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MASS TIMES

Monday–Friday — 7:45am

Saturday — 7:45am, 4pm

Sunday — 7:45am, 10am & 12pm

Thursday—10:30am at Catherine Place

RECONCILIATION

Monday–Saturday — after the
7:45am weekday masses.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday–Friday — 8:30am – 12pm

**Closed on Mondays, Weekends and
Holidays.**

Coordinator of Parish Life

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

1st Reading: Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15

Responsorial Psalm 103: “The
Lord is merciful and gracious.”

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-6,
10-12

Gospel: Luke 13.1-9

Parish Bulletin

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Third Sunday of LENT

“The Lord Is kind and merciful” - Psalms 103:8

It is common at this time in Lent that everyone is asking each other, “How is your Lent?” All of the praying, fasting, and almsgiving is getting hard at this midpoint in Lent. I hope that it has been a time to get back to some of the basics. Don’t worry if you messed up, remember we are imperfect. God does not expect us to be perfect, but to try and keep trying. If what you were doing was not working, try something else. Or if what you are doing seems easy add something new. It was great that two weeks ago the adoration team was talking about the adoration chapel. When I think about Lent, I think about quiet prayer. In the busy-ness of our society, it is important to stop and listen. We need to be in the quiet to be able to hear God. In the Catechism of the Good Shepherd program at Holy Cross, we bring the quiet to the children so that they can experience scripture, prayer, and a time to hear God. One of our songs is “Be still and know that I am God.” (Ps 46:10). Take time during this Lent. Take off your sandals and spend time with Jesus like Moses did at the burning bush. Then when God calls you, respond, “Here I am.” (Exodus 3:4)

I know that sometimes silence can be uncomfortable and scary when we are carrying sin in our lives, and we are afraid of God’s reaction to us. What hinders you from freely living and sharing your faith? There may be times in your life when bad things happen or times when you are misunderstood. Know that you are not alone. There have been many times that I have felt alone or that no one understood me. But as the Psalm today says, we need to remember that God is merciful. We need to repent. What is Jesus wanting: a change of heart and mind, freedom from sin? Be like the gardener in the gospel message. Take time to fertilize your heart and mind with scripture. Allow time for the words to sink in and listen for God’s voice. Take time to work through the messages you hear from God that inspire, encourage, and challenge you.

Diane L’Arrivee, PPC Chair

Silence in Mass During Consecration

Father Ani has requested that no movement and silence in the church is expected at the time of consecration. This cue can be observed by the ringing of bells. Should this happen while you're in route to/from the washroom, please be considerate by stopping and waiting until after the consecration.

Lift/Elevator

Good News! Our **NEW ELEVATOR** is fully functional and paid in full! Thanks to everyone for your generous donations.

On a note for users:

- Please **do not hold the buttons**. It operates as a "normal elevator."
- One touch of the button is all that is required.

The new markings are:

- **3 . . . Church/Washroom**
- **M . . .Lobby – Main Floor**
- **1 . . . Parish Office/Boardroom**
- **LL . . .Hall/Basement**
- There is a **HELP** button in the elevator, should you need immediate assistance.
- If the **HELP button** has been activated, please wait until the recorded message is completed. Then inform the operator of your emergency.
- If **HELP button** has been pressed accidentally, please remain in the elevator to inform operator that assistance is not required and the call will be cancelled. This is to prevent emergency services being dispatched.

This elevator is new and may require a few minor adjustments. Should you encounter any non-emergency problems, please inform the Parish Office during regular business hours: at 204 -233-7367 or office@holycrossparish.ca

*Updated—Formed

Have you checked out [FORMED](#)? Do you want to be of service to the parish? We are looking for volunteers to help promote [FORMED](#), and create events with the support of the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Financial Council, Fr. AniXavier, and Sister Charlotte. Are you interested? Please email ppc@holycrossparish.ca with your name and email address. We will contact you for a planning meeting.

***Formed has a weekly Lent Series called, "This Week on Formed" and the link will be published in the bulletin each week.**

To view "This Week on Formed, March 23, 2025", please click [here](#).



LENT

****L**** - Learn to love Jesus and others.

****E**** - Encounter Jesus through the poor and needy.

****N**** - New life through Jesus for everyone.

****T**** - Transform yourself to grow in holiness and serve others.

- Lent is a time of repentance.
- Lent is a time of grace.
- Lent is a time of mercy.
- Lent is a time of almsgiving.
- Lent is a time of prayer.
- Lent is a time of fasting.
- Lent is a time of forgiveness.
- Lent is a time of conversion. Ultimately, Lent is a time to return to the Lord.

Lent is a time to turn inward, examine ourselves, and give up our sins, egoism, and negativities to become a new creation through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ.

Lent is a time to return to the Lord and learn from Him.

Lent is a time to experience God's compassion.

Lent is a time to care for and have concern for others.

Lent is a time for good deeds motivated by true love, sacrifice, and service.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Anixavier, *Holy Cross Parochial Administrator*

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Parish Lenten Retreat – "Remain in Me" --

April 1 & 2 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm

This year's parish retreat is inspired by the method used in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Through guided meditation on the parables of the Good Shepherd and of the True Vine, we will explore the closeness of our relationship with the Father through Jesus, deepening our understanding and appreciation of the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The format will allow for small group discussions, split into age groups. So bring the whole family. Come and allow the treasures of scripture to touch your heart. Come and meet the catechists of our parish as together, we walk through the scriptures of the Good Shepherd and of the True Vine.

Bring your family, a friend, and a Bible.

Lenten Penitential Service

Holy Cross Parish will be holding a Lenten Penitential Service, where prayers and private confessions are offered.

Holy Cross Parish's celebration will take place on Tuesday, April 3 at 7:00pm.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday (Saturday, April 12)

4:00pm Palm Sunday Mass

Palm Sunday (April 13)

7:45am Palm Sunday Mass

10:00am Palm Sunday Mass

12:00pm Palm Sunday Mass

Wednesday (April 16)

7:00pm Tenebrae Service

Holy Thursday (April 17)

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:30pm- Adoration until Midnight

12:00am (in the Church)

Good Friday (April 18)

9:00am- Adoration continues in the Church

1:00pm

2:00pm Indoor Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday (April 19)

11:30am Blessing of the Easter Baskets

8:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday (April 20)

7:45am Easter Sunday Mass

10:00am Easter Sunday Mass

12:00pm Easter Sunday Mass

During Holy Week, there are no 7:45am Masses on Holy Thursday (April 17), Good Friday (April 18) and Holy Saturday (April 19).

March 2025 Papal Prayer Intentions

For families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



Stewardship

March 23, 2025 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" - LUKE 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

Mass Intentions March 22–30, 2025

Saturday, March 22: Third Sunday of Lent

4:00pm + George Ross by the Holy Cross CWL

Sunday, March 23: Third Sunday of Lent

7:45am + Claire Chenier by Betty Man

10:00am + Gladys and + Ted Abesamis by the Carandang family

12:00pm For the Intentions of All Parishioners

Monday, March 24

7:45am Frank Remic by Ivanka Remic

Tuesday, March 25: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

7:45am + Marianito and + Miguela Carandang by the Carandang family

Wednesday, March 26

7:45am + Florence Ziprick by Paul and Shelly Girardin

Thursday, March 27

7:45am Birthday Intentions for Brennan Murphy by Pam and Barry Murphy

Friday, March 28

7:45am Ava Ayache by Edward & Cecile Myslicki

Saturday, March 29

7:45am + Pierrette Manaigre by Maria Grazia Verrelli

Saturday, March 29: Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00pm For the Intentions of All Parishioners

Sunday, March 30: Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:45am + Nida and + Edna Carandang by the Carandang family

10:00am + Rudolph Poklar by Emil Poklar

12:00pm + Lilianne Delaye by the family



Happy Birthday!!!

Happy Birthday wishes, prayers and blessings to everyone celebrating their birthday in the month of March.

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Happy Wedding Anniversary!!!

Congratulations and blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary in the month of March.

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SAVE THE DATE! Diocesan Chrism Mass – April 15, 2025



Everyone is invited to join us in this year's celebration of the Archdiocesan Chrism Mass, presided by Archbishop Albert LeGatt, D.D., a celebration during

which the priests in our archdiocese renew their priestly promises, and the Holy Oils to be used in the sacraments throughout the upcoming year are blessed. **This Mass will take place in the St. Boniface Cathedral at 7:30pm on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.**



Young Couples Assembly presents "Parenting the Digital Generation" – April 3, 2025

Hello fellow Young Couples! Are you looking to gain more

knowledge or acquire tips on how to raise children in this digital generation? We are very excited to gain some wisdom and insights from an expert who has conducted multiple trainings globally and has also walked the talk herself! We are very excited to learn & come together as young couples helping each other!! This event is free of cost but registration is encouraged as limited seats are available. **April 3, from 7pm-10pm.** Register [here](#)! More details are in the poster – [click here](#). For any questions, please contact Andrew @ 204-979-3793.

CWL Corner

A **SINCERE THANK YOU** to our Holy Cross family, for your generous support of our campaign for toiletry items for the mothers & children of ChezRachel. The bountiful supply of product was accepted with much thanks & appreciation. Your caring for those in need continues to shine.

Norwood Knights of Columbus

We are a Catholic men's service organization, practicing Catholics 18 and over, who are here for the church and community's needs. We have life and disability insurance and investment opportunities. We are rated one of the best insurance providers. We have been with Holy Cross Parish over 65 years. Our church representative is Bryon Burvill 204-233-7904. We are in need of new members to help us reach our objectives.

Sunday Offerings March 9, 2025

Loose	\$467.15
Envelopes	\$2,703.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$922.00
TOTAL	\$4,092.15

Sunday Offerings March 16, 2025

Loose	\$415.50
Envelopes	\$1,610.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$922.00
TOTAL	\$2,947.50
3rd Sunday (Food Depot)	\$810.00

*Thank you for your generosity.
Please no foreign currency.*

*Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to do it. Proverbs 3: 27*

The Week Ahead March 23—29, 2025

	Sunday March 23	Monday March 24	Tuesday March 25	Wednesday March 26	Thursday March 27	Friday March 28	Saturday March 29
Morning	11:00am Fellowship	Parish Office Closed	10:20am Holy Cross School Grade Grouping Mass Gr. 6-8	9:00am Food Bank 9:30am Children's Atrium			
Afternoon	1:30pm Legion of Mary	3:30pm-5:00pm Bradbury's					
Evening		6:30pm-8:00pm Holy Cross School Communion Meditation Evenings	7:00pm Youth Leadership Meeting (Zoom)	5:00pm Children's Atrium	7:00pm Youth Group	7:00pm Stations of the Cross	7:00pm Tamil Mass