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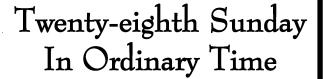
HOLY CROSS PARISH

Of the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau



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I prayed,
and prudence was given to me.
I pleaded,
and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
preferred her to scepter and throne
and deemed riches as nothing
compared with her.



October 10, 2021

Fill us with your love,
O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

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Holy Mass

Mon- Fri, 9 am Sat, 5 pm Sun, 8:30 am & 11 am



Mass is livestreamed on Facebook weekdays, Sat 5 pm, & Sun 11 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat 3-4 pm or by appointment.

Mission Statement

There are different ministries, but the same Lord. You then are the Body of Christ.

Everyone of you is a member of it.

1 Corinthians 12:5 & 27

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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Oct 11

9 am- Mass

Tue Oct 12

9 am- Mass

6:30-8 pm High School Youth Night

Wed Oct 13

9 am- Mass

6:30-8 pm Junior High School Youth Night

Thu Oct 14

9 am- Mass

Fri Oct 15

Parish Office Closed

9 am- Mass

Sat Oct 16

1 pm- Legion of Mary- Conference Room

3-4 pm - Confessions

5 pm- Mass

6-6:15 pm-Dist. of Holy Communion

Sun Oct 17

8:30 am- Mass

9:45 Faith Formation

11 am- Mass

12-12:15 pm- Dist. of Holy Communion

The wisdom of the LORD is more precious than gold



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Readings for Oct 17, 2021 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11

If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life.

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Hebrews 4:14-16

Let us confidently approach the throne of grace.

Mark 10:35-45

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

Reflection

In our own lives of faith, the word of God calls us to constant conversion. Holding up the Scriptures as a mirror, we find where we are in need of repentance and transformation. Despite this, we need not despair, for though it is impossible for human beings to enter the kingdom of God on their own, "[a]II things are possible for God."

All for the Sake of Love

Jesus invites the rich man to step across a threshold, to leave behind the spirituality of his youth, and to take on another spirituality that abandons all for the sake of love. In youth, clear guidelines with specific boundaries and actions for moral living are needed. But as we move into maturity, it is the gaze of love that Jesus casts on each of us that enables us to abandon everything else. This love cannot be earned with actions but is sheer gift of the good God, who embodies the "one thing" that surpasses all else. The only condition for attaining the one thing is this: a person must be willing to let go of everything else.

Abandoning all for the pursuit of the one love is not an easy thing to do. In the gospel, the young man's many possessions seem an insurmountable obstacle. For a rich person to enter the realm of God is like a heavily laden camel struggling to wriggle through a tiny opening with all its cargo intact. To hold on to the power, control, and security that abundant possessions bring is antithetical to the vulnerability, receptivity, and risk that abandoning oneself to the one love requires. It is not impossible for people with riches to do so, but it is exceedingly difficult. As other gospel passages illustrate, it is not having riches that poses an obstacle; rather, it is what one does with one's possessions that is determinative. Jesus' assurance that "for human beings it is impossible, but not for God" has an echo of Gabriel's words to Mary at the annunciation (Luke 1:37). Total self-surrender to the Divine is the one thing that brings abundance of life to all.

Sr. Barbara Reid, Abiding Word

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On the way home from Mass...

Which commandment is the easiest to follow? The hardest to follow?





Currently we are in week 20 of the campaign. Thank you to all who have given!

Dear Friends of Catholic Social Services, We invite you to share, volunteer, donate, apply for a job and/or attend our events!

In-Kind Donation Needs (drop off at Clare House, 10a-6p)

- Blankets (NEW or USED)
- Winter and warm gear
- Dish soap
- Body wash

Newly Housed Clients:

(drop off at Main Office: 3710 E 20th Ave, Mon – Fri 9a – 4p):

- Cleaning supplies and Laundry detergent
- Shampoo

Afghan Relief and How You Can Help:

Our hearts are with all those who are affected by the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan – both the people fleeing their homes and our military personnel. The Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services (RAIS) program will be welcoming 50-100 Afghan evacuees to Alaska. These evacuees will be arriving in Alaska from September to March, fleeing their homeland.

Visit <u>www.cssalaska.org/afghanrelief</u> for all the details and ways to help.

Job Opportunity: The Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau is looking for an Editor for the North Star Catholic newspaper. Visit www.aoaj.org for more details. All applicants should submit resumes to Seth Bakic at sbakic@caa-ak.org. The position is open until filled.

Did you know?!

Each altar has a relic. Holy Cross six relics in our altar. Today we will highlight St. Pius X, which is one of the relics placed in our altar by Archbishop Schwietz.

Pope Pius live from June 1835 – 20 August 1914. He led the church from as the 258th Pope from 1903 to 1914. He was Italian and had 9 other brothers and sisters. As Pope he encouraged people to receive communion regularly, and he lowered the age for First Communion, which became a lasting innovation of his papacy.

Miracles of Pope Pius X:

He held a paralyzed child who wriggled free from his arms and then ran around the room.

On another occasion, a couple with a two-year-old child with meningitis wrote to the pope and Pius X then wrote back to them to hope and pray. Two days later, the child was cured.

Cardinal Ernesto Ruffini had visited the pope after he had been diagnosed with tuberculosis, and the pope had told him to go back to the seminary and that he would be fine.

St. Pope Pius X pray for us!





Other relics in the altar at Holy Cross include:

St. Clement
St. Procopius
St. Maria Goretti
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Relic of the True Cross

Ministry Schedule for next week (Oct 16/17)						
Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM of Communion	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Anna Schulten (musicians & choir walk- ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Ted Walker	Julia Morrison-Lugo	Jessie Maglaqi Joy Maglaqui Jacqueline Pantaleon
Sun 8:30 am	Lead instrumentalist needed. To volunteer, call Sheila: 250-6234	N/A	N/A	Eilisa Maes	Isty Hlasny	Angie Garroutte Vince Garroutte
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (musicians & choir walk- ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Anne Gore	Anne Gore	Mary Anne Green Gigi Gueco Justice Maiava Julie Thomas

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Altar Servers - Jess Manaois: 230-9418

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Clare House - Leslie Holland: 770-0847

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Hospitality - Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133

Knights of Columbus - James Hogins: 229-3163

Lawn and Garden - Kirsten Hoppe: 248-1653

Legion of Mary - Mercy Acheson: 223-4822

Library- Debi Wickler: 952-1879

Music Ministry - Sheila Soukup: 250-6234

Prayer Chain - Joan Gillis: 346-3147

Readers - Jason Hlasny: 242-6655

RCIA - Sandon Broek: 947-9168

Sacristan - Matthew Williams: 562-0188

Snow Plowing - Vince Garroutte: 522-3647

Vocations - Sister Joan Oberle: 349-8388



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TITHING UPDATE How did we do last week in meeting our offertory goal? Weekly Offertory Goal: \$ Weekly Tithing Period: 9/27-10/03/2021 **Income Sources** Weekly Collections: \$ 3,036 Holy Day/Holiday Collections: \$ Online Giving: \$ 2.759 Total: \$ 5,795 Over /(Under) Goal: \$ (782)Actual vs. Goal (%): 88.1% How well did Holy Cross do in meeting the annual income goals for FY 21 (Basket/Online/Rebates from OBOB Appeal)? Year To Date (YTD) Period: 7/1/2020 to 06/30/2021 FY21 YTD Complete (%): 100.0% 349,000 Annual Budget Total Income FY 2021: \$ 357,796 Actual Total Income: \$ 349,000 Budget Total Income: \$ Over /(Under) Budget: \$ 8,796 102.5% Actual vs. Budget (%): Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY21 Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail): \$ 45.9% 164,391 Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail): \$ 10,128 2.8% Online Giving: \$ 161,437 45.1% 21,840 6.1% 2020 One Bread One Body Rebate(s): \$ 357,796 100.0%

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