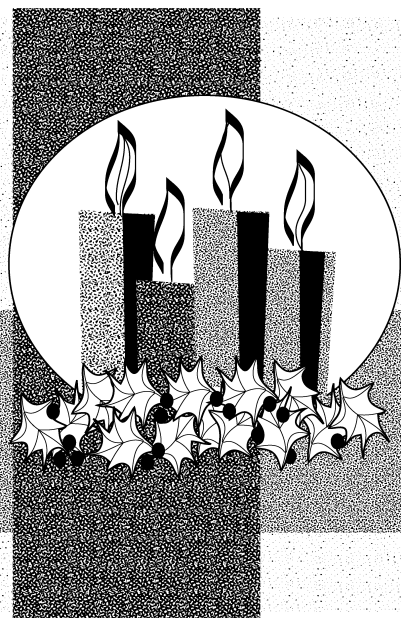
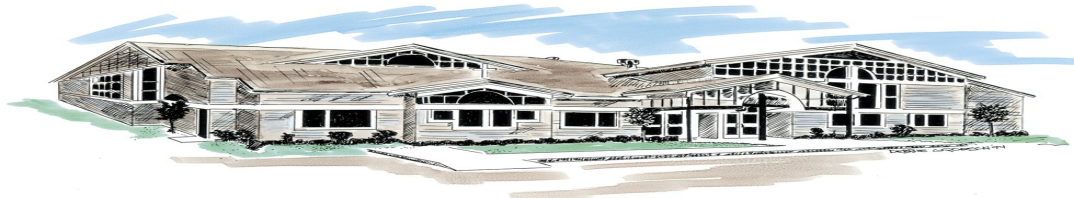


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First Sunday of Advent

nations,
hear the
message
of the Lord,
and
make it
known to the
ends of
the earth.

our savior
is coming.
have no
more fear!

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The First Sunday of the Season of Advent

November 28, 2021

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul!

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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 Nov 29

9 am- Mass

Tue Nov 30

9 am- Mass

6:30 pm- JH & HS Youth Night

Wed Dec 1

9 am- Mass

5:30 pm- RCIA

Thu Dec 2

9 am- Mass

Fri Dec 3

Parish Office Closed

9 am- Mass

Sat Dec 4

1 pm- Legion of Mary

3- 4 pm - Confessions

5 pm- Mass

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

Sun Dec 5

8:30 am- Mass

11 am- Mass Offered for the People of the Parish

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

SAVE

THE DATE!

*Our parish's first
Synod meeting*

January 23, 2022

*Immediately following
11am Mass*



Readings for Dec 5, 2021 Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, God will show your splendor.

Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Show yourselves pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

Luke 3:1-6

All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Reflection

In the second reading Paul equates strength to love, offering love as the key to “strengthen your heart” in order to please God. Do you view love as a source of strength in your own life?

A Reckless Advent Prayer

Once, in the midst of a raging storm, I stood on a promontory overlooking the strait through which Lake Huron pours into Georgian Bay. The water below me heaved like a living thing—a gray, writhing serpent, hissing and spitting foam. The rain poured down, the wind ripped my voice away. I was stunned at the power that swirled around me, that in an instant could have swept me away. Terrified, I bolted back to safety.

Today’s Gospel, with its description of roaring seas and shifting stars, makes me wonder if I have courage enough to pray for the Kingdom to come. Morning and night the words rise blithely enough to my lips—“thy Kingdom come”—but am I willing to face the terrifying signs in the heavens and howling waves that will herald its coming?

Yet here I stand at the edge of Advent, praying for the resolve to run forth into the wind and raging waves. Praying for the grace to seek out Christ not as a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, but as the Son of Man, coming cloaked in power and glory in the midst of chaos and confusion. It is a reckless prayer, one that insists I lift my eyes from my own cares and anxieties. It is a prayer that demands I wade into the roiling seas of the present day, to stand as a beacon of justice for those battered by oppression, to reach out with mercy to those struggling to keep their heads above troubled waters. It’s a call not to safety, but to shake the world until that day when God’s Kingdom comes in glory.

Michelle Francl-Donnay

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On the way home from Mass...

Jesus reminds us to stay alert and be watchful. How can each of us be helpful reminders and good examples to do what is right and good?



Confirmandi Service Projects

1. Gift Card Drive (cards due next weekend!)

Thank you for supporting families in the Anchorage School District. All **gift card donations** (Carrs, Fred Meyers, Walmart, Target, Red Apple, Costco, Fast Food) are due Dec. 5. See the table in the foyer for envelopes and more information!

2. Giving Tree (now through Dec. 19)

The annual Giving Tree is sponsored by three Confirmation students (Emilia, Maddie, and Cove). This year's items include basic hygiene and household items for shelters throughout Anchorage. Please take a few ornaments and bring your donation (*unwrapped!*) to the parish by Dec. 19.

Faith Formation

TODAY: NO CLASS (Happy Thanksgiving!)

Dec. 5: K-5 in classrooms, 6+ and parents in Family Session

Poinsettia Season!

Art & Environment members will sell \$10 coupons for Bell's Nursery poinsettia plants. These poinsettias are beautiful and reasonable. Visit either Bell's store to choose your plants. Profits fund flowers for our sanctuary for Christmas. Coupons are on sale after all Masses or call Marilyn Kerr at 441-3082.

New Event: Men's Social Night

Shake off those COVID blues and join us Dec 1 from 7-9pm for a men's social gathering. Includes free pizza and drinks and is open to all men of all ages. Bring and share your expertise on your favorite hobby, or come and learn (Roger Holland is bringing his drone and snow machines). For more info, contact Roger at 351-8277 or Matt Williams at 562-0188.

Advent Community Nights

Hosted by Youth Ministry, Open to All

Each of these 3 Advent events includes an optional 5:30pm dinner (please RSVP for food count by noon that day via a call or text to 306-9363). Events (6-7pm) include:

- Nov. 30: Jesse Tree Ornament Exchange (no prep needed)
- Dec. 7: Parish Reconciliation Service (& Adoration)
- Dec. 14: Outreach service project



ADVENT '21

Community Night

Nov. 30 & Dec. 14
5:30-7:00pm
Open to all! RSVP
for meal: 306-9363

Immaculate Conception Holy Day

Mass Times:
Dec. 8
9:00am & 7:00pm

Parish Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 19
9:30am - 10:45am
All families welcome!

Reconciliation Services

Dec. 5, 9:45-10:45am
Dec. 7, 6-7pm
Dec. 12, 9:45-10:45am
Most Saturdays, 3-4pm

Christmas Mass Times:

Dec. 24
5:00pm & midnight
Dec. 25
8:30am & 11:00am



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Ministry Schedule for next week (Dec 4/5)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM of Communion	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Anna Schulten (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Deb Seidl	Matt Williams	Jessie Maglaqui Joy Maglaqui Olivia Maglaqui
Sun 8:30 am	Lead instrumentalist needed. To volunteer, call Sheila: 250-6234	N/A	N/A	Maureen Retzel	Mike Likar	Angie Garrouette Vince Garrouette
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Mary Anne Green	Mercy Acheson	Justice Maiava Anne Gore Julie Thomas

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers** - Jess Manaos: 230-9418
- Art & Environment** - Marilyn Kerr: 346-1624
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- Church Maintenance** - Mike Likar: 529-9015
- Eucharistic Ministers** - John Hoppe: 350-7580
- Finance** - Greg Magee: 575-3197
- Habitat for Humanity** - John & Anita Roberts: 344-7144
- 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 Garrouette: 522-3647
- Vocations** - Sister Joan Oberle: 349-8388



Online Giving

To sign up for consistent online giving please visit holycrossalaska.net/give

TITHING UPDATE

How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	6,577
Weekly Tithing Period:		11/15-21/2021
Income Sources		
Weekly Collections:	\$	1,303
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-
Online Giving:	\$	2,603
Total:	\$	3,906
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	(2,671)
Actual vs. Goal (%):		59.4%

Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison: Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY22 YTD Period

FY22 YTD Period:	7/1/2021 to 09/30/2021	
FY22 YTD Complete (%):		25.0%
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2022:	\$	342,000
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	86,210
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	85,500
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	710
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		25.2%

Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY22 YTD Period

FY22 YTD Period:	7/1/2021 to 09/30/2021		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	46,831	54.3%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	100	0.1%
Online Giving:	\$	39,279	45.6%
2021 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$	-	0.0%
Total:	\$	86,210	100.0%

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