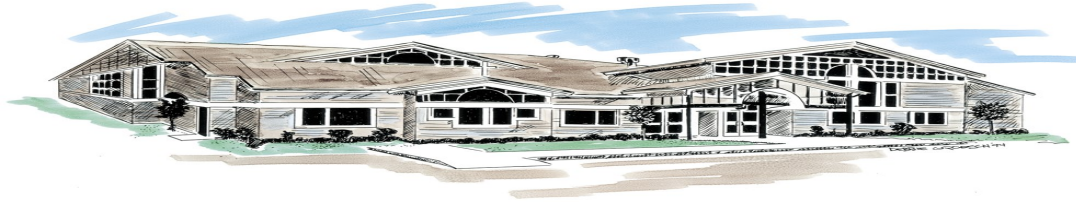


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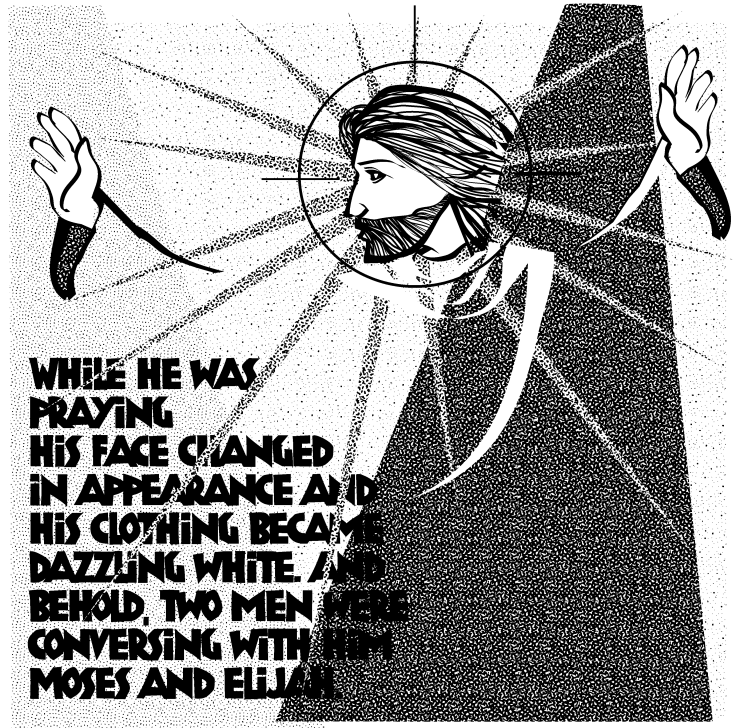
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## Second Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022

Redeem us, Lord,  
from our distress!



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### Holy Mass

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



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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat 3-4pm 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 Mar 14

9am- Mass  
1pm- Aspen Creek Service  
6:30pm- Finance Meeting

### Tue Mar 15

9am- Mass  
6:30pm- Youth Night

### Wed Mar 16

9am- Mass  
6:30pm- Synod

### Thu Mar 17

9am- Mass  
5:30pm- OCIA

### Fri Mar 18- Parish Office Closed

9am- Mass  
6:30pm- Stations of the Cross

### Sat Mar 19

10am- Altar Server Training  
1pm- Legion of Mary  
3-4pm- Confession  
4:15pm- Hospitality Training  
5pm- Mass  
6-6:15pm- Dist. of Holy Communion

### Sun Mar 20

8:30am- Mass  
9:45am- Faith Formation  
10:15am- Hospitality Training  
11am- Mass  
12-12:15pm- Dist. of Holy Communion

### Mass Intentions

Call the office to schedule your Mass Intention!

Mon 3/14- Sat 3/19	Available!
Sun 3/20	8:30am- Available! 11am- For the People of the Parish

## Readings for March 20, 2022 Third Sunday of Lent

### Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

*"I AM" sent me to you.*

### Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

### Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

*The life of the people with Moses in the desert was written down as a warning to us.*

### Luke 13:1-9

*If you do not repent, you will all perish as they did.*

## Reflection

Have you ever had a "mountaintop" experience? Maybe it was a retreat when you were young, or your wedding day, or a time in your life when you were so removed from the mundanity of everyday life that you felt you were touching the divine. You are connected to both Abram and Peter in this. Having a mountaintop experience is part of being a Christian and living through the ebb and flow of intellectual and emotional connection to faith. Sometimes we're on fire. Sometimes we can't be bothered to do more than go through the motions. But it is in this movement that we condition ourselves for heaven by choosing God, and choosing love, no matter where we feel we are.

### Counting the Stars

In his account of the Transfiguration, St. Luke describes our kindred spirits: the hapless early disciples. They follow Jesus with baffled hearts. Peter, James, and John see, but they don't get it, even when they become "fully awake." But neither do we, most times. In Luke's telling, Jesus doesn't warn his friends to keep what they've seen secret. They just fall silent. They say nothing. But seriously, would we do any better? Would we get Jesus?

I read once that the initial builders of Notre Dame de Paris knew they would not live to see their work completed. What enviable faith! Centuries later, a college student abroad feeling worldly and agnostic, I visited Notre Dame. I'd happened upon a Sunday afternoon organ recital. I knelt, transfixed by the cathedral's ancient incensed majesty. My senses overtaken by the presence of God, by sight and sound so immense and soaring, I found myself crying. I didn't grasp it that day, but I suspect God knew I needed to be awestruck.

Maybe we confused and tepid believers occasionally need Jesus to take us up the mountain. Maybe we need a sign from above, a dazzling face on someone we thought we knew, a commanding voice from a shining cloud that envelops us.

An incarnate faith lives between intimacy and awe. Between the "earthly things" that worry St. Paul and the sky full of countless stars over Abram's head, we balance as close friends with a God who amazes us.

Valerie Schultz

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### On the Way Home from Mass...

Why do you think it was so important for God to announce to the disciples who Jesus is? Do you think it is a message just for Peter, John, and James?





## FINAL Synod Listening Session!

Last chance: Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30pm. Info and participant guide at [holycrossalaska.net/synod](http://holycrossalaska.net/synod)

## Faith Formation: On Break

Resumes 3/20: gr. 6+ & parents in Family Session; K-5 in class

## Youth Night

Tuesday, March 15, 6:30—8pm: Throw, Throw Avocado (don't worry, they are plush avocados!)

## Confirmandi Service Projects: KoMiSo Clinic

We are pleased to announce this project has raised more than \$500 so far! Fr. Andrew Lee is working in Cambodia with the Korean Missionary Society. Holy Cross Church gave \$5,000 toward their medical clinic, and Confirmation students Jade and Amanda, are taking up a collection to fund medical student dorms. Giving envelopes are available in the foyer.

## VBS 2022?

We are seeking a co-coordinator and volunteers for Vacation Bible School. Flyers in the foyer. Visit [holycrossalaska.net/vbs](http://holycrossalaska.net/vbs) for info. A volunteer meeting will be held Sun, 3/20, at 12pm.

## Young Adults Brunch

Sunday, March 27: meet at church after the 11am Mass; brunch at Barbie's Café. All young adults age 18-35 welcome. Deacon Harold (mission speaker) will join us for the social.

## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm in the parish.

## Special Collection: Thank You!

Last week we raised \$372 for Catholic Relief Services. Our next collection benefits Black and Indian Missions, who provide grants for Catholic ministry with Alaska Natives.

## 2022 Lenten Parish Mission Sneak Peak!

Join us in two weeks for the Lenten Parish Mission with speaker Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. He will preach the weekend homilies and host evening talks Mon-Thurs at 6:30pm. Watch sample talks online: [holycrossalaska.net/parish-mission](http://holycrossalaska.net/parish-mission).

## Lenten Mission Sneak Peek #3: March 30

**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.

## Special Talks with Fr. Pat and Fr. Dan

### March 24, 6-7:30pm: The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr. Dan explains each part of the sacrament, including a mock confession, with Q&A at the end.

### April 7, 6-7:30: "Slow Mass."

Fr. Pat will celebrate Mass and pause to explain each part and its significance.

# 2022 Lenten Parish Mission

Hosted by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

Join us for the weekend homily and 4 dynamic presentations:

- **Monday, Mar. 28:** Rich in Mercy: Finding Healing in God's Mercy
- **Tuesday, Mar. 29:** Baptized into His Death: The Power of the Cross and Its Meaning in Our Lives
- **Wednesday, Mar. 30 (+ Reconciliation Service):** A Light in the Darkness: Seeing Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- **Thursday, Mar. 31:** Behold Your Mother: The Marian Heart of Suffering



Save the Date: March 26-31, 2022 | Info online: [holycrossalaska.net/parish-mission](http://holycrossalaska.net/parish-mission)

Ministry Schedule for next week (Mar 19/20)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM of Communion	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Deb Seidl	Jerika Manaois	Jessie Maglaqui Joy Maglaqui
Sun 8:30 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Maureen Retzel Eilisa Maes	Pam Webb	Angie Garroutte Vince Garroutte
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Megan Green	Theresa Mitchell	Mercy Acheson Teresa Cortes

## PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

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## Financial Corner

### TITHING UPDATE

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

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	6,577
Weekly Tithing Period:		2/27-3/6/2022
<b>Income Sources</b>		
Weekly Collections:	\$	5,610
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	861
Online Giving:	\$	3,707
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,178</b>
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	3,601
Actual vs. Goal (%):		154.8%

### 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%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>203,831 100.0%</b>

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