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Holy Cross

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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

Sister Charlotte Leake, S.N.J.M.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025

1st Reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12

Responsorial Psalm 34: "Taste
and see that the Lord is good."

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21

Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

Parish Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent • March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of LENT

This Sunday's Gospel is an amazing parable from Jesus about mercy, reconciliation and return to the love of the Father in the Son. The prodigal son is our story because we are all part of it. We can be the younger son, the elder son and/or the father. In addition, this story reflects something amazing about Christianity. No matter our past, our sins and what we have done, Christ frees us from it all, provided we sincerely repent. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the best way for this to happen.

The younger son- He is selfish, wants to live the party life by wasting the inheritance that he asked for and went to a distant country to become independent, self seeking. He acts like many in our society who do the same as the younger son and only after lots of trials, suffering, hunger and thirst, may come back to the family. He had to admit that he failed and returned to the loyal and loving father.

The Elder Son- He is selfish, prideful and angry. When his brother returns home, he is enraged that his father is celebrating with a party for his brother, given all that he has done to his father by the way he lived. He is confused, frustrated for all that he has done for his father. He shows no mercy to his younger brother and feels entitled because he does 'his duty' and refused to accept that one who sins can receive great mercy. We are like this son as well, not rejoicing in conversion but feeling that we are 'better' or holier than others because we didn't live like the younger brother.

The father- He is the one who lovingly forgives the younger son and desires that the older son accepts his mercy for his brother. He is as God the Father, reaching out to both sons, letting them know that God's mercy is greater than ANYTHING we have done, and he can celebrate our return. For those who have come back to Christ and His Church, we rejoice. For those who have not returned or know Christ and His Church, we eagerly reach out to them so that we can welcome them with open arms as the father did. We can only achieve this through a life of prayer and holiness.

Who are you in the story?

Christophe Maguet, *Holy Cross Parish Pastoral Council Member & Parishioner*

Lenten Penitential Services

Holy Cross Parish and other Parishes in our area will be holding a Lenten Penitential Service, where prayers and private confessions are offered.

Friday	Mar. 28	St. Timothy	7:45pm
Thursday	Apr. 3	Holy Cross	7:00pm
Sunday	Apr. 6	Holy Family	2:00pm
Sunday	Apr. 6	St. Andrew Bobola	6:00pm
Tuesday	Apr. 8	St. Bernadette	7:00pm
Thursday	Apr. 10	St. Emile	7:00pm
Thursday	Apr. 10	St. Norbert	7:00pm
Friday	Apr. 11	Mary, Mother of the Church (during the Illuminate celebration)	7:00pm



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.

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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.**



Holy Week "Tenebrae" Service – Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00pm

Tenebrae (meaning 'darkness' or 'shadows') is a religious service that occurs during Holy Week, where believers gather to reflect on the events of Jesus's death. It involves extinguishing candles one by one as the scripture passages lead us through Christ's passion. This service has deep spiritual and biblical meaning. The candles, darkness and strepitus (Latin referring to a loud noise or crashing sound) urges believers to meditate on Christ's sacrificial death and invites us to reflect on what Christ did that "Good Friday".

Please join us through a visual representation of darkness and the auditory experience of strepitus while being immersed in rich scriptural meaning. Running time under one hour.

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Sign-Up Sheets Now Available

As Holy Week is quickly approaching many extra volunteers are needed for communion ministry, ushering, altar serving and greeting. Please sign up at the table at the back of the church. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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

Holy Week

Throughout the Holy Season and Holy Week please remember to **bring your missal** to enhance your participation in answering out loud, in some parts of the Passion of Our Lord, as you are the crowd. You are also reminded on Good Friday to bring a flower and/or a sealed prayer card with your disappointments, regrets, frustrations, sinfulness, negligence's, etc. to place at the foot of the cross during the Veneration of the Holy Cross. It will be burned in the fire on the Vigil of Holy Saturday. On Good Friday the parish will provide stones at the entrance of the church for those who desire to give to Jesus everything that is in their heart (sorrows, the loss of a loved one, the loss of faith, depression and so on) symbolized by throwing a stone of surrendering everything to His Holy Will at the foot of the Cross. In some countries after the body of a deceased is laid in the ground people throw little stones or dirt in the grave to give their last homage before it is closed and sealed. In other words, we can picture Jesus saying “...it is finished”. On Good Friday there will be a collection for the Holy Land. For Easter Vigil (Thursday) and Easter Sunday please bring your bells to ring.

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.

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 (in the
12:00am Church)

Good Friday (April 18)

9:00am-1:00pm Adoration continues in the Church

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).

Stewardship

March 30, 2025 - 4th Sunday of Lent



"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." - JOSHUA 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

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.

Mass Intentions March 29–April 6, 2025

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

Monday, March 31

7:45am + Peter and + Sophie Panchuk by the Savard
family

Tuesday, April 1

7:45am Janelle Lafrance by the Lafrance family

Wednesday, April 2

7:45am Bernadette Myslicki by Edward & Cecile
Myslicki

Thursday, April 3

7:45am For the Conversion of Family to the Sacred
Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of
Mary by S. Kennedy

Friday, April 4

7:45am Monica & Clemence by John & Susanne
Scatliff

Saturday, April 5

7:45am + Deceased Members of the Rigato, Verrelli,
Lunghi, Gobbi, Sutterer, Callahan & Reznik
families by the Verrelli family

Saturday, April 5: Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:00pm Aaron Duplak by the Savard family

Sunday, April 6: Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:45am For the Intentions of All Parishioners

10:00am Edward Myslicki by the Holy Cross CWL

12:00pm Cathie Vail & family by the Holy Cross CWL

Ongoing Training Session for Sponsor Couples, Marriage Preparation Leaders and Clergy with Keynote Presenter

**Julia Dezelski, Consultant to the Dicastery for Laity,
Family and Life at the Vatican - April 12, 2025**

Time: 9:15am – 3:00pm (Doors open at 8:45am)

**Please note, if you are unable to attend the full day, you may join us for the morning session which will end at 12:30pm.*

Food & Beverages: Coffee, refreshments, snacks, and lunch provided

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Register here BY APRIL 1st AT THE LATEST:
<https://bit.ly/ONGOINGTRAINING2025>

Friends of the Holy Eucharist

Dear Parishioners,

You are invited to experience the power of the Eucharistic Lord with the *Friends of the Holy Eucharist*.

Place: Holy Cross Church, 252 Dubuc Street

Date: **April 7, 2025**

Time: 6:30pm Spiritual presentation or witness.

7:00pm Holy Mass and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary for Priests and Vocations.



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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Sunday Offerings March 23, 2025

Loose	\$330.00
Envelopes	\$1,620.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$922.00
TOTAL	\$2,872.00

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

Did you know ? . . . The current PPC needs several more members. Over the last few weeks the current PPC members have been informing the community about the PPC. Please pray for new members to come forward with their gifts and talents. If you feel that you are being called to serve the parish as a PPC member, please let us know. Or if you know someone who meets the criteria, call them forth to submit their name. You can speak with Fr. AniXavier or PPC Chair, Diane L'Arrivee or Coordinator of Parish Life, Sister Charlotte.

Criteria:

- A practicing Catholic who is registered in Holy Cross Parish.
- Already concretely engaged in the pastoral life of the parish.
- Works well with others.
- Has good communication skills.
- Understands the purpose of a PPC and its function.
- Is committed to the mission of the whole parish, not just a particular group or interest.
- Reflects the diversity of the parish such as age, gender, ethnicity.

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 30, 2025", please click [here](#).**

The Week Ahead March 30—April 5, 2025

	Sunday March 30	Monday March 31	Tuesday April 1	Wednesday April 2	Thursday April 3	Friday April 4	Saturday April 5
Morning	11:00am Fellowship	Parish Office Closed		9:00am Food Bank		7:45am Mass followed by First Friday Devotions	7:45am Mass followed by First Saturday Devotions 9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium 9:30am-11:30am Sacramental Preparation
Afternoon	1:30pm Legion of Mary	3:30pm-5:00pm Bradbury's					12:00pm-2:00pm Confirmation Preparation 1:30pm-3:30pm RCIA-Teen
Evening			7:00pm Lenten Retreat	7:00pm Lenten Retreat	7:00pm Lenten Penitential Service	7:00pm Stations of the Cross	