



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

P.O. Box 610 (101 S. Walnut)
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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 11, 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: "Deep down in every human heart there is knowledge of God. And deep down in every human heart is the desire to communicate with Him." - Mother Teresa

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

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday 10 am

Mass	Schedule
Monday March 12, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, March 13, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 6 pm Marvin Meyer RB The Love Family
Wednesday, March 14, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Bernard Menard RB Connie Miller
Thursday, March 15, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am John, Heather & Family RB Joe & Roxie Nistler
Friday, March 16, 2018	Mass 9 am Adoration 9:30-10:30 Jim Horner RB Bob & Barb Williamson STATIONS of the Cross 6 PM
Saturday, March 17, 2018	Mass 5 pm Matt, Carolyn & Family RB Joe & Roxie Nistler
Sunday March 18, 2018	Mass 9:00 am Parish Family

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.
- Please come down and enjoy coffee hour following Mass on Sunday March 11th hosted by Holy Cross Women of Faith.
- Christian Men's Breakfast Tuesday March 13th 6:30 am hosted by Trailhead Christian Church.
- The Circle of Compassion will host soup supper following 6 pm Mass on Tuesday, March 13th. Please remember to bring your own cup, spoon and bowl.
- Holy Cross Women of Faith will meet following Mass on Tuesday March 13th at approximately 6:30 pm.
- The Knights' of Columbus meet Tuesday March 13th in Classroom B.
- RE Class 5:15-8:15 pm Wednesday March 14th, dinner hosted by Shari Toney.
- Penance Service Wednesday March 21st, at 5 pm.
- If you would like to receive the Magnificat beginning with the July 2018 edition, please contact the Parish Office, 266-4811. The more that order the less expensive they are. Up to 39 copies are \$34.95 for one year, 40-99 copies are \$29.95 for the year July 2018 through June 2019.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"We should never again use the expression,

'When Jesus was on earth' or think of Him as being only in heaven, Jesus is still on earth."

"While all the sacraments confer grace, the Eucharist contains the author of grace, Jesus Christ Himself."

- Fr.
John
Hardon,

Scripture Readings 3/11/18

Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 (32B)

Psalms 137:1-2, 4-5, 6

Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel John 3:14-21

- 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."

03/03-04/2018

Holy Cross	
38 HC Envelopes	\$1,020.50
Loose	\$ 40.00
1 Stipends	\$ 20.00
1 RE	\$ 50.00
1 Restricted Gift	\$ 825.00
1 Black & Indian Miss	\$ 10.00
1 Holy Day	\$ 10.00
Total HC	\$ 1,975.50

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

Cemetery

Cemetery	03-09-2018-	
2018		
Outstanding Pledges		\$1,150.00

Cemetery Fund Donations

Beginning Balance	\$ 12.44
Misc. Donations	\$ 319.50
Gravesites	\$ 4,000.00
Donations	\$37,402.00
Don. Direct to Endow.	\$ 1,700.00
Total Donations	\$43,433.94

Total in Cemetery Acct \$2,703.87

Cemetery Endowment Fund

12/31/17	\$34,151.74
ACA 2017	2/22/2018
Goal	\$22,900
Pledged	\$ 14,250
ACA PD	\$ 12,160
% of Goal	62 %

Scripture Readings 3/18/18

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (35B)

Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel John 12:20-33

Ministry Schedule

Saturday March 17, 2018

5:00 pm

Greeters : Monte & Cathy Armstrong
Lector : Brian Hohn
Gifts: Monte & Cathy Armstrong
EM: Missy Cox & Claudette Hohn
Servers: Caleb & Carson LeLacheur

Ministry Schedule

Sunday March 18, 2018

9:00 am

Greeters : John & Missy Rauser
Lector : Gay Ann Masolo
Gifts: Shari Toney & Jade Martin
EM: Martin & Doris Mingay
Servers: Emmalin Fischer & Aspen Slyker
Music : Jill Flynn
Home Ministry: Jill Menard
Money Counters: Juanita Bray & Doris Mingay



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 Garman, 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, , Jenny Schaubert, Bill Fitzgerald, Dana Banks, Larissa Swenson, David J & Heather Parker, Marj Kohn, JL Jones, Doug Baum

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)

The Holy Cross Easter Egg Hunt will be held after Mass on Easter Sunday. Anyone wanting to donate plastic eggs or candy to fill eggs, it would be greatly appreciated. Please have the eggs and/or candy to the Church by Thursday March 29.

Catholic Women's Conference

"A Spa Day For the Soul"

Pamphlets are on the table in the Narthex.

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 Knights' of Columbus will host soup supper on Tuesday March 20th following 6 pm Mass.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT REFLECTION

CHRIST THE TEACHER

You never really know someone until you know what's in their heart - what motivates them, what they're looking for, why they do what they do. In this conversation with Nicodemus Jesus lays bare the heart of God.

The history of salvation, from the fall of Adam and Eve until the final judgment, revolves around the coming of Jesus Christ, the Savior, the Son of God. Why did he come? Because the Father sent him. Why did the Father send him? Because he "loved the world so much." He simply couldn't bear to see us perish in our sins; he longed to share with us his everlasting life. He cares. God cares. And Jesus Christ is the definitive proof that he cares. He cares so much that he is willing to sacrifice his only Son to atone for the sins that have separated man from God, the source of all good things. We need look no further to find the very core of the gospel: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life." No hidden agenda, no selfish undertones - pure generosity. This is the heart of God, of the Lord who longs for our friendship.

Only when a Christian internalizes this fundamental and overarching motive of God, does Christian discipleship really begin to mature. This is Christ's revolution. That disinterested, self-forgetful love has the power to overcome all evil and renew every human heart and the human race as a whole. The rules and rituals of Christianity are not its core, but its leaves. Joy, the kind of joy that none of life's contrarities can diminish, as the lives of countless saints from every walk of life so powerfully attest to, is its flower. But its root is God's love, and its fruit is God's love lived out in the humdrum routine of daily life by the followers of Christ.

The Better Part, Fr John Bartunek

