



MASS SCHEDULE

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday Vigil | 5:30 PM

Sunday | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM | 6:30 PM

Monday | 5:30 PM

Tuesday | 5:30 PM

Wednesday | 8:00 AM (CCES) | 5:30 PM

Thursday | No Mass

Friday | 9:00 AM (CCHS)

Confession offered prior to each Mass

ADORATION

Tuesday | 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM

ST. ROSALIE CHAPEL (Stephensville)

Saturday Vigil | 4:00 PM



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

READING I **EXODUS 17:3-7**

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? A little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9**

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. **R.**

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. **R.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works." **R.**

READING II **ROMANS 5:1-2, 5-8**

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL **JOHN 4:5-42**

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"

For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink, 'you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'" The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you." At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



LENT ANTIPHONS

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.

Offertory Antiphon: I will praise you, O Lord, with my whole heart; deal bountifully with your servant. I will live, and I will keep your words. Revive me according to your word, O Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die forever, says the Lord.

Sacristan Workshop

Any parishioners wishing to be trained as a sacristan should attend the workshop to be held on **Tuesday, March 24** following 5:30 PM Mass in the church.

Feast of St. Joseph

The Feast of St. Joseph is celebrated March 19. Holy Cross will celebrate a Vigil Mass in honor of St. Joseph on **Wednesday, March 18** at 5:30 PM. There are no masses on Thursdays.

Palms Needed for Palm Sunday

We will begin collecting palms on **Saturday, March 28**. Please have them washed and ready. Place them on the tables in front of church.

Annual Bishop Appeal

Father Brice is truly grateful for the response from Holy Cross Parish for the 2020 Bishop's Appeal. Thus far, Holy Cross has reached 22.07% of its goal. Each gift directly supports our 13 seminarians, caring for our 17 retired priests, youth formation and religious education, and Catholic education. There's still time to give your gift in the collection, mail, or online at www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal For more information, contact the Appeal office 985-850-3122 or email aportier@htdiocese.org



Weekday Masses During Lent
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 5:30 PM

Stations of the Cross
Fridays 6:00 PM

Men's Coffee and Rosary
Fridays 6:45 AM Life Center

The Light is On for You: Confession
Wednesday, April 1 6-8 PM

Sedar Meal
Wednesday, April 8 6 PM

Holy Thursday, April 8
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 PM
Adoration and Confession 8:30-11 PM

Good Friday, April 10
Confession 1-2:30 PM
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3 PM
Confession following Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 11
Sacred Paschal Vigil 8 PM

Easter Sunday, April 12
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM
No 6:30 PM Mass
St. Rosalie 9:30 AM Mass

All parishioners 18-60 years of age are required to fast and abstain from meat on Good Friday unless prevented by ill health, pregnancy, or nursing. **All Fridays** during Lent are days of Abstinence.



Easter Egg Hunt
March 22, 2020
following
10:30 AM Mass

Easter Memorials

To make a donation for Easter flowers and decorations in memory of a deceased loved one, please use the envelopes found in pews. Place the envelope in the Offertory Collection or send to the parish office by **April 2**.



Operation Lent

This year, Holy Cross Parish will again adopt St. Mary Outreach. They support a food pantry, clothing closet, provide hygiene, cleaning supplies, household items such as kitchen and bathroom linens and much more. Patrons must meet certain guidelines to qualify for service.

Please place items in the baskets at church entrances:

First Week of Lent - March 1: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste

Second Week of Lent - March 8: Shampoos, Conditioners, Deodorants, Lotions

Third Week of Lent - March 15: Underwear and socks for men, women and children

Fourth Week of Lent - March 22: Soups and Canned Meats

Fifth Week of Lent - March 29: Children's pajamas

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Hours | Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Performed 3rd Sunday of each month.

Matrimony: Couple must register and make arrangements at least 6 months prior to marriage. Please check website and call office for all sacraments.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Patience LaFleur Bryant, Michael S. LaFleur, Rowena LaFleur, Harold Smith, George Williams Family, M/M Curtis Verret, Jason Hotard, Zack Turner, Sherry Williams, Joe Young, Lee J. Guarisco, Virgie Watkins, Josephine Guarisco, Mr. & Mrs. E.J. Lemoine Family living and deceased, Sarah Castalano, Beatrice Castalano
 St. Rosalie: Brandon Terry, Howard Thibodaux, Rosemary Cutrera, Nolan J. Rhodes

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Holy Cross Parish, Mike, Jonathan, Rudy & John Percle, Alfred/Percle Families & Judy Aucoin, Donald & Leona Smith, Smith & Wilma Alpha, Hal Thomas, Max Griffin, Gracie Andrews, Murray & Margie St. Romain, Rodney St. Romain, Pat St. Romain, Blume Roy & Thelma Roy Brassette, David Family, Marie & Paul Vella, Sr., Willie & Julie Bradberry, Justin Trimm, Jude Hebert, Ronnie Trimm, Dorothy Stansbury, A. J. & Hilda Mayon, Joe & Shirley Baker, George & Maizie Chaisson, Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Vernice Verrett, Helen & Maurice Blanco, Logan Sr. , Irene & Gwen Fromenthal, Norbert & Elise Templet

MONDAY, MARCH 16

David Robicheaux, Dr. Karen Ordogne, Joel Rivera Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, David Robicheaux, Governale & Resignola Families, Ron Blereau, Jules Adams, Esther & Lloyd Duhe

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Dr. Karen Ordogne, Jude Hebert, Lee J. Guarisco

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Shonet Vedros, Nelda Comeaux, Antoinette Spinella, Bernie Hunter, Jerry Acosta, Jr., Aline Bertrand, Lois & Lester Fryou, Dot Myers, Calvin Blanco, Irma Blanco, Betty Boudreaux, Wayne Vidos, Todd Watson, Jr., Orelia Degraffenaried, Delannie Howard, Ruby Beadle, Leslie LaBatut, Diana Greenwood, Roger Liner, Ray LaHoste, Ethan Marcel, Richey Garrett, Lonnie Stratton, Steve Johnson, Jay Morell

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN EFFECT

- If you are sick or are experiencing symptoms of sickness, you are not obligated to attend Mass and encouraged not to do so.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood via the chalice during Holy Communion is suspended until further notice.
- The exchange of physical contact during the sign of peace is also suspended; instead, verbally say "peace be with you."
- During the Our Father, Catholics should refrain from holding hands or extending hands. Proper posture is praying hands.
- It is also encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand.

Find more information at hdiocese.org/coronavirus.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Note: No cup ministers needed until further notice.

THIS WEEKEND: March 14-15

SATURDAY 5:30 PM

Commentator: Tim Gilmore | **Reader:** Marie Minton

Extraordinary Minister: Jerry Bostic, Denise Bostic, Tim Hebert, Joan Hebert, Rosie Brown, Greg Brown, Andrea Leonards | **Altar Servers 7**

SUNDAY 8:00 AM

Commentator: Pam Pourciau | **Reader:** Anthony Saleme

Extraordinary Minister: Bob Opperman, Nathan Rhodes, Mike Pourciau, Pam Pourciau, Steve Bergeron, Lois Bergeron, Dee Hymel |

Altar Servers 8

Sunday 10:30 AM

Commentator: Lori Jo Case | **Reader:** Melina Michel

Extraordinary Minister: Stacey Landry, Alanna Sloane, Joey Sloane, Mary Shannon, Paul Vella, Nathan Rhodes, Melina Michel | **Altar Servers 5**

Sunday 6:30 PM

Commentator: Callais Girls | **Reader:** Catherine Nini

Extraordinary Ministers: Dwayne Barbier, Maria Barbier, Matthew Barbier, Billy Hidalgo, Mary Alice Fuhrer, Mark Nini, Catherine Nini |

Altar Servers 6

Refreshments: Edie Hover | **Collections Counters 2**

Children's Church: Dru Hebert

Church Cleaning: March 8th-March 14th-Audrey

March 15th-March 21st-Paul

NEXT WEEKEND: MARCH 21-22

SATURDAY 5:30 PM

Commentator: Grace Guarisco | **Reader:** Rosemarie Vining

Extraordinary Minister: Lynn Beaudean, Grace Guarisco, Rosie Brown, Greg Brown, Bill Darce, Rosemarie Vining, Audrey Falcon | **Altar Servers 1**

SUNDAY 8:00 AM

Commentator: Charlie Ann Fuhrer | **Reader:** Joellen Fuhrer

Extraordinary Minister: Alicia Robicheaux, Nathan Rhodes, Dan Smith, Denise Smith, Lea Hebert, Sandra Guarisco, Charles Guarisco |

Altar Servers 4

Sunday 10:30 AM

Commentator: Allie Devillier | **Reader:** Claire Guarisco

Extraordinary Minister: Greig Chauvin, Andre Chauvin, Kimberly Besse, Claire Guarisco, Sherrel Allemond, Nathan Rhodes, Paul Vella |

Altar Servers 3

Sunday 6:30 PM

Commentator: William Bourgeois | **Reader:** Camille Izaguirre

Extraordinary Ministers: Maggie Bagwell, William Bourgeois, John Dubois, Tessie Dubois, Dwayne Barbier, Maria Barbier, Matthew Barbier |

Altar Servers 2

Refreshments: Kevin Voisin | **Collections Counters 3**

Children's Church: Lori Jo Case

Church Cleaning: March 15th-March 21st-Paul

March 22nd-March 28th-Nathan

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 7th & 8th

HOLY CROSS

Envelopes \$6,361.00

Loose 1,501.00

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Total \$8,460.00

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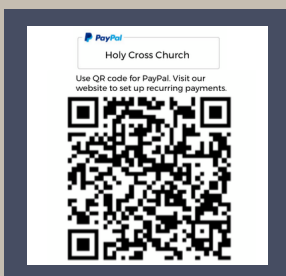
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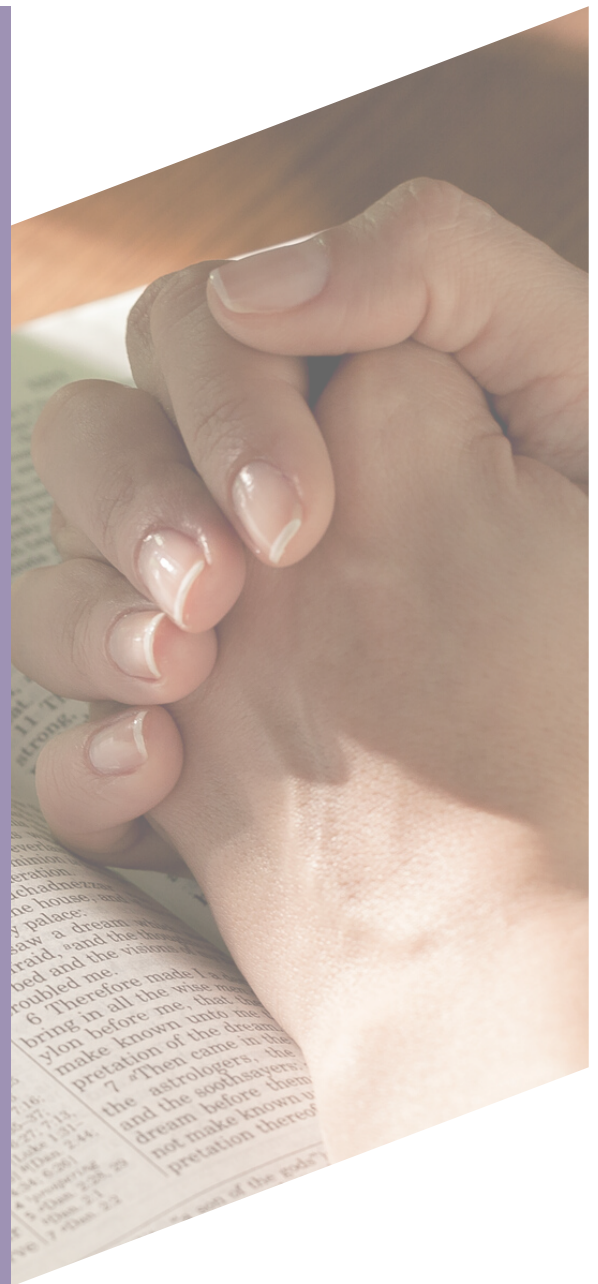


CHURCH BUILDING: MYSTICAL PART I

We've now taken a look at the physical aspects of the church which help us to sanctify ourselves and glorify the Lord. But just as we are both body and soul, so too the Church is both her physical attributes and her spiritual worship. Studying the prayers of the Church and praying them with the same fervor gives us a glimpse into heaven as well. As the words of the Bride call with longing to the Bridegroom, the prayer of the priest and of the priestly people calls to God; and God answers in his descent into the liturgical action. There is no uncertainty in this: God has promised that he will always be present to us through the liturgical action, whether we are conscious of it or not.

“PRAYING ACTUALIZES AND DEEPENS OUR COMMUNION WITH GOD. OUR PRAYER CAN AND SHOULD ARISE ABOVE ALL FROM OUR HEART, FROM OUR NEEDS, OUR HOPES, OUR JOYS, OUR SUFFERINGS, FROM OUR SHAME OVER SIN, AND FROM OUR GRATITUDE FROM THE GOOD. IT CAN AND SHOULD BE A WHOLLY PERSONAL PRAYER.”

- POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI -



REFLECTION:

- Do I enter fully into the prayer of the liturgy whenever possible?
- Do I pay attention to particular phrases and meditate on them?
- Can I learn to focus this Lent on this mystical nature of the Church which brings me into communion with Christ?



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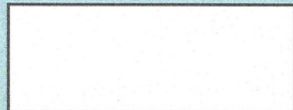
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