



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 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: With the celebration of Palm Sunday, we enter Holy Week. Hopefully, this will be a time of peace, reflection, penance and prayer for all Christians.

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

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday 10 am

Mass	Schedule
Monday March 26, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Shrove Tuesday, March 27, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 6 pm Seminarians
Wednesday, March 28, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am Bishop's Intentions
Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 6 pm The Unborn
Good Friday, March 30, 2018	The Passion of the Lord 6 pm
Easter Vigil March 31, 2018	Mass 8:45 pm Homebound Parishioners
Easter Sunday April 1, 2018	Mass 10:00 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:

- Soup Supper following 6 pm Mass on Tuesday March 27th.
- At the Easter Vigil John Rauser will enter into full Communion and Missy Rauser will be confirmed. During the Easter Season Michael & Kaiya Fisette will enter into full Communion and Kayha, Malikai, and Mathyas Fisette will be baptized.
- 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, please have the eggs and/or candy to the Church by Thursday March 29. All youth are invited to participate. There are baskets available to use if you don't have one.
- 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.
- Catholic Women/s Conference "A Spa Day For the Soul" pamphlets and registration information are on the table in the Narthex.



**ADORATION OF
THE
BLESSED
SACRAMENT**
"Mystery of
Faith!"

"All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man."

- St. John Vianney, Cure d'Ars

Scripture Readings 3/25/18

Isaiah 50:4-7 38(ABC)

Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel The Passion of the Lord Mark 14:1-15:47



Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and marks the start of Holy Week, the final days of his earthly ministry.

03/17-18/2018

Holy Cross	
49 HC Envelopes	\$ 1,763.00
Loose	\$ 75.00
1 Liturgical Books	\$ 104.30
1 Reimbursement	\$ 1,203.48
1 CRS	\$ 50.00
Total HC	\$ 3,195.78

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

Cemetery

Cemetery	03-16-2018
Outstanding Pledges	\$1,150.00

Cemetery Fund Donations

Beginning Balance	\$ 12.44
Misc. Donations	\$ 319.50
Gravesites	\$ 4,000.00
Donations	\$37,542.00
Don. Direct to Endow.	\$ 1,700.00
Total Donations	\$43,573.94

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 %
% Participation	47.12%

THANK YOU!

Scripture Readings 4/1/2018
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 (42ABC)

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4

Sequence 91 page 168 Missal

Gospel John 20:1-9

Ministry Schedule**Holy Thursday March 29, 2018****6:00 pm**

Greeters : Anne Inghram
Lector : Carole Plymale
Gifts: Anne Inghram & Shari Toney
EM: Jerry Solwey & Steve Kitt
Servers: Carson LeLacheur & Zach Wickens
Music: Men's Choir

Ministry Schedule**Good Friday March 30, 2018****6:00 pm**

Lector : Chris Wright & Julie Lethert
EM: Missy Cox & Claudette Hohn
Servers: Emmalin Fischer & Caleb LeLacheur

Ministry Schedule**Saturday March 31, 2018****Easter Vigil 8:45 pm**

Greeters : Gene & Bev Determan
Lector : Chris Wright, Julie Lethert, Mary Duede
Gifts: Harold & Laura Gibbs
EM: Tom & Julie Lethert
Servers: Jade Martin & Sierra Slyker
Music: Choir

Ministry Schedule**Sunday April 1, 2018****9:00 am**

Greeters : Larry & Buffy Woodring
Lector : Doris Mingay
Gifts: Karee Eichinger & Kennedy & Peyton Vogl
EM: Tom & Nora Bazuin
Servers: Braden & Ryan Racht
Music : Carole Plymale
Home Ministry: Pat McNeive
Money Counters: Jill Menard & Pat Montonario

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, Marie Hoeffner, Fran Wright, Kelly Flynn,

Jenny Schauber, Bill Fitzgerald, Dana Banks, Larissa Swenson, Marj Kohn, Doug Baum, Mary Simmons & Family, Mary Ann Mockel Family, Mary Hicks, Anita Lieter

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES!!! The next Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend is April 27-29, 2018 in Great Falls. Sign up now! Information and registration is available online

at WWW.GREATFALLSCEE.ORG.

Call Brenda & Bill Chafin at [406-771-8658](tel:406-771-8658) or

Terry and Dave Stukey at [406-452-3542](tel:406-452-3542)

for more information.

A Wedding is a Day: A Marriage is a Lifetime!

Area Holy Week Schedules

Holy Cross:

March 29th Holy Thursday Mass 6 pm

March 30th Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord's Passion 6 pm

March 31st Easter Vigil: 8:45 pm

April 1st Easter Sunday 10 am.

The Cathedral of St. Helena's:

March 29, Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 pm

March 30, Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 12 noon

Stations of the Cross, 5 pm

March 31, Holy Saturday, Morning Prayer, 9 am

Great Easter Vigil, 8:30 pm

April 1, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Masses at 7 am, 9 am, 11 am

Our Lady of the Valley

Palm Sunday - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses

Monday of Holy Week - 12:10 PM Mass

Wednesday of Holy Week - 12:10 Mass, Confession at 3:30 - 5:00 PM.

Holy Thursday - 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Friday of the Lord's Passion (Good Friday) - 12:10 PM Stations of the Cross; 5:30 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday - 9:00 AM Morning Prayer; 8:30 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses.

SS. Cyril & Methodius and St. John the Baptist in Clancy.

March 29, Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. at SS. Cyril & Methodius

Good Friday - Stations of the Cross at 12 Noon

March 30, Good Friday - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7:00 p.m. at SS. Cyril & Methodius

March 31, Easter Vigil - 8:30 p.m. at SS. Cyril & Methodius

April 1, Easter Sunday - 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. at SS. Cyril & Methodius;

April 1, Easter Sunday—12:00 p.m. at St. John's in Clancy



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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD REFLECTION

Christ the Lord

Jesus is about to offer up the only true atonement for sin that mankind has ever offered to God: his self-sacrifice on the cross at Calvary. Sacrifice, the giving up of something to acknowledge one's dependence on and gratitude to God, has always been essential to religion, no matter the particular creed. It was also essential to the Old Covenant. But even those Old Covenant sacrifices, and even more so the pagan sacrifices of every epoch, failed to make a just offering to God. God deserves what fallen man was unable to give him: total allegiance, unbridled and loving obedience free from even the slightest contamination of sin or selfishness. The lamb, meekest and most docile of animals, symbolized this totality of love and obedience that Jesus embodied throughout his life and especially during his passion. A spotless lamb was sacrificed in the Passover celebration. As St Mark points out, in that pivotal year of redemption, precisely as this Passover celebration got underway, God's own Lamb, Jesus, was to fulfill the prophetic meaning of the ancient Passover. He was giving his life in atonement for mankind's sins, offering a worthy sacrifice, and thereby freeing those who believe in him from slavery to selfishness and the devil.

In spite of the ancient prophecies, and in spite of Jesus' own predictions and warnings, few recognized this singular event as it was happening. But even so, Jerusalem and the whole area around the city were teeming with festive, enthusiastic pilgrims; upwards of three million people filled the city for the Passover celebration and the following seven-day Feast of Unleavened Bread (This is why the chief priests and scribes were trying to apprehend Jesus by some trick - they wanted to grab him before the crowds could do anything to protect him). This situation is the background for Jesus' passion: a city overflowing with worshippers of the one true God, recalling God's past saving action and looking forward to the promised salvation of the future. The ignorance, blindness, and opposition of men, as real as they are, can never obstruct the plans of our all-powerful Lord who rules every heart and "makes all things work together for the good of those who love him" (Romans 8:28).

The Better Part, Fr. John Bartunek

