



APRIL 21, 2024, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY CROSS PARISH

OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN MT. AIRY

We are **Courageous** in empowering change, **Compassionate** in valuing people, and **Catholic** in the way we seek to go in love as Jesus does.
Come as you are. All are welcome.

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Tues - Fri 8AM

Weekly: Sat 5PM;
Sun 9AM, 11AM & 6PM

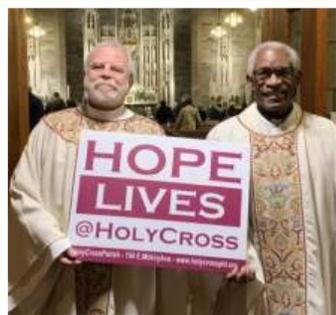
LIVE-STREAM MASS at 9AM
www.holycrossphl.org

Holy Days of Obligation:
8AM and 7PM

**YOUR GENEROSITY
IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!**



**SCAN to
MAKE YOUR
GIFT TODAY**



Fr. Bill Grogan, Pastor
Fr. Rayford Emmons, Parochial Vicar

CLIMATE BLESSING



WE HOLD THE EARTH

We hold brothers and sisters who suffer from storms and droughts intensified by climate change.

We hold all species that suffer.

We hold world leaders delegated to make decisions for life.

We pray that the web of life may be mended through courageous actions to limit carbon emissions.

We pray for right actions for adaptation and mitigation to help our already suffering earth community.

We pray that love and wisdom might inspire my actions and our actions as communities. . .

so that we may, with integrity, look into the eyes of brothers and sisters and all beings and truthfully say, we are doing our part to care for them and the future of the children.

May love transform us and our world with new steps toward life.



Faith Climate Action Week
Brought to you by Interfaith Power & Light

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU JOINED US!

Friends & Family, Visitors & Guests,
STAY CONNECTED. Text 'HolyCrossParish5' to 84576

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154 East Mount Airy Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19119 ~ tel. (215) 438-2921

PARISH INFORMATION

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS PARISH IN MT AIRY!

We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a home parish, we invite you to become part of our parish family and to become fully involved in our life of prayer, education, service and community.

For more information, visit www.holycrossphl.org

Registration: We invite all parishioners to register with the Parish. Registration helps us to serve you when issuing letters in connection with sponsorship of Baptism, Confirmation, or Matrimony and also for letters of reference. Kindly notify the parish office if your address changes or if you are registering for the first time. Parish Registration Forms can be found online at www.holycrossphl.org.

Pastoral Care: Please call the parish office to request Communion be brought to you or a loved one who is ill or homebound. Communion can also be brought to a hospital or rehab upon request.

Anointing of the Sick: In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the parish office so we can have a priest visit. For hospital cases, please contact the hospital Chaplain. You may also notify the parish office so we can have a priest visit.

Marriage: Couples considering matrimony in the parish must contact the parish office to meet with a priest or deacon to begin the marriage preparation process. Please allow at least 6 months prior to the wedding date to begin the preparation process.

Baptism: The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated upon request; however, parents of the minor may be required to attend a Baptism Catechesis class. Contact the parish office for more details. Adults seeking Baptism, please refer to RCIA program for details.

Other Sacraments and Faith Formation: If you are looking to prepare for First Holy Communion or Confirmation, or interested in learning more about your Catholic faith and life application of the Gospel (Faith Formation), please contact the parish office for classes and activities offered.

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE & RECTORY

154 East Mt. Airy Avenue
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Website: www.holycrossphl.org

Office Hours: Open Mon – Fri from 9AM to 4PM

Faith Formation Office: 215-438-2921

Parish Registration Forms are available for download online at www.holycrossphl.org

Meeting Space Reservations: Please visit or call the office to reserve your meeting time and space. Four (4) meeting rooms are currently available for ministry use.

HOLY CROSS CONVENT

148 East Mt. Airy Avenue; Tel. 215-247-0262
Sisters of Saint Joseph

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

144 East Mt. Airy Avenue; Tel. 215-242-0414
Ms. Rosalie Doherty, Principal

Bulletin Submissions:

Due to bulletin publisher deadlines, please ensure announcements and flyers are received by the Parish Office no later than end of business Tuesday.

PARISH CLERGY & STAFF

Rev. William Grogan, *Pastor*

Rev. Rayford Emmons, *Parochial Vicar*

Rev. Msgr. David Benz, *Pastor Emeritus*

Deacon Edward M. Purnell, *Permanent Deacon*

Ms. Veronica Alvarado, *Dir. of Marketing & Development*

Mr. John Duffner, *Business Manager*

Ms. Alyssa Garcia, *Choir Director*

Sr. Ruthann O'Mara, SSJ, *Dir. Adult Faith & Spiritual Formation*

Ms. Angela Taylor, *Dir. of Parish Services & Ministries*

Open Position, *Facilities & Maintenance Manager*

Mr. Darin Williams, *Musical Director & DRE*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION*

Saturdays at 4PM

Also, 30 minutes prior to Masses upon request.

** Catholic doctrine requires that we attend confession at least once a year to remain in good standing with Our Lord.*

Low-Gluten Hosts

are available for distribution for people who experience gluten sensitivity or intolerance. Please advise the celebrant of the Mass beforehand, so that appropriate cautions can be taken.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This new diocesan initiative is being presented to us at this time. If you are interested in participating, please contact Fr. Grogan at the rectory for further information.

In the Summer of 2020, Archbishop Pérez tasked the archdiocesan Office for the New Evangelization with creating a Commission for Missionary Disciples (phillydisciples.org). It was to be comprised of diverse representatives from throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who are engaging in the Church's primary mission of evangelization. Following its formation, the Commission undertook a year of prayer, discernment, and research to determine how the Lord Jesus was calling us to "create a culture of missionary disciples," according to the Archbishop's mandate.

One fruit that emerged from our discernment was the creation of a training course to help Catholics go deeper in their personal friendship with Jesus and to equip them with the practical skills they need for outreach to those who do not yet know the Lord's love. This course is now known as the Schools of Missionary Discipleship (phillyevang.org/schools). It is available in English and Spanish.

In the first part of the course, the School of Discipleship, participants are invited to deepen their personal friendship with Christ, learn how to strengthen their prayer life through *Lectio Divina*, Eucharistic holy hours, and the contemplative praying of the Rosary as well as joining one's sufferings with the Cross of Jesus. The second part of the course, the School of Mission, builds upon this foundation and teaches participants practical skills for missionary work. It seeks to respond to the question on the hearts of many Catholics, "How do I help my loved ones come back to the Church?" Participants learn how to win souls for Christ through intentional accompaniment. They learn skills like making invitations, proactive listening, praying spontaneously with someone, sharing personal faith stories, and sharing the Gospel.

The course is designed to be fun, prayerful, and extremely practical. Each session is three hours long to allow for short teachings, opportunity to practice what is being learned, small group discussion, and time for quiet reflection. Listen to the feedback from one of our participants:

"Like many people I know, I have a number of friends and family members who have left the church. I wanted to be able to reach out to them and lead them back to a relationship with God. This course helped me understand how to be alert to openings, gave me the courage to speak to others about God, and the tools to accompany them on their journey. I was able to practice these skills in a safe environment which gave me the confidence to speak openly about God when I perceive an opening. I have since been amazed at the Holy Spirit at work – contrary to my initial perceptions, so many people are really hungry to hear about God and how they can draw closer to Him." -**Anne Marie O'Connell, Parishioner, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown**

Registration is now open for the next cohort of the Schools of Missionary Discipleship. Sessions in English will take place on 10 Wednesdays 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. beginning September 18 at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish in Plymouth Meeting. For full details, [view the flyer](#) or visit the website phillyevang.org/schools.

Questions may be directed to Meghan Cokeley at mcokeley@archphila.org. For details about the course in Spanish, please contact Paola Herrera, Associate Director of the Office for the New Evangelization, at pherrera@archphila.org

Meghan Cokeley is the Director of the Office for the New Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 20
5PM Mary Patricia Salamone

Sunday, April 21
9AM George Sivel
11AM Eunice & Sherwood Bishop
6PM

Tuesday, April 23
8AM

Wednesday, April 24
8AM People of Our Parish

Thursday, April 25
8AM

Friday, April 26
8AM

Saturday, April 27
5PM

Sunday, April 28
9AM
11AM
6PM

To request a Mass for a loved one, living or deceased, please call the rectory. Suggested Donation is \$10.



SPIRITUAL SUNDAY DEVOTIONALS



1ST SUNDAY – APRIL 7
Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 held 30 minutes before Mass

2ND SUNDAY – APRIL 14
The Rosary recited immediately after Mass
 at Saint Joseph's Altar

3RD SUNDAY – APRIL 21
Hospitality Weekend
 gather for fellowship after Masses

4TH SUNDAY – APRIL 28
Confession Weekend
 before and after each weekend Mass



Join the Ladies Guild

Next meeting will be at Noon
 Friday, May 3rd, 2024 at Cin Cin

 **HOSPITALITY WEEKEND:** Join fellow parishioners after each Mass for a sweet treat, a beverage, and a little conversation. We are blessed to be surrounded by smart dynamic compassionate people who love their neighbor. Introduce yourself, make a new friend, put a name with that friendly face you recognize from a distance in the pew. **Feel free to bring something to share. Most of all, Bring Yourself!** [#FAITHLIVES@HCP](https://www.facebook.com/FAITHLIVES@HCP)

NEXT WEEKEND:	APRIL 20 & 21 HAPPY EARTH DAY!!			
Mass Times	SAT 5PM	SUN 9AM	SUN 11AM	SUN 6PM
LECTOR	RT Mail	Maria Gaddi	Nina H-A	J. Bell
GREETER / USHER	Bill Faust Vernice Bottanon Sheila Williams	Darren Johnson Leroy Ethridge	Mary Szczesniak Ellen Gierman Edward Ukaegbu	Sister Ruthann, SSJ Margaret Wismer
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Barbara Kukulka Brenda McLahan	Tina Easley Eric Hartsfield	Diana Wood	~
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MINISTRY ACTIVITIES & NEWS

We Pray For...

Those who are sick: Frances Coleman, Allen Small, Dave Ferry, Althea "Bunny" Preston, Janet Thompson, Pauline Johnson, Donna Lindner, Joyce Glover, Joyce Brooks, Erica Curtis, Anthony Curtis, Jesse Witt, PhD, Barbara Purnell, Peter Brewster, Eudisia Jason, Gail Geraghty, Berkley Jenkins, Alicia Wells, Ray Webster, Rosemary Moran, Bob Harvey, Flavia Langan, Angela Taylor, Agnes Brown, Della Hosein, Tara Hosein & Family, Kiam Cahill, Jennifer Moy, Deacon Edward Purnell, Erica Curtis and those living with cancer, respiratory disease, and other illnesses seen and unseen.

Those who have died:

Joseph Bailey, Louis Boras, Roseanne Brinkley, Connie Brophy, Deborah Brown, Shelton Lee Brown, Lovie Campbell, John Connor, Jacqueline Cunningham, Gloria D. Delaney, Louis DeAngelo, Michelle Denise Chambers, Dawn Fisher, Emma Fn'Piere, Dorothy Fowler, Juanita Garvin, Ed Goldstein, Arnold Hall, Douglas Harris, Marie Helmig, John Henry, Charles Hepburn, Marilyn Herbert-Butler, Francis Horst Tigre, Charles Jackson, Helen Jones, Joseph Kane, Neil Kilty OSFS, Arthur Leaphart, Rosalyn Lee, Shirley Montague, Thich Nhat Hanh, Maryanne Piper, Miguel Ramos Arayas, Pearl Robinson, Dolores Salazar, Preston Scott, Genevieve Sharp, Bridgett Sharpe, Dorothea Sims, Anne Smith, Walt & Maryann Staret, Mark W. Watson, Corliss Walker, Margo Williams, Sr Maureen McLaughlin, Margaret Mary Sharpe, Stella Sanchez, Rick Jackson, Hadassah Agboton, Gertrude "Gee" Blocker

Let's Celebrate & Pray Together

Contact Parish Office for any changes to this list.

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

- **HOSPITALITY** - Join us for fellowship after every Mass. **Can't wait to see you!**
- **Celebrate the Earth** - On Sunday after morning Masses, SJC (Social Justice Committee) Environmental Subcommittee will provide info to guide us in being better Stewards of Our Earth. **Get the 411!**
- **Eucharistic Adoration - Wednesdays in April, 3PM-6PM.** Please enter through side door nearest animal hospital.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS
(APRIL 16th - 30th)
**JOIN US FOR MASS ON
YOUR SPECIAL DAY!**

May God Bless You today and always!

Patricia Baccash, John Bannan, Donna Boston, Rex Brooks, Everett Brown, John Byrnes, Thomas Carroll, Frances Chestnut, Rosemary Conway, Paul Cunningham, Michael Cunningham, Erica Curtis, Catherine Durkin, Santiago Figueroa-Clark, Thomas Fisher, Christian Ford, Leticia Francis, Christopher Furman, Stephanie Gongon, Aaron Green, Tyrone Haines, Adelaida (Ching) Harvey, Tikisha Houser, Ashley Jackson, Devon Jenkins, Shawn Kilgallon, Leonard Kindler, Stella Koehler, Natanya Laine, Lizabeth Macoretta, Barbara Maher, Ravi Mariathan, Nathaniel Massari, Skylar Maurice, Barbara McLaughlin, Jane Miglionico, Justice Moody, Eric Pendelton, Gerald Peters, Keith Pie-Christy, Deacon Edward Purnell, Regan Scheuermann, Genevieve Sharpe, Gina Shifferly, Leajab Sistrunk, Lisa Sistrunk, Louemma Williams, Jennifer Wilson, Scarlett Zeleniak

Have any ADDITIONS & EDITS to this list?

Please email us at holycrossdev140@gmail.com. *Thanks!*

HAPPY 65th ANNIVERSARY! Deacon Ed & Dame Barbara Purnell



May we all learn from your example to follow God's calling: to serve the church as Deacon & Dame for 42 years, to serve our community, and more importantly to serve each other for 65 years through the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Your example of dedication, tenacity, faithfulness, and surrender to God's will is a living testimony to us all. May our God bless you and keep you always!

Much Love & Respect,
Your Holy Cross Parish Family



STEWARDS OF OUR EARTH All of God's Creation

Social Justice Committee, Holy Cross Parish, Mt. Airy, April 21, 2024

Celebrate Our Earth

Earth Day is April 22, but shouldn't everyday be earth day, a time to celebrate God's creation? Pope Francis reminds us through his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'* and his 2023 exhortation *Laudate Deum* of our responsibility as God's children to protect and care for creation.

“Four in five American Catholics believe they have a moral responsibility to do what they can to combat climate change, and 72% believe that environmental justice is a legitimate issue that needs urgent attention, according to a new survey” (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University 3/26/24).

Interfaith Power & Light has once again provided a program which each year encourages nationwide action on climate. Their faith climate action weeks have reached over two million people. This year's theme is **Common Ground: Cultivating Connections Between Our Faith, Our Food, and the Climate**.

Join us downstairs today for Hospitality Sunday and visit our table. There will be information on how our food systems contribute to injustice and to climate change and how our faith traditions call us to respond through practical solutions.

You will also have an opportunity to pledge to vote with the climate in mind, “demonstrating your care for our Sacred Earth for current and future generations and building a better world for all.” You can also pledge to vote with the climate in mind using this link: <https://bit.ly/IPLvotepledge>.

At a later date, we will provide an opportunity to view this year's featured film, *Common Ground*, “to learn how the way we grow our food is an important climate solution. Since we all eat, we all can be part of this solution.”

Action for Communities on the Front Lines of Climate Change

“For many around the globe, climate change is not just warmer temperatures — it is a devastating force that is upending their way of life.

It reduces access to safe water for drinking, bathing, and everyday household tasks. It weakens agricultural productivity, creating more hunger. It makes communities more susceptible to natural disasters like floods, wildfires, and extreme heat waves....

Climate change affects communities around the world in so many different ways. But often, it is people who have contributed the least to warming the globe that are affected the most....

[Sign our pledge today to support communities on the front lines of climate change.](#) (Mercy Corps, 4/9/24)

Comments on this column may be directed to the Social Justice Committee at socialjustice@holycrossphl.org.

Sr. Ruthann O'Mara, SSJ – Director of Adult Faith & Spiritual Formation



Parish Phase: Eucharistic Revival



Did you know that Eucharistic adoration is "an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: 'Behold the Lamb of God'...?" (USCCB) Our Lord's Presence in the Eucharist is Real. Just as the rays of the sun have their effect on the skin, the invisible graces come to us when we spend time in the Lord's Presence. The Lord is with us! Choose to spend time this Wednesday beholding Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life - and realize that the Lord looks at you with unconditional love, desiring to touch your heart, give special graces, heal, and inspire.

NEW! Eucharistic Adoration: April 2024 - Wednesdays!

Where: Holy Cross Church (enter by the side door only)

Why: to pray for the needs of the World, the Church, and Personal Needs
to deepen my relationship with Jesus this Easter Season
for the sake of the world

When: (ALL) Wednesdays in April 2024 Time: 3 PM TO 6 PM **STOP BY!**

MAN TO MAN

Men of all ages gather for prayer, input, and discussion.

Committee: Carl Holmes, Dan Welsh, John Ockerbloom, and Ricky Laws

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024

Time: 8:30 AM to 10 AM Place: Church Meeting Room Light refreshments.

Looking Ahead:

Interested in Being More Involved in Mass? Become a Liturgical Minister!

When: Pentecost Weekend, May 18 and 19, 2024

"Join a Liturgical Ministry"

Roles Needed:

- Ushers and Greeters
- Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
- Choir Members
- Live Stream the 9 AM Mass

Earth Month Activities for You and Your Family



“Earth Month is a global celebration of planet Earth, the place we all call home. All month long, there are opportunities to connect with nature, get outdoors, and protect the planet for future generations to come.” (Sierra Club Pennsylvania Chapter, 4/1/24) Here are some opportunities you and your family may enjoy!

Sunday, April 21 (Hospitality Sunday)

The Social Justice Committee will offer some climate-themed resources compliments of Interfaith Power & Light to celebrate our earth. The theme is **“Common Ground: Cultivating Connections Between Our Faith, Our Food, and the Climate.”** Join us in the Community Room.

Monday, April 22

Celebrate Earth Day with the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia. Join them at 3 PM in the Mount St. Joseph Convent Auditorium at 9701 Germantown Ave. for a presentation by Dan Misleh, founder of Catholic Climate Covenant.

Dan will speak about the stakes of our inattention to the climate crisis, impacts on the poor and future generations, practical solutions and new attitudes, new theology to get us out of this crisis outlining what our faith calls us to do, focusing on integral ecology and integral human development.

Saturday, April 27

The **Green Philly EcoFair** debuts from 12 PM - 6 PM at the Cherry Street Pier on the Columbus Blvd. waterfront. This inaugural family-friendly event showcases the region's eco-resources and initiatives driving positive change in our region. From captivating storytelling sessions to thought-provoking flash talks and panel discussions, EcoFair promises a day packed with eye-opening insights and actionable ideas, including a Sustainable Marketplace where you can shop eco-alternatives for your home and life from local makers and businesses. Attendees who [RSVP for EcoFair](#) will be entered into a raffle featuring a local prize pack!

Saturday, April 27

The **Wissahickon Environmental Center** will hold its **first annual Wild Wissahickon festival** from Friday, April 26, through Monday, April 29. This free event celebrates the biodiversity of Wissahickon Valley Park. Locations include the Tree House, Houston Meadow, Valley Green, Carpenter's Woods, and Andorra Meadow. **The festival's main day will be on Saturday, April 27**, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Northwestern Avenue and Forbidden Drive. It will feature activity and information tables and identification stations for birds, reptiles and amphibians, fungi, aquatic life, and insects.

“God of creation, help me find sustainable ways to live my life that takes long term effects on the environment into consideration. May choices to break free from eco-destructive practices be successful for the sake of our descendants.” (Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, 100 Days of Prayer, 3/25/24)

TODAY'S READINGS / LECTURAS DE HOY

Reading I

Acts 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said:
"Leaders of the people and elders:
If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed.

He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.

There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

R. (22) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes. **R.**

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. **R.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever. **R.**

Reading II

1 Jn 3:1-2

Beloved:
See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are.
The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

Primera Lectura

Hch 4, 8-12

En aquellos días, Pedro, lleno del Espíritu Santo, dijo: "Jefes del pueblo y ancianos, puesto que hoy se nos interroga acerca del beneficio hecho a un hombre enfermo, para saber cómo fue curado, sépanlo ustedes y sépalo todo el pueblo de Israel: este hombre ha quedado sano en el nombre de Jesús de Nazaret, a quien ustedes crucificaron y a quien Dios resucitó de entre los muertos. Este mismo Jesús es la piedra que ustedes, los constructores, han desechado y que ahora es la piedra angular. Ningún otro puede salvarnos, pues en la tierra no existe ninguna otra persona a quien Dios haya constituido como salvador nuestro".

Palabra de Dios. R. Te alabamos, Señor.

Salmo Responsorial

de Sal 117

R. (22) La piedra que desecharon los constructores es ahora la piedra angular. Aleluya.

Te damos gracias, Señor, porque eres bueno, porque tu misericordia es eterna. Más vale refugiarse en el Señor, que poner en los hombres la confianza; más vale refugiarse en el Señor que buscar con los fuertes una alianza. **R.**

Te doy gracias pues me escuchaste y fuiste para mí la salvación. La piedra que desecharon los constructores, es ahora la piedra angular. Esto es obra de la mano del Señor Es un milagro patente. **R.**

Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor.

Que Dios desde su templo nos bendiga.

Tú eres mi Dios, te doy gracias.

Tú eres mi Dios, y yo te alabo.

Te damos gracias, Señor, porque eres bueno, Porque tu misericordia es eterna. **R.**

Segunda Lectura

1 Jn 3, 1-2

Queridos hijos: Miren cuánto amor nos ha tenido el Padre, pues no sólo nos llamamos hijos de Dios, sino que lo somos. Si el mundo no nos reconoce, es porque tampoco lo ha reconocido a él.

Hermanos míos, ahora somos hijos de Dios, pero aún no se ha manifestado cómo seremos al fin. Y ya sabemos que, cuando él se manifieste, vamos a ser semejantes a él, porque lo veremos tal cual es.

Palabra de Dios. R. Te alabamos, Señor.

TODAY'S READINGS / LECTURAS DE HOY

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jn 10:14

Aclamación antes del Evangelio

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Yo soy el buen pastor, dice el Señor;
yo conozco a mis ovejas y ellas me conocen a mí.

R. Aleluya.

Gospel

Jn 10:11-18

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd.

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

A hired man, who is not a shepherd

and whose sheep are not his own,

sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and

runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters

them. This is because he works for pay and has

no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd,

and I know mine and mine know me,

just as the Father knows me and I know the

Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

These also I must lead, and they will hear my

voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

This is why the Father loves me, because I lay

down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my

own. I have power to lay it down, and power to

take it up again. This command I have received

from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord. R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Evangelio

Jn 10, 11-18

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a los fariseos: "Yo soy el buen pastor. El buen pastor da la vida por sus ovejas. En cambio, el asalariado, el que no es el pastor ni el dueño de las ovejas, cuando ve venir al lobo, abandona las ovejas y huye; el lobo se arroja sobre ellas y las dispersa, porque a un asalariado no le importan las ovejas.

Yo soy el buen pastor, porque conozco a mis ovejas y ellas me conocen a mí, así como el Padre me conoce a mí y yo conozco al Padre. Yo doy la vida por mis ovejas. Tengo además otras ovejas que no son de este redil y es necesario que las traiga también a ellas; escucharán mi voz y habrá un solo rebaño y un solo pastor.

El Padre me ama porque doy mi vida para volverla a tomar. Nadie me la quita; yo la doy porque quiero. Tengo poder para darla y lo tengo también para volverla a tomar. Éste es el mandato que he recibido de mi Padre".

Palabra del Señor. R. Gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) — UPDATES

The PPC meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The following are bullet points from the April 2, 2024, meeting.

- The PPC is seeking new members to take their place on the Council this fall.
- With our focus on the Corporal Works of Mercy as a theme for the year, we fleshed out the possibilities for clothing the needy. We discussed some of the challenges including location, access, contents, process for collection, and communication of the project. Our next step is to consider collaboration with organizations already providing clothing such as Face-to-Face and the Miraculous Medal Shrine on Chelton Ave.
- A summary of ministry activities was presented. It included the First Friday adorations, Lenten Synod, Stations of the Cross, Men's Retreat, Women's Retreat, Soup, Bread and Word nights on Wednesdays in March, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays in April from 3:00-6:00, and Theology on Tap for young adults scheduled for May.
- Fr. Grogan shared ideas for the significant greening of our property resulting from the Storm Management project.

If you have any questions or would like to make any suggestions, please feel free to contact the Parish Pastoral Council at parishpastoralcouncil@holycrossphl.org. Names and emails for individual members are listed on the website. There is a bulletin board at the entrance to the church with pictures of PPC members. Feel free to contact any of us. There is also a suggestion/comment box for your use.

TODAY'S READINGS / LECTURAS DE HOY

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament, I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and I unite myself to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

El Credo

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del Cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible.

Creo en un solo Señor Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no creado, de la misma naturaleza que el Padre, por quien todo fue hecho;

que, por nosotros los hombres y por nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre;

y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato: padeció y fue sepultado, y resucitó al tercer día, según las Escrituras

y subió al cielo y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con gloria para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin.

Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor y dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y gloria, y que habló por los profetas.

Creo en la Iglesia, que es una, santa, católica y apostólica. Confieso que hay un solo Bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida del mundo futuro.

Amén.

Comunión Espiritual

Creo, Jesús mío, que estáis realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar. Os amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo recibirlos en mi alma.

Pero como ahora no puedo recibirlos sacramentado, venid a lo menos espiritualmente a mi corazón.

Y como si ya os hubiese recibido, os abrazo y me uno del todo a Ti.

Señor, no permitas que jamás me aparte de Ti.

Amén.

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