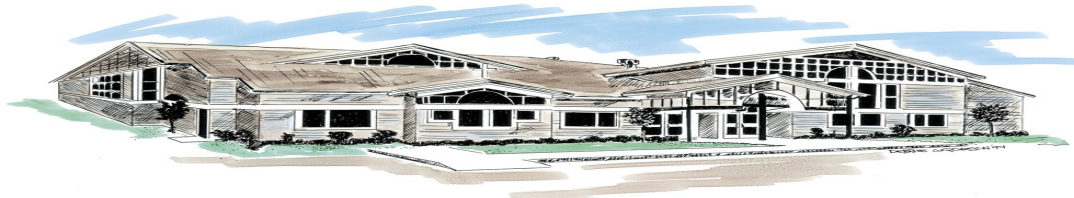


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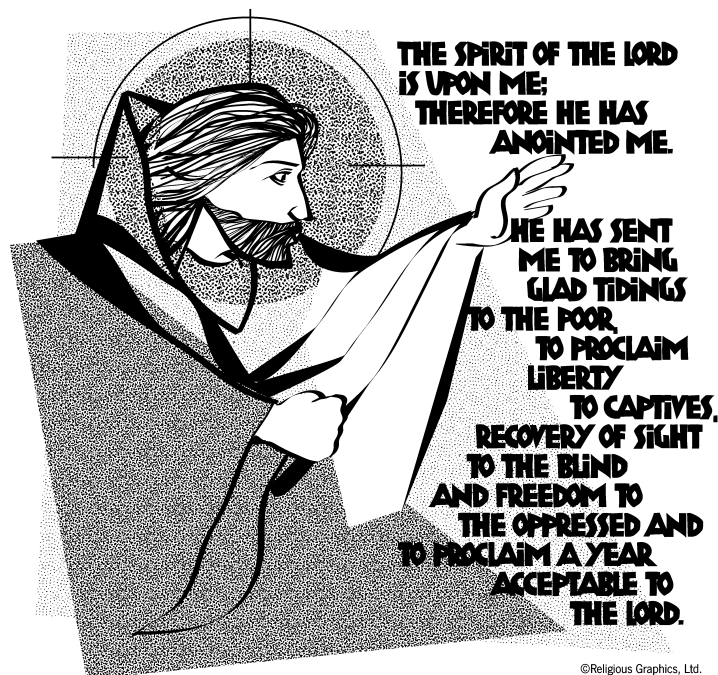
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Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022

Sing to the Lord, all the earth!



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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 Jan 24

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

Tue Jan 25

9am- Mass
6:30pm- Youth Night

Wed Jan 26

9am- Mass
5:30pm- RCIA
6:30pm- The Search

Thu Jan 27

9am- Mass

Fri Jan 28- Parish Office Closed

9am- Mass

Sat Jan 29

1pm- Legion of Mary
3-4pm- Confession
5pm- Mass
6-6:15pm- Dist. of Holy Communion

Sun Jan 30

8:30am- Mass
9:45am- Faith Formation
11am- Mass Offered for the People of the Parish
12-12:15pm- Dist. of Holy Communion



Readings for Jan 30, 2022 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

A prophet to the nations I appointed you.

Psalms 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17

I will sing of your salvation.

Corinthians 12:31-13:13

So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Luke 4:21-30

Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus was not sent only to the Jews.

Reflection

Both the first reading and the gospel are moments when a community, gathered in prayer together, receives an unexpected message. In the gospel, Jesus outs himself as the Messiah. In the first reading, Ezra looks at this community of fellow refugees, who've finally returned home, and tells them to stop weeping and start celebrating.

Both of these cinematic scenes take place during a religious service. The primacy of delivery is given to this community event, a gathering of faithful. This is where key information is shared.

What Holds Us Back

In one of my favorite movies, *Sister Act 2*, Sr. Mary Clarence—played by the larger-than-life Whoopi Goldberg—returns to teach music at a run-down Catholic school. In a pivotal scene, she confronts the film's star songstress, a teenager named Rita. Despite Rita's love for music and astonishing singing ability, she has recently dropped out of music class. Because of Rita's defiant attitude, Sr. Mary Clarence assumes that her sudden departure is simply a result of the teen's immaturity.

"I know you want to sing," Sister insists, having cornered her student on a busy sidewalk. "If you wake up in the morning, and you can't think of anything but singing first, then you're supposed to be a singer, girl." Rita turns away, rolling her eyes.

The well-meaning teacher doesn't know the many reasons why Rita has withdrawn from class. Rita loves singing, but she doubts her talent. And thanks to a protective mother who condemns her musical pursuits, Rita has resigned to an unhappier but more practical life path.

This scene reminds us that knowing and sharing our gifts is often more complicated than we acknowledge—something to keep in mind when reflecting on St. Paul's celebration of the diverse talents that comprise the Body of Christ, our Church. While marveling at the wonderful gifts that God bestows among us, we must also contend with the obstacles that accompany our callings.

Sometimes we face structural difficulties. Just as Rita's mother admonishes that "singing doesn't pay the bills," economic and social realities often obstruct our ability to serve, whether in religious or secular settings. Other times, our insecurities inhibit us from owning and sharing our talents. Such is the case with Rita too.

The bold Jesus of today's Gospel embodies no such inhibition. Assured in his abilities and his calling from God, he courageously proclaims his mission. What would it take for us to inhabit such self-confidence? What holds us back from believing that our gifts are, in fact, essential parts of Christ's body?
-Jessica Coblentz

*Jessica Coblentz is a theologian on the faculty of Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame, Indiana) and the author of the recently released *Dust in the Blood: A Theology of Life with Depression*.*

On the Way Home from Mass...

Why is it important to listen to the readings at Mass?





SYNOD DATES

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

Pope Francis is hosting a Synod! He wants EVERY voice to be heard- including yours! Catholics and non-Catholics are invited.

Special Collection for Catholic Schools- Jan 30

Next week is the Annual Catholic School Collection. This collection benefits the Archdiocesan Catholic Schools. Your generous gift helps enable our schools to continue to educate our children both in academics and their faith. Thank you for supporting our schools.

Offering Envelopes available

Please pick up your envelopes from the table outside the sanctuary. If you would like a box please call or email the office: 349-8388 or office@holycrossalaska.net

Faith Formation: NOTE TIME!!

- Jan 23: **9:30**-10:45 Gr. 6+ & **parents** Family Session
K-5 Classroom Session
- Jan 30: **9:30**-10:45 K-5 & **parents** Family Session
Gr. 6+ Classroom Session

The Search

Wednesdays from 6:30- 8pm. It is not too late to join this enriching series for adults. Visit our website to register & watch Episode 1. holycrossalaska.net/the-search

Youth Nights

Each youth night includes a YouCat study, game, and social. If you want to dive deeper into the faith and apply it to everyday life, join us this Tuesday, 6:30-8pm.

Teen Retreat: RSVP by next Sunday!!

Youth Ministry's winter retreat (Feb. 11-12) for students in grades 6-12 includes tubing at Arctic Valley and an overnight social and faith experience at St. Therese's Camp in Wasilla. Cost is \$80, includes food, housing, and tubing. Scholarships available. Registration deadline is January 30. Sign up online at holycrossalaska.net/retreat.

OCIA: Adults becoming Catholic

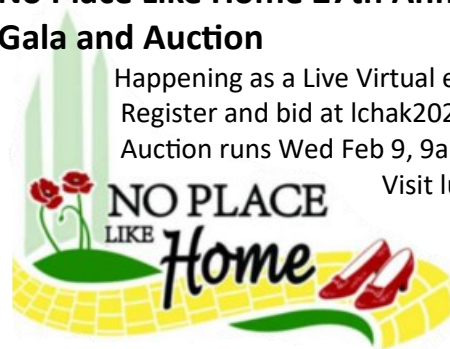
If you or someone you know has been baptized, but isn't yet fully Catholic (if you have not yet received First Communion or Confirmation), join us for OCIA classes ("Order of Christian Initiation for Adults," formerly "RCIA") this spring. Text Anna for latest dates: 306-9363.

Retrouvaille

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. This program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information or to register for the Retrouvaille of Alaska program beginning with a weekend experience on Feb. 25, 2022, call 907-863-8000 or email: anchorage@helpourmarriage.org or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

No Place Like Home 27th Annual Lumen Christi Gala and Auction

Happening as a Live Virtual event Sat, Feb 12, 7pm
Register and bid at lchak2022.ggo.bid
Auction runs Wed Feb 9, 9am to Mon Feb 14, 12pm
Visit lumenchristiak.com



Ministry Schedule for next week (Jan 29/30)

| Mass | Music | Sacristan | Servers | Readers | EM of Communion | Hospitality |
|----------------|--|-----------|---------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Sat 5 pm | Anna Schulten (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome) | N/A | N/A | Ray Meliton Margaret Heatwole | Julia Morrison-Lugo | Jess Manaois Jerica Manaois Duane Roering |
| Sun 8:30 am | Lead instrumentalist needed. To volunteer, call Sheila: 250-6234 | N/A | N/A | Jason Hlasny | Pam Webb | Faith Roberts Jason Hlasny |
| Sun 11 am | Sheila Soukup (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome) | N/A | N/A | Mary Anne Green | Anne Gore | Mary Anne Green Teresa Cortes Theresa Mitchell |

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers** - Jess Manaos: 230-9418
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- Lawn and Garden** - Kirsten Hoppe: 248-1653
- Legion of Mary** - Mercy Acheson: 223-4822
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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 weekly offertory goal?</i> | |
| Weekly Offertory Goal: | \$ 6,577 |
| Weekly Tithing Period: | 1/10-16/2022 |
| Income Sources | |
| Weekly Collections: | \$ 5,109 |
| Holy Day/Holiday Collections: | |
| Online Giving: | \$ 2,386 |
| Total: | \$ 7,495 |
| Over /(Under) Goal: | \$ 918 |
| Actual vs. Goal (%): | 114.0% |
| Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison: | |
| Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY22 YTD Period | |
| FY22 YTD Period: | 7/1/2021 to 11/30/2021 |
| FY22 YTD Complete (%): | 41.7% |
| Annual Budget Total Income FY 2022: | \$ 342,000 |
| Actual Total Income for Period: | \$ 141,299 |
| Budget Total Income for Period: | \$ 142,500 |
| Over /(Under) Budget for Period: | \$ (1,201) |
| Actual vs. Budget for Period (%): | 41.3% |
| Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY22 YTD Period | |
| FY22 YTD Period: | 7/1/2021 to 11/30/2021 |
| Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail): | \$ 76,667 54.3% |
| Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail): | \$ 250 0.2% |
| Online Giving: | \$ 64,382 45.6% |
| 2021 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates): | \$ - 0.0% |
| Total: | \$ 141,299 100.0% |

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