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## MASS TIMES

Monday - Saturday: 7:45 a.m.  
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:45 a.m., 10:00 a.m.  
& 12:00 p.m.

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday after the 7:45 a.m.  
Mass (unless Fr. Chris is away).  
Fr. Chris is receptive to being  
approached after the Weekday  
Masses as well (not on Sundays).

## ADORATION

Holy Cross Perpetual Adoration  
Chapel  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

## Family Adoration (Friday)

Fridays at 7:00 p.m. in the  
church

## 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month

### Devotion

Following the 7:45 a.m. Mass

## 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month

### Devotion

Following the 7:45 a.m. Mass

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month

### Devotion

Following the 7:45 a.m. Mass

## PARISH CENTRE

### OFFICE

Monday - Thursday  
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. &  
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. &  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## PASTORAL STAFF

### Priest Moderator

Fr. Udoka Chris Nwosu

### Deacon

Mr. Gilles Urquhart

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Sr. Bibiana Ikwun, HHCJ

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Claire DuBois

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Gerard O'Neill

## PARISH BULLETIN

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT • March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018



"Curiously enough, it is a fear of how grace will change and improve them that keeps many souls away from God. They want God to take them as they are and let them stay that way.

They want Him to take away their love of riches, but not their riches - to purge them of the disgust of sin, but not of the pleasure of sin. Some of them equate goodness with indifference to evil and think that God is good if he is broad-minded or tolerant about evil.

Like the onlookers at the Cross, they want God on their terms, not His, and they shout, "Come down, and we will believe." But the things they ask are the marks of a false religion: it promises salvation without a cross, abandonment without sacrifice, Christ without his nails.

God is a consuming fire; our desire for God must include a willingness to have the chaff burned from our intellect and the weeds of our sinful will purged. The very fear souls have of surrendering themselves to the Lord with a cross is an evidence of their instinctive belief in His Holiness.

Because God is fire, we cannot escape Him, whether we draw near for conversion or flee from aversion: in either case, He affects us. If we accept His love, its fires will illumine and warm us; if we reject Him, they will still burn on in us in frustration and remorse."

"If I were not a Catholic, and were looking for the true Church in the world today, I would look for the one Church which did not get along well with the world; in other words, I would look for the Church which the world hates.

My reason for doing this would be, that if Christ is in any one of the churches of the world today, He must still be hated as He was when He was on earth in the flesh. If you would find Christ today, then find the Church that does not get along with the world. Look for the Church that is hated by the world, as Christ was hated by the world.

Look for the Church which is accused of being behind the times, as Our Lord was accused of being ignorant and never having learned.

Look for the Church which men sneer at as socially inferior, as they sneered at Our Lord because He came from Nazareth.

Look for the Church which is accused of having a devil, as Our Lord was accused of being possessed by Beelzebub, the Prince of Devils. Look for the Church which the world rejects because it claims it is infallible, as Pilate rejected Christ because he called Himself the Truth.

Look for the Church which amid the confusion of conflicting opinions, its members love as they love Christ, and respect its voice as the very voice of its Founder, and the suspicion will grow, that if the Church is unpopular with the spirit of the world, then it is unworldly, and if it is unworldly, it is other-worldly.

Since it is other-worldly, it is infinitely loved and infinitely hated as was Christ Himself.

...the Catholic Church is the only Church existing today which goes back to the time of Christ. History is so very clear on this point, it is curious how many miss its obviousness..."

Fulton J Sheen

## Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 20.1-17

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25++

Gospel: John 2.13-25



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MARCH PAPAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### EVANGELIZATION: Formation in Spiritual Discernment:

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

#### NEW PROCEDURE FOR COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:

Starting this weekend, any Ministers of the Sick and homebound, who have registered at the office, will go to the credence table before Mass to place their pyx on the ceramic tray provided. There will be hosts available next to the tray. Please place the number of hosts you need in the pyx. Small sticky notes and a pen will also be available to identify your pyx, if it is not easily recognizable. This ceramic tray with all the pyx will be placed on the altar for consecration. After the closing prayer, Father Chris will ask the Ministers of the Sick to come forward to receive their pyx. The ministers are encouraged to go to the sick immediately after the Mass or during the closing hymn. This new procedure is applicable to Sunday Masses only. Thank you for your cooperation in making this important change of practice at Holy Cross Parish.



#### THE ANNUAL CWL SOUP AND SANDWICH SUNDAY ON MARCH 4, 2018:

Come one and all to our Annual CWL Soup and Sandwich this Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon Masses! The purpose of this fundraiser is to raise enough money for the First Communion/Confirmation luncheon the CWL has for the children of the parish every year. We will have a tasty assortment of homemade soup and sandwiches for you to enjoy! Try your luck at the 50/50 draw! We will have one after each mass....two draws....two winners! A freewill offering is gratefully accepted at the door. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

##### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent - March 4, 2018

*"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..."*  
Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST (FHE):** The Association of the Friends of the Holy Eucharist (FHE) is a Catholic organization for both healthy and disabled persons who desire a deeper union with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our next gathering is on **Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church, **Mass and Sacrament of the Sick at 7:00 p.m.**, followed by Adoration. All are welcome.

**LENTEN SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & RECONCILIATION:** As we prepare ourselves for Easter, we invite you to join our celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation on

**Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** Private Reconciliation (Confession) will be available.

**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:** The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday of Lent following the 7:45 a.m. Mass, except on March 16<sup>th</sup> due to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Devotion.

**FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:** Each Friday evening during Lent, you are invited as families and individuals to join us as we gather together and pray the Rosary and Stations of the Cross in the Church. Come and pray, following the footsteps of Jesus to Calvary (this replaces Family Adoration, which resumes after Easter).



**GREETING CARD MAKING EVENT:** Have you ever wondered how to make a greeting card...it's as easy as 1, 2, 3! Come out to Holy Cross Parish on **March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.** and bring a friend. We will meet in the church basement and you will make 10 cards in total, two of each design. **The themes: Thinking of You, Birthday (two different designs), Sympathy, and Easter.** You will use Stampin' Up tools to stamp a clear image and create your cards. Everything is pre-cut and waiting to be assembled. No experience necessary and you will be amazed at your creations. Some prizes to win and lots of fun! Cost is \$30.00. Please contact Diane at (204) 228-5348 for tickets or information.

#### THEOLOGY OF THE BODY LEVEL 2 -- INTO THE HEART:

Into the Heart: A more in depth journey through Theology of the Body, an adult formation program with bestselling author Christopher West. Into the Heart will move you deeper into this life changing message, enabling you to apply and integrate it into every aspect of your life. This program is transforming lives, renewing marriages, healing deep wounds. You will be given the tools needed to live the life of greatness you were created for. Join us for the journey! This DVD and workbook study will be held in four Saturday seminars:

<b>Saturday, March 17</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, April 14</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, May 12</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, June 9</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</b>

**WHERE:** Holy Cross Multipurpose Room

**COST:** \$40.00 for four seminars (includes workbook and snacks)

**PLEASE** bring your own lunch.

To register, please contact Marianne at (204) 237-0693 or [bertsavard@yahoo.com](mailto:bertsavard@yahoo.com)

**2017 DONATION RECEIPTS:** All donation receipts have been mailed. If you did not receive yours, please contact the parish office at (204) 233-7367 to receive your copy.

**HOLY CROSS ST. PATRICK'S DAY BOWLING**



**Where:** Coronation Bowling Centre  
(255 Tache Avenue)  
**When:** Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$20.00 per person  
(food included)

Limited Tickets!!! (available at the parish office or call Christine at (204) 237-5499)

Silent Auction & 50/50 Tickets

Calling all leprechauns! If you're searching for your pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, look no further.



Holy Cross Parish is hosting a Bingo Bowl. Come join us for some fun, dressed in your finest St. Patty's garb. The most creative wins a prize. May the luck of the Irish be with you!

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

Holy Rosary will be prayed daily at 7:15 a.m. (Mon - Sat)  
Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed daily after the 7:45 a.m. Mass (Mon - Sat) & at 9:45 a.m. (Sunday)  
Novena to OLPH will begin on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month following the 7:45 a.m. Mass  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Devotion will be prayed following the 7:45 a.m. Mass

**Saturday, March 3: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00 p.m. + Anita Forest by the Honduras Mission Circle

**Sunday, March 4: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:45 a.m. For the Intentions of All Parishioners  
9:45 a.m. Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
10:00 a.m. + Neil Van De Graaf by his wife  
12:00 p.m. + Marty by Elcira Cordova

**Monday, March 5**

7:45 a.m. + Jean Agnes Pitre by her family  
6:30 p.m. FHE Gathering  
7:00 p.m. FHE Mass with Sacrament of the Sick & Adoration  
7:00 p.m. Special Intentions by Evangeline Fraser

**Tuesday, March 6**

7:45 a.m. Ida & Albert Rahil by Layla Rahil

**Wednesday, March 7**

7:45 a.m. + Rose Slobda by a friend  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation Service

**Thursday, March 8**

7:45 a.m. Janette & Family by her brothers & sisters

**Friday, March 9**

7:45 a.m. Birthday Intentions for Ron by the family  
7:00 p.m. Rosary & Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 10**

7:45 a.m. + Grace - Jorge by Elcira Cordova

**Saturday, March 10: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00 p.m. + Anita Forest by Nick & Rita Tan & family

**Sunday, March 11: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:45 a.m. + Julita Solano by Monica  
9:45 a.m. Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
10:00 a.m. + Alfred Ross & Irene Ross & Darrin Ross by Wilma & Christine  
10:00 a.m. Rite of Welcome  
12:00 p.m. For the Intentions of All Parishioners

**HCP FUNDRAISING CONCERT:**



In order to continue to serve those in need at the Food Bank, as well as ourselves, we continue to **fundraise** for renovations to our parish kitchen and hall. **You can help** by purchasing tickets for our upcoming **FUNDRAISING CONCERT** on **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**, given by Father Robbie McDougall on piano and Claudine St-Arnauld on violin. Buy for yourselves, or for friends and family! Tickets are available at the parish office, or by calling Cecile at (204) 253-9735 or Caroline at (204) 237-6177.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

**PARISH COLLECTION: February 24 - February 25**

Mass Time	Loose	Envelope	Total
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	127.40	(20) 469.00	596.40
Sun. 7:45 a.m.	132.55	(27) 910.00	1,042.55
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	219.00	(31) 530.00	749.00
Sun. 12:00 p.m.	197.20	(16) 380.00	577.20
			<b>2,965.15</b>
<b>Pre-Authorized Donations</b>			1,597.50
*43 registered donating on different schedules,			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>4,562.65</b>

*He who gives to the poor will never want, but he who shuts his eyes will have many curses.* Proverbs 28: 27

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

Sun.	Mar. 04	<b>CWL Annual Soup &amp; Sandwich Event</b>	11:00 a.m.
Mon.	Mar. 05	<b>T.O.P.S.</b>	6:15 p.m.
		<b>Women's Fellowship</b>	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	Mar. 07	<b>Children's Atrium</b>	9:30 a.m.
Thurs.	Mar. 08	<b>Children's Atrium</b>	4:30 p.m.
		<b>Youth Group</b>	7:00 p.m.
		<b>R.C.I.A.</b>	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 10	<b>Greeting Card Making Event</b>	1:00 p.m.
		<b>Jesus Youth Meeting</b>	6:00 p.m.

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