil in the field
- Aug 6: Final Mass
- Aug 7: Depart from Lisbon

World Youth Day is for youth & young adults ages 16-35.

Costs
 Long trip: \$5,299
 Short trip: \$3,999

For news & updates, contact your parish or visit our website: aoaj.org/wyd



Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima



Sagrada Familia, Barcelona

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

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Keep me in the Loop!

Join our texting group for event reminders, weather cancellations, etc. (an average of 1 text (or email!) per week). Text *holycrossak* to 84576 and follow the prompts.

Praise & Worship Nights

Hosted by Youth Ministry, open to **all parishioners**. Includes Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, community prayer, music, and in silence with the Lord. Join us from 6-7pm on Jan. 11, Feb. 1, and May 10 (March and April's night will coincide with the Parish Mission).

Youth Nights

This spring, we'll explore themes of the YouCat, a youth catechism for young people at World Youth Day. Borrow a book or buy a copy for \$5. Youth Nights meet on most Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm.

Special Events

- Jan. 14-15 Artist's Retreat (holycrossalaska.net/artists)
- Feb. 11-12 Tubing at Arctic Valley & Winter Retreat (see below)
- Mar. 2 Ash Wednesday (go to Mass!)
- Mar. 28-31 Parish Mission (holycrossalaska.net/parish-mission)
- Apr. 14-17 Triduum (Holy Week) & Easter (go to Mass!)
- May 3 Confirmation (go to Mass!)



Arctic Catholic Winter Retreat

Hosted by Holy Cross, open to grades 6-12. Feb. 11-12, 2022 at St. Therese's Camp, Wasilla

Timeline: 5pm Friday to 10pm Saturday

\$80 includes Tubing in Arctic Valley, retreat supplies, and meals. Scholarships available.

**Overnight volunteers and drivers needed!

Registration open now: holycrossalaska.net/retreat

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Music Ministry

St. Augustine, the great fifth-century bishop of North Africa, said, "Those who sing pray twice." So, if you can sing or play an instrument, and love to help others praise the Lord, consider joining the this ministry!

Contact: Sheila Soukup at 250-6234

Eucharistic Ministry

This ministry assists the priest and deacons in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass. Consider helping in this important ministry of bringing Christ to our community.

Contact: John Hoppe at 350-7580.

Art & Environment Ministry

We highlight God's presence in the liturgy through color, light, and symbols. We work 'behind the scenes' and bring the liturgical seasons to life with flowers, banners, candles, appropriate furnishings, and coverings.

Contact: Marilyn Kerr at 441-3082.

Altar Servers

Other than the priest and deacon, only altar servers have the opportunity to participate so closely in the preparation of the Eucharist. Everything they do is a witness to their love of Jesus in the celebration of the Mass. Students in 4th grade and older are invited to this ministry.

Contact: Jess Manaois at 230-9418

Sacristan

This ministry is responsible for preparation of the worship space for Mass, including the sacred vessels, and for clean-up after the Mass. In addition, Sacristans act as coordinator for the other liturgical ministries prior to Mass, making sure that ministers are in place for those duties.

Contact: Matthew Williams at 562-0188

Lector

These ministers have the special opportunity to personally and prayerfully proclaim the Word of God. Lectors serve as a church community storyteller who brings life and flesh to the Word of God.

Contact: Jason Hlasny at 242-6655 or hlasny.jason@gmail.com

Ministry Schedule for Sunday Dec 26						
Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM of Communion	Hospitality
Sat 5pm	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass
Sun 8:30 am	Lead instrumentalist needed. To volunteer, call Sheila: 250-6234	N/A	N/A	Pam Webb Kristin Rehmann	Marilyn Kerr	John Hoppe Jason Hlasny
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Megan Green	Jenina Chlebowski Mercy Acheson	Julie Thomas Teresa Cortes Theresa Mitchell

Ministry Schedule for Friday Dec 31 Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God						
Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM of Communion	Hospitality
Fri 5pm (Vigil Solemnity)	To volunteer, call Sheila: 250-6234	N/A	N/A	Joslyn Childs	Contact John to volunteer.	Contact Joy to volunteer.

Ministry Schedule for next week (Jan 1/2)						
Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM of Communion	Hospitality
Sat 11 am (Solemnity)	To volunteer, call Sheila: 250-6234	N/A	N/A	Mary Anne Green Megan Green	Contact John to volunteer.	Maglaqui Family
Sat 5 pm	To volunteer, call Sheila: 250-6234	N/A	N/A	Ted Walker	Pat Seidl	Duane Roering Deb Siedl
Sun 8:30 am	Lead instrumentalist needed. To volunteer, call Sheila: 250-6234	N/A	N/A	Maureen Retzel	Doug Williams	Robin Wittrock Marie Wittrock
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Mary Anne Green	Theresa Mitchell	Justice Maiava Mercy Acheson Emily Zych

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On Facebook, search "Holy Cross Parish Anchorage."

Follow us for livestream Mass & other info.

INSTAGRAM



[@holycrossparishak](https://www.instagram.com/holycrossparishak)

We're reviving our social media platforms to include event updates and faith inspiration.

EMAIL



Faith Formation families receive an email a week.

For other parish emails, go to holycrossalaska.flocknote.com

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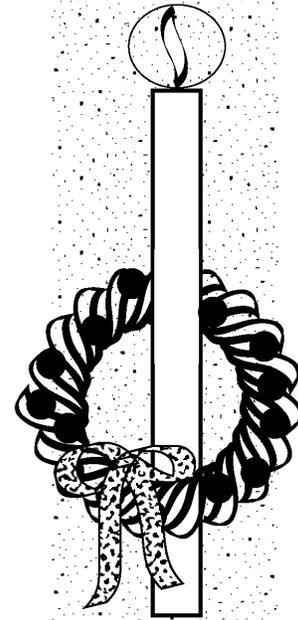
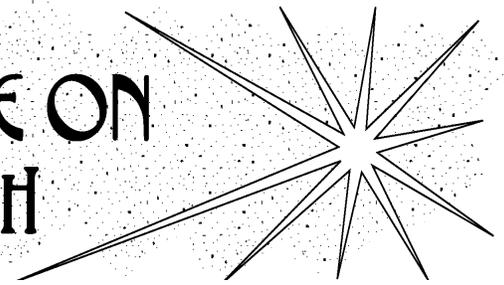


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- Blessed Sacrament Monastery** - Sandon Broek: 947-9168
- Clare House** - Leslie Holland: 770-0847
- Faith Formation** - Anna Schulten: 306-9363
- Church Maintenance** - Mike Likar: 529-9015
- Eucharistic Ministers** - John Hoppe: 350-7580
- Finance** - Greg Magee: 575-3197
- Habitat for Humanity** - John & Anita Roberts: 344-7144
- Hospitality** - Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133
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- Library** - Debi Wickler: 952-1879
- Music Ministry** - Sheila Soukup: 250-6234
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- Readers** - Jason Hlasny: 242-6655
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