



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

P.O. Box 610 (101 S. Walnut)
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Fr. David Severson, Pastor

April 15, 2018

Fr. Micah Bagayang, Parochial Vicar

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Weekend Mass Schedule: Holy Cross

Confession: Saturday 4:15–4:45 pm; or by appointment

Saturday Mass 5 pm

Sunday Mass 10 am

Thought of the week: To be an Easter people means to be a Eucharistic people. He did not just rise from the dead 2000 years ago. He *is* risen, and He still *is* Emmanuel, God with us

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:

- Alex Bakken, Emma Delgado, Colter Schaible, Carter Sommers, and Max Wickens will celebrate their First Communion Sunday April 22nd during Mass. The Circle of Love will have a reception for our First Communicants following Mass on Sunday April 22nd.
- Pastoral Council Wednesday April 17th at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room.
- April 18th MS/HS RE students and parents night 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.
- If you would like to receive the Magnificat beginning with the July 2018 edition, please contact the Parish Office, 266-4811. **no later than April 25th.** 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.
- Anyone interested in attending Options Women's Clinic dinner on Thursday May 3rd, please contact Mindy Finden no later than Friday April 20th at 202-4188.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



"What happiness do we not feel in the presence of God, when we find ourselves alone at his feet, before the holy tabernacle! ... 'Come, my soul, redouble your ardor! You are here alone to adore your God! His look rests on you alone!' Ah! if we only had the angels' eyes! Seeing our Lord Jesus Christ here, on that altar, and looking at us, how we should love him! We should want to stay always at his feet; it would be a foretaste of heaven; everything else would become insipid to us."
- St. John Vianney

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES

The next Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend is April 27-29 in Great Falls. Today is the last day to register. Sign up now! Information and registration is available online at greatfallscee.org. For more information call Brenda and Bill Chafin 406-771-8658 or Terry and Dave Stuke at 406-788-3027.

A wedding is a day: A Marriage is a Lifetime!

Mass	Schedule
Monday April 16, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, April 17, 2018	Rosary Mass 6 pm Mom & Dad RB Jill Menard
Wednesday, April 18, 2018	Rosary Mass 9 am Seminarists
Thursday, April 19, 2018	Rosary Daily Mass 9 am The Unborn
Friday, April 20, 2018	Mass 9 am Adoration 9:30–10:30 Poor Souls in Purgatory
Saturday April 21, 2018	Confessions 4:15–4:45 pm Mass 5 pm Homebound Parishioners
April 22, 2018	Mass 9:00 am First Communicants

Scripture Readings 3rd Sunday of Easter April 15, 2018
Acts: 3:13-15, 17-19 (47B)
Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
1st Letter of St John 2:1-5a
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Legendary Lodge and High School scholarship applications are due to Holy Cross Women of Faith by May 1, 2018.

04/08/2018

Holy Cross

31 HC Envelopes	\$ 2,130.75
Loose	\$ 22.00
6 Easter	\$ 275.00
1 Votive Candles	\$ 12.00
Total HC	\$ 2,439.75

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

Cemetery

Cemetery	04-08-2018
Outstanding Pledges	\$1,150.00

Cemetery Fund Donations

Beginning Balance	\$ 12.44
Misc. Donations	\$ 319.50
Gravesites	\$ 4,000.00
Donations	\$37,612.00
Don. Direct to Endow.	\$ 1,700.00
Total Donations	\$43,843.94

Total in Cemetery Acct \$3,113.87

Cemetery Endowment Fund

12/31/17 \$34,151.74

ACA 2017	04/13/2018
Goal	\$22,900
Pledged	\$ 14,300
ACA PD	\$ 12,333
% of Goal	62 %
% Participation	47.12%

THANK YOU!

Scripture Readings:
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
Psalms 118:1,8-9,21-23,
26,28,29
1John 3:1-2
Gospel John 10:11-18

Ministry Schedule
Saturday April 21, 2018

5:00 pm

Greet: Monte & Pat Montonario
Lector: Cathy Armstrong
Gifts: Monte & Pat Montonario
EM: Steve Kitt & Monte Montonario
Servers: Abby & Zoey Wickens

Ministry Schedule
Sunday April 22, 2018

9:00 am

Greet: First Communicants
Lector: Mary Duede
Gifts: First Communicants
EM: Shari Toney & Buffy Woodring
Servers: Carson LeLacheur & Braden Racht
Music: Men's Choir
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

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:

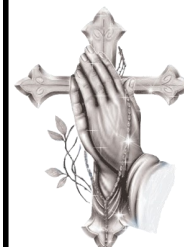
Our Social Hall and kitchen may be rented out for special events. Please call the office for information for any of the above notices, 406-266-4811.

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

Unless requested otherwise after one month prayer request names will be removed from the prayer chain



Gene Determan, Father Byrne, Joanie Pritchard, Elaine Graveley, Madison McCauley, Marie Hoeffner, Fran Wright, Kelly Flynn, Jenny Schaubert, Bill

Fitzgerald, Dana Banks, Larissa Swenson, Marj Kohn, Doug Baum, Mary Hicks, Anita Leiter, Nancy Martin

Reflection—3rd Sunday of Easter

The Earth's Deepest Wound: The Empty Tomb

To an angel, the Resurrection would not be a mystery, but His death would be. For man, His death was not a mystery, but His Resurrection would be. What had been natural to the angel, therefore, was now made the subject of the announcement. The angel was one keeper more than the enemies had placed about the Savior's grave, one soldier more than Pilate had appointed.

The angel's words were the first Gospel preached after the Resurrection, and it is the one that went back to His Passion, for the angel spoke of Him, as "Jesus of Nazareth Who was crucified." These words conveyed the name of His humanity, the humility of His dwelling place, and the ignominy of His death; in all three, lowliness, ignominy, and shame are brought in comparison with His rising from the dead.

Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Jerusalem are all made the identifying marks of His Resurrection. The angel's words: "Here is the place where they laid Him," confirmed the reality of His death and the fulfillment of the ancient prophecies. Tombstones bear the inscription: *Hic jacet* or "Here lies." Then follows the name of the dead and perhaps some praise of the one departed. But here in contrast, the angel did not write, but expressed a different epitaph: "He is not here."

The angel called on the women to behold the place where their Lord's Body had been laid, as though the vacant tomb was evidence enough of the fact of the Resurrection. They were directed to hasten immediately and give intelligence of the Resurrection. It was to a virgin woman that the birth of the Son of God was announced. It was to a fallen woman that His Resurrection was announced.

Those who saw the empty grave were bidden to go to Peter who had tempted Our Blessed Lord once from the Cross and had three times denied Him. Sin and denial could not choke Divine love. Paradoxical though it was, the greater the sin, the less the belief; and yet the greater the repentance from sin, the greater the belief.

It was to the lost sheep panting in the wilderness that He came; it was the publicans and the harlots, the denying Peters and the persecuting Pauls to whom the most persuasive entreaties of love were sent. To the man who was named a Rock and who would have tempted Christ from a Cross, the angel now sent through the women the message, "Go tell Peter."

- Venerable Fulton Sheen

