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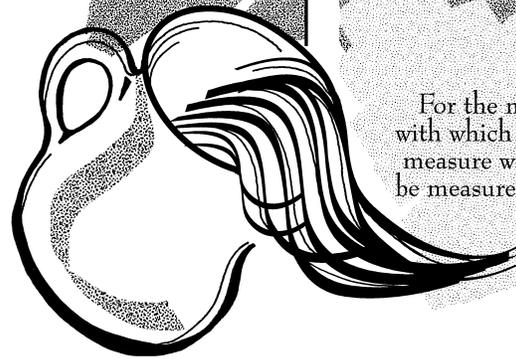


Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 2022

O Lord, I trust
in your merciful love!

BE MERCIFUL
just as your FATHER in
heaven is merciful



For the measure
with which you
measure will in return
be measured out to you.

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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 Feb 21- Presidents' Day Parish Office Closed

9am- Mass

1pm- Aspen Creek Service

Tue Feb 22

9am- Communion Service

6:30-8pm- Youth Night

Wed Feb 23

9am- Communion Service

5:30pm- OCIA

6:30pm- The Search

Thu Feb 24

9am- Communion Service

Fri Feb 25- Parish Office Closed

9am- Mass

Sat Feb 26

10am- Liturgical Ministry Leader Meeting

1pm- Legion of Mary

3-4pm- Confession

5pm- Mass

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

Sun Feb 27

8:30am- Mass

9:45am- Faith Formation

11am- Mass

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

Mass Intentions

Call the office to schedule your Mass Intention!

Mon 2/21 to Fri 2/25	Available!
Sat 2/26	5pm- ROS Pedro Jagualing
Sun 2/27	8:30am- Available! 11am- For the People of the Parish

Readings for Feb 27, 2022

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:4-7

Praise no one before he speaks.

Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Corinthians 15:54-58

God gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 6:39-45

From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.

Reflection

Paul tells us, "Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one." We are called to "bear the image" of Christ in our words and deeds. This is intimidating, but it isn't impossible, or else we wouldn't be asked to do it. Go back to the gospel and find the line that bothers you the most. Maybe it's something you're not great at doing everyday, like being good to the people who aren't kind to you. Maybe you have a tendency to judge those you interact with a lot. Pick the line that speaks to you, in your current situation, and sit with it for a while.

The Way God Responds

I don't think Jesus has a right to expect perfection of any of us folks, but I do think he has the right to expect maturity. I think he does have a right to expect us to act like adults. Jesus said, I want you to have this unlimited love, not that you might convert your enemies or work up a bargain with them, not because it's practical, but because this is the mature response of your Father. This is the way He responds and, therefore, I want you to respond in that same way.

This has been a very difficult thing for Christians to understand. We always try to explain it away and say, "Yeah, but there are some people you can't love. If you love them, they'll just come over and take you over and kill you and destroy. There are some people you just can't love."

I don't think you're going to get to first base with Jesus on that kind of stuff. He knew there were people who couldn't be loved too, but he loved them right on. He knew there were people who would respond with sneers, who would respond with spit; they would respond with nails through his hands and spears through his side. He knew about these unlovable characters. . . .

Don't tell me Jesus didn't know about enemies that were bad and unlovable. He knew them quite well. He knew what they'd do to you. He knew they'd come out and hang you on a cross if you loved 'em. But he still says you're going to have to love them.

Clarence Jordan, *The Substance of Faith and Other Cotton Patch Sermons*

Clarence Jordan (1912–1969), a farmer and New Testament Greek scholar, was the founder of Koinonia Farm, a small but influential religious community in southwest Georgia. He was also instrumental in founding Habitat for Humanity.

On the Way Home from Mass...

Does being compassionate and merciful make us weak? Does it mean we should let people take advantage of us? Or are we called to rise above pettiness and take the first step toward being as generous as God is?



SYNOD DATES

We want to hear from everyone because all voices are essential to the journey. For Zoom sessions, please RSVP: holycrossalaska.net/synod



Next Synod Listening Sessions

- Thu Mar 3 at 6:30pm (Zoom)
- Sun Mar 6 at 9:30am
- Wed Mar 16 at 6:30pm

Faith Formation

Feb 20:	K-5	Classrooms
	Gr. 6+ and parents	Family Session
Feb. 27:	K-5 & parents	Family Session
	Gr. 6+	Classrooms
Mar. 6 & 13:	No class (spring break)	



Youth Night: Throw Throw Burrito

Tue Feb. 22: Youth Night social, 6:30-8pm. Includes the popular dodgeball-card-game "Throw Throw Burrito." Bring a friend!

Bring in your Palms

We will burn palms for ashes for Ash Wednesday. If you have old Palms, please bring them in by **February 27**.

Social Media Revamp

It's easy to find us on social media! On Facebook or Instagram, search [@holycrossalaska](https://www.facebook.com/holycrossalaska) or [@holycrossyg](https://www.instagram.com/holycrossyg).



Special Collection for Catholic Home Missions

Catholic Home Missions Collection will be taken up this week. Thank you for supporting this valuable cause which directly supports our Archdiocese.

Retrouvaille

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information or to register for the Retrouvaille of Alaska program beginning with a weekend experience on Feb 25, call 907-863-8000 or email: anchorage@helpourmarriage.org or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

Register for St. Therese's Camp 2022

St. Therese's Camp offers a week-long residential Catholic camp experience. We share the joy of the faith in a fantastically fun way. Early bird rate until March 1 is \$321 for grades 3-8 and \$364 for high school. Campers registered before May get a free camp t-shirt! Contact us at 907-232-2066, or email campdirector@stthereseak.com

Liturgy Committee

Julie Thomas has been named the Liturgy Committee Coordinator. If you volunteer in a liturgical ministry, please share any feedback you have with the head of your group. **Leaders only**, Julie will be contacting you soon.

LOVE and you fulfill the whole law

Ministry Schedule for next week (Feb 26/27)

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	Mary Rerko	Uju Morah Kaosi Morah
Sun 8:30 am	Lead instrumentalist needed. To volunteer, call Sheila: 250-6234	N/A	N/A	Kristin Rehmann	Doug Williams	Robin Wittrock Marie Wittrock
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Megan Green	Janina Chlebowski	Emily Zych Justice Maiava

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers** - Jess Manaos: 230-9418
- Art & Environment** - Marilyn Kerr: 346-1624
- Baked Goods** - Joan Karcz: 344-0168
- 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
- 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

Financial Corner

If you have students that attend a Catholic School you can apply for Holy Cross Scholarship Funds. Contact the office for an application!

TITHING UPDATE

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

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	6,577
Weekly Tithing Period:	2/7-13/2022	
Income Sources		
Weekly Collections:	\$	3,365
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-
Online Giving:	\$	1,984
Total:	\$	5,349
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	(1,228)
Actual vs. Goal (%):	81.3%	

Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison: Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY22 YTD Period

FY22 YTD Period:	7/1/2021 to 01/31/2022	
FY22 YTD Complete (%):	58.3%	
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2022:	\$	342,000
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	203,831
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	199,500
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	4,331
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	59.6%	

Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY22 YTD Period

FY22 YTD Period:	7/1/2021 to 01/31/2022		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	109,284	53.6%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	1,838	0.9%
Online Giving:	\$	92,709	45.5%
2021 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$	-	0.0%
Total:	\$	203,831	100.0%

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