



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 2018

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Weekend Mass Schedule: Holy Cross

Confession: Saturday 4:15–4:45 pm; Sunday 8:30–8:45 am or by appointment

Saturday Mass 5 pm

Sunday Mass 9 am

Thought of the week: "Have the courage to go against the tide of current values that do not conform to the path of Jesus" - Pope Francis

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:30am to 2:30pm; Friday 9:30am-1:30pm

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday 10 am

Holy Cross Mission Statement

Holy Cross parish is a Roman Catholic Parish that serves Christ the King, under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the Intercession of the communion of Saints. We are in union with the Roman Pontiff and the Bishop of Helena. Our faith, hope and love flow from the center of our parish family's life: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. From there we are compelled to love God, love our neighbor as ourselves and "Go make disciples..." (Matt 22:37 and 28:19-20)

Announcements:

- Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent at 6 pm.
- Troy Helmick Funeral and Luncheon will be at 11 am on Tuesday February 27th.
- There will be no 6 pm Mass or Soup Supper on Tuesday February 27th.
- Drill Weekend there will be no scheduled Mass on Saturday March 3, 2018.
- "Pies by the Guys" hosted by the Knights' of Columbus following Mass on Sunday March 4.
- The Circle of Understanding will host soup supper following 6 pm Mass on Tuesday, March 6th. Please remember to bring your own cup, spoon and bowl.
- If you are hosting an event in the Parish Center and can not get to the office during business hours to pick up an event use form, there are some in the file holder on the outside of the office door.
- Please remember if you are holding a function in the Church, before leaving make sure all doors are closed, locked and secured.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



"What wonderful majesty! What stupendous con-

descension! O sublime humility! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, should humble Himself like this under the form of a little bread, for our salvation"

"...In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood."

- St. Francis of Assisi

- New Ministry Schedules are on the table at the back of the Church.
- "Sing to the Lord a new Song! Make this Easter your best yet. Choir practice every Wednesday 6 pm. Enter by the street-side-door. All are welcome."

Mass	Schedule
Monday Feb. 26, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018	Troy Helmick Funeral Mass 11 am
Wednesday, Feb 28, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Ben & Alyss & Family RB Joe & Roxie Nistler
Thursday, March 1, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Margaret, Alex & Family RB Joe & Roxie Nistler Holy Hour of Reparation 6 pm Adoration 7 pm-Midnight
Friday, March 2, 2018	Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus 9 am <u>STATIONS of the Cross</u> 6 PM
Saturday, March 3, 2018	Drill Weekend No Scheduled Mass
Sunday March 4, 2018	Confession 8:30-8:45 am Mass 9:00 am Parish Family

Scripture Readings February 25,
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 (26B)
Psalm 116:10,15,16-17,18-19
Romans 8:31b-34
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

02/17-18/2018

Holy Cross

49 HC Envelopes	\$ 1606.50
Loose	\$ 11.00
1 Stipend	\$ 25.00
11 Black & Indian Miss	\$ 349.00
1 Reimbursement	<u>\$ 1,149.43</u>
Total HC	\$ 3,191.93

Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:
\$22,146.01 as of 12/31/17

Cemetery

Cemetery	02-11-2018
Outstanding Pledges	\$1,150.00

Cemetery Fund Donations

Beginning Balance	\$ 12.44
Misc. Donations	\$ 319.50
Gravesites	\$ 4,000.00
Donations	\$38,022.00
Don. Direct to Endow.	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>
Total Donations	\$43,353.94

Total in Cemetery Acct \$2,233.87

Cemetery Endowment Fund

12/31/17 \$34,151.74

ACA 2017	2/22/2018
Goal	\$22,900
Pledged	\$ 14,250
ACA PD	\$ 11,995
% of Goal	62 %
% Participation	46.15%

THANK YOU!

Scripture Readings 3/4/18

Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 (29B)

Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel John 2:13-25

**Ministry Schedule
Saturday March 3, 2018
No Scheduled Mass**

**Ministry Schedule
Sunday March 4, 2018
9:00 am**

Greeters: Sharley Ragen
Lector: Chris Wright
Gifts: Jade Martin & Shari Toney
EM: Missy Cox & Debbie Miller
Servers: Caleb LeLacheur & Zach Wickens
Music: Jill Flynn
Home Ministry: Jill Menard
Money Counters: Jill Menard & Judy Riddle



PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and love. Give them courage and perseverance and be their constant companion as they prepare to serve you and your people with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are holy. Amen.

Mount Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, OR, Shannon Augare.

St. John Vianney Seminary, Denver, CO, Matthew Christiaens, Tyler Frohlich, Codi Krueger, Nathan Scheidecker, and Kyle Tannehill.

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, West MA, T. Aidan Toombs

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Holy Cross recommends that the following be respected:

Infant Baptism:

Parents are to be registered, active, practicing parishioners. Parents are required to attend a baptism preparation class offered by the parish. Dates are to be confirmed by the parish office prior to making any arrangements.

Weddings:

Six months notice required. Wedding date availability are to be confirmed by the priest prior to booking any reception venues.

Christian Burial:

Notice should be made with the priest before arrangements are made with the funeral director. A funeral Mass will replace the daily scheduled Mass.

Social Hall:

Our Social Hall and kitchen may be rented out for special events. Please call the office for information for any of the above notices, 406-266-4811.

Pastoral Council members: Mary Gorman, Bernadette Swenson, Shari Toney, Shawna Wickens & Chris Wright, meet first Wednesday of the month, Sept-May.

Finance Council members: Juanita Bray, Brian Hohn, Steve Visocan, Vince Vogl, meet quarterly.



Prayer Chain

Gene Determan, Father Byrne, Joanie Pritchard, Elaine Graveley, Madison McCauley, Pat Montonario's granddaughter Zoe, Marie Hoeffner,

Fran Wright, Kelly Flynn, Elliot Weakland, Jenny Schaubert, Bill Fitzgerald, Dana Banks, Cory Janes, Larissa Swenson, Troy Helmick Family

Lenten Schedule for Our Lady of the Valley Parish:

Every Friday of Lent: 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

(Begins Feb. 16) Followed by Soup & Bread

7:15 pm Adult Spirituality series: "Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home"

Penance Liturgy: Tue. Mar. 20 - 7:00 pm

Lenten Schedule at SS. Cyril & Methodius:

Stations of the Cross, Friday after noon Mass, Feb. 16 through March 23

Lenten Penance Service, Tuesday, March 13, Prayer Service at 5 pm, Confessions 5:15-6:30 pm.

**Cathedral of St. Helena's Lenten schedule.**

Stations of the Cross Fridays, February 16 through March 30 at 5 pm

Confessions follow the Saturday morning Mass from 9:35 until approx. 11 am

Journey to Jerusalem Study Wednesdays March 7, 14, 21 at 10-11:30 am or Thursdays March 8, 15, 22 at 6:30-8 pm. (This is by preregistration)

Attention Parish Choir Members

Those wishing to participate in the choir for the Chrism Mass, March 19, are welcome at any of the following rehearsals:

March 3, 10:00 am, Holy Rosary Church, Bozeman

March 4, 3:00 pm, St. Ann Church, Butte

March 11, 2:30 pm, Blessed Trinity Church, Missoula

Rehearsals in Helena and Kalispell are being arranged.

Final rehearsal in the Cathedral will be on MARCH 19 AT 3:00 PM.

Please contact S. Mary Jo Quinn to reserve a rehearsal spot or to make other arrangements.

Questions/reservations: Email: maryjoq@blessedtrinitymissoula.org; Phone: 406-721-2405

Choir members are invited to take part in the Monday afternoon presentation

by Fr. Mark Francis, SVD, President of Chicago Theological Union at Saint Mary Church.

Registration for this event and the dinner that follows the Chrism Mass is arranged through local parishes.

Bishop's Lenten Appeal for the Guatemala Repair Projects I wanted to let you know that we've set this up on our website as a special collection in case someone in your parish would like to make a donation via credit card or direct debit. We will acknowledge those charitable gifts in January of 2019. We are not accepting pledges for this appeal. If someone wants to pledge over the course of the year to assist the mission they can do so through the other two Guatemala tabs for the Mission, School, Clinic and Angel Fund.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT REFLECTION

Christ The Teacher

When God the Father speaks from heaven, we ought to listen. No doubt he chooses his words carefully: “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Throughout all of human history, mankind has sought answers to the pressing questions that simmer deep within his heart: why are we here? How can we find the happiness we long for so desperately? Why is there suffering and evil? What is the ultimate meaning of existence? Often, as attested by the great literature of human history, man has addressed these questions directly to God. God has responded. But his response is a surprising one: it is a living person, not a formulaic philosophy – the person of his “beloved Son,” Jesus Christ. Through Christ’s life, teachings, death, and resurrection God has answered all our questions more thoroughly than we could ever have imagined. Christ himself is the answer. As Pope John Paul II put it in his first encyclical letter, “The Redeemer of man, Jesus Christ, is the center of the universe and of history” (Redemptor hominis, 1). By enjoining the three Apostles to “listen to him,” the Father seems to imply that even though Christ is his beloved Son, not everyone will easily accept him. We hear a kind of plea in that command, a plea that should give us pause. Christ is the answer, but is he *my* answer? Do I *listen* to him? Do I follow him? He is the center of the universe, but is he the center of my life? The Father wants him to be, that’s why he sent him in the first place, but he leaves us free to make the choice.

The Apostles’ question to Jesus about Elijah exemplifies our tendency to misinterpret God’s action in our lives. They are finally convinced that Jesus is the Messiah, after years of following him, listening to him, seeing his miracles, and now witnessing the Transfiguration. But a question lingers in their minds. The ancient prophecies said that Elijah would return to announce the Messiah’s arrival. So, if Jesus is the Messiah, where is Elijah? Jesus reaffirms the prophecy (we know from other Gospel passages that St John the Baptist, who had come in the spirit of Elijah, fulfilled that prophecy), but then he turns his companions’ minds once again to his coming Passion. He asks them a rhetorical question, as if to say, true, the prophecy about Elijah was not so easy to understand, but if you didn’t grasp the meaning of that one, how will you grasp the meaning of my coming Passion, which is also prophesied in the Old Testament? Jesus tells them repeatedly about his coming passion and resurrection, but they are unable to understand; they simply don’t listen – the idea of suffering turns them off. How like us they are!

The Better Part, Fr John Bartunek

