

# Holy Cross

CATHOLIC CHURCH

IRIS LANE & SOUTH A1A - VERO BEACH, FLORIDA

March 10, 2024



## 4th Sunday of Lent

### PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Rev. Thomas E. Barrett,  
Pastor

### Assisting Priests:

Rev. Paul Huesing, CSP  
Rev. Danny Murphy

### Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Richard Blake  
Deacon Wayne Creelman

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 4:00 pm,  
5:30 pm

**Sunday:** 7:30 am,  
9:00 am., 10:45 am,  
12:15 pm

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through  
Saturday  
8:00 am

### CONFESSION

Saturday  
11:00 am

### PARISH OFFICE

500 Iris Lane  
Vero Beach, FL 32963  
(772) 231-0671  
[www.holycrossverobeach.org](http://www.holycrossverobeach.org)  
Monday: 1:00-4:00 pm  
Tuesday-Friday:  
8:30 am-4:00 pm



*whoever lives the truth  
comes to the light*

### **Celebration of the Sacraments**

“The purpose of the sacraments is to sanctify men, to build up the Body of Christ and, finally, to give worship to God. Because they are signs, they also instruct. They not only presuppose faith, but by words and objects they also nourish, strengthen and express it. That is why they are called ‘sacraments of faith’.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1123

### **Mission Statement**

We CELEBRATE the Gospel when we encounter Jesus Christ in the Sacraments and through prayer.  
We TEACH the Gospel in order to strengthen each family in their knowledge of and in their relationship with God.  
We LIVE the Gospel by seeking justice, granting forgiveness and through works of service which enhance the spiritual, emotional, social and physical well-being of the entire community.

### **Eucharist**

Saturday Vigil Masses: 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM  
Sunday Masses: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,  
10:45 AM, 12:15 PM

Daily Masses: Monday through Saturday 8:00 AM

### **Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Monday through Friday 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Saturday 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Sunday 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

### **Baptism**

Congratulations, we welcome new members to our Catholic Community.

Requesting the Sacrament of Baptism for a child birth up to age seven involves a serious obligation and a faith commitment on the part of both parents. To prepare both parents for this commitment, they will be requested to participate in a Parent Baptism Catechesis, prior to the scheduling of an infant Baptism.

Parents are encouraged to begin this preparation prior to the birth of their child.

For additional information on infant Baptism please contact the Parish office 772-231-0671

### **Confirmation**

Candidates are those already baptized and who have received the necessary formation in religious education. Candidates must be at least in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade to receive this Sacrament.

### **Reconciliation**

The Sacrament is celebrated each Saturday at 11:00 AM

### **Anointing of the Sick**

The Sacrament is administered on request to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home. Please call the Parish Office (231-0671).

### **Matrimony**

Congratulations on your engagement. Call the Parish Office (231-0671) to make arrangements at least six months in advance. It is necessary that either the prospective bride or groom are registered, active members of Holy Cross Parish.

### **Holy Orders**

If you feel you may have a vocation to serve the people of God in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, contact Fr. Daniel Daza-Jaller at the Diocesan Vocation Office phone: (561-775-9552) E-mail: vocations@diocesepb.org or speak to one of the parish priests.



## **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

From the first days of creation, humans took advantage of their free will and sinned against God. But God so loved the world that God sent the Son to be born into the world, to suffer and die to atone once and for all for our sins, and to be raised up so that all may have eternal life. The Holy Spirit draws us here each week to allow us to express our love for God in the way that we worship God and the way that we treat each other. On this *Laetare* (“Rejoice!”) Sunday, we are reminded of God’s unparalleled love and mercy and ultimate purpose for us all.

### **Reading I: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23**

A reflection on the evil of not paying attention to God’s prophets compels the Israelites to endure a 70 year exile in Babylon.

### **Reading II: Ephesians 2: 4-10**

St. Paul tells Christians that they can be identified with Christ in that they too will be enthroned with Him in heaven.

### **The Gospel: John 3: 14-21**

The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus continues with a discussion about God sending His only Son to earth to bring light and love to the world.

## **Scripture Note**

Our readings today invite us to make a choice. Centuries before Christ, the people of Judah chose to turn away from God, and Jerusalem was allowed to be destroyed. But the psalmist pleaded that the people never forget the holy city. Jesus tells Nicodemus that those who prefer darkness to light condemn themselves, but those who live in the truth come to the light, where we can do the good works that Paul says flow from God’s grace. May God’s word inspire us to live in the truth of our faith, where God offers us everlasting mercy and love.

## **Readings for the Week of March 11-17**

**March 11, 2024, Monday** Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b Jn 4:43-54

**March 12, 2024, Tuesday** Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

**March 13, 2024, Wednesday** Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

**March 14, 2024, Thursday** Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47

**March 15, 2024, Friday** Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**March 16, 2024, Saturday** Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53

**March 17, 2024, Sunday** Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33



# A LENTEN COVENANT:

*A Guide for the Lenten Season 2024*

On **Ash Wednesday**, we began the *Paschal Season* (Lent, Holy Week, Easter). Our Sunday celebration is marked with the signs of the season. We ponder the wood of the cross that is our salvation and the purple of fasting, repentance and renewal. We enter into Lent each year and continue to do it over and over all our lives trying to “get it right”, trying to conform more clearly to Christ Jesus and the Gospel way of life he preached. Let us, therefore, make a **COVENANT** of prayer and renewal as we walk our Lenten journey and draw closer to the joy of Easter. Here is a list of opportunities for formal prayer during liturgy and elsewhere. May we “change our hearts this time” as the Lord calls us to “come back to me with all your heart.”

## EUCCHARIST

*"We celebrate the Lord's Day"*

**Saturday Vigil** 4:00, 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday** 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m.

*"We celebrate daily Eucharist"*

**Monday — Saturday** 8:00 a.m.

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

**Online:** <http://www.universalis.com/>

## PERSONAL PRAYER

*Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament Schedule*

**Monday - Friday** 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday** 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday** 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## Rosary

*in the Daily Chapel* After the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Friday Afternoons** 4:30 p.m.

## PENANCE (Confession)

**Saturday Mornings** 11:00 a.m.

**March 7** 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

*(There will be no confessions on Holy Saturday)*

## MEN'S MINISTRY

**Tuesday Mornings** 6:30 a.m. *in the Parish Hall*

## CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY

*in the Parish Hall*

**Wednesday Mornings** 9:00 a.m.

## OCIA RITES DURING LENT:

*The First Scrutiny will take place Sunday, March 3rd at the 10:45 a.m. Mass.*

## Fasting Regulations

*The Fridays of Lent are days of **ABSTINENCE** from all meat. The law binds those who are 14 and older.*

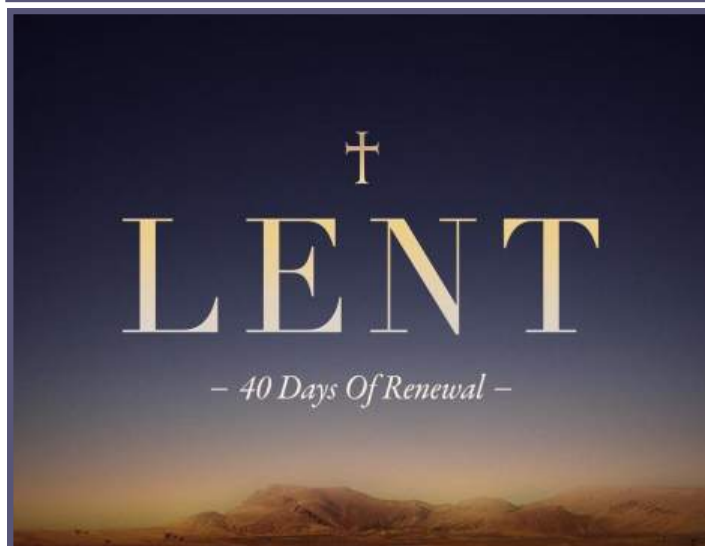
*We understand **FASTING** as partaking of **ONE** main meal and two lesser meals. The law of fasting binds those who are between 18 and 59. **Both FASTING and ABSTINENCE are to be observed on both Ash Wednesday AND Good Friday.***

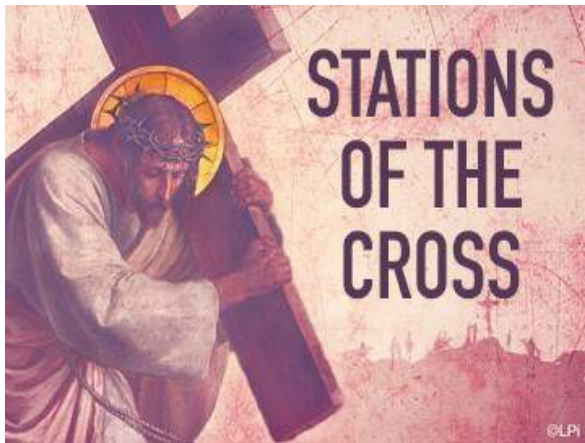


Traditionally the church has promoted the Lenten season as a time of prayer and fasting. We usually interpret fasting with the emphasis on food and drink.

However, Pope Francis in his directive gives us a much deeper meaning of fasting.

- \* Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- \* Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- \* Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- \* Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- \* Fast from worries and have trust in God
- \* Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
  - \* Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- \* Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
- \* Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
  - \* Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- \* Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.





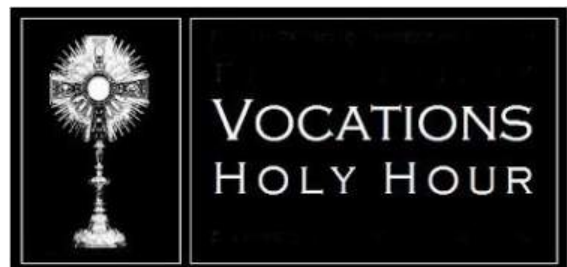
Stations of the Cross will take place  
on Friday afternoons  
during Lent at 4:30 p.m.



**Clare Shaw** will receive the Elijah Cup this weekend.

**Veronica LaVista** will receive the Elijah Cup next weekend.

Let us all pray for vocations this week:  
*God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.*



Holy Cross Catholic Church will be hosting a Holy Hour for Vocations on **Wednesday, March 20th at 6:00 p.m.** All are welcome to join us as we pray for vocations to the priesthood. This program rotates the third week of each month among St. Helen, Holy Cross and St. John of the Cross.





# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

## AT HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Week is a time to reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Remembering Jesus' actions, reflecting on his messages and recommitting to living as his disciples in the world today.

We hope this schedule helps you plan to observe these important days, both on your own and with others. May you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter.

### **Monday, March 25, 2024**

8:00am Daily Mass

### **Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

8:00am Daily Mass

### **Wednesday, March 27, 2024**

8:00am Daily Mass

8:30-9:30am Confession (*this is the last opportunity for Confession prior to Easter, there will **not** be Confession on Holy Saturday.*)

### **Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024**

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Please note:** The Mass of the Lord's Supper is the only Mass celebrated this day. Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament lies in repose, therefore, the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament will be closed from 9:00 p.m. Holy Thursday until Easter Sunday morning. During this time adoration should be made without external solemnity, because the day of the Lord's passion has begun.

### **Good Friday, March 29, 2024**

11:00am Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Passion of the Lord

### **Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024**

11:00 am Blessing of the Easter Food (outside of the Church)

7:00pm Easter Vigil (the only Mass of the day)

**Please note:** There is no morning Mass, 4:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. Mass, or Sacrament of Penance on Holy Saturday.

### **Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024**

7:30am Mass

9:00am Mass

10:45am Mass

12:15pm Mass

(Livestream overflow will be available in the Parish Hall for all four Masses on Easter Sunday)

## Youth Altar Servers

Congratulations to our Youth Altar Servers who were recently installed on February 25th at the 12:15 Mass.

We thank these young people and their parents for their dedication to our Church and the Eucharist. If your child is interested in serving on the altar please call the Parish Office at 772-231-0671.



## HOLY CROSS PRAYER CHAIN

You pray every day; please join us in prayer for our parishioners. We welcome you to join us in this very special ministry.

The Holy Cross Prayer Chain consists of a group of parishioners responding to the needs of others, as requested by parishioners, through daily prayer. Prayer requests are transmitted via a phone chain or e-mail. By spending time in daily prayer for those in need, we grow closer to God while helping others through the trials of life. The amount of time spent in prayer is up to the individual. To join the prayer chain, request prayer, or for more information please visit our Parish website or call the Parish Office 231-0671.



## Holy Cross Women's Guild

### Ladies Bring Your Rosaries And Then Prepare For a Little Easter Fun!

The Holy Cross Women's Guild will host a prayer service featuring a musical rendition of the Divine Mercy on March 11 at 9:30 a.m. followed by refreshments at the Parish Hall.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy.

Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

We will be singing the Chaplet. If you would like to hear a recording, visit Youtube and search "The Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song."

After the prayer service, please join us in creating Easter baskets for local kids who are in need and facing difficulties in their lives. We will be assembling 36 Easter baskets, for 18 girls and 18 boys, teenagers currently living at the Hibiscus Children's Center.





Save the Date

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT

with a special visit from  
the Easter Bunny!

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

**Breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m.**

**with an Egg Hunt to follow!**

Holy Cross Catholic Church Parish Hall

Please call or email the Parish Office

to RSVP 772-231-0671

**WE HOPE TO SEE ALL  
FAMILIES, CHILDREN, &  
PARISHIONERS THERE!  
YOUNG & OLD,  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



The Synod on Synodality, initiated by Pope Francis in the Fall of 2021, is ongoing through 2024. In Phase 1, dioceses all over the world held local listening sessions to discuss the mission of the Church.

Now, in Phase 2, local dioceses are asked to reflect during Lent on how we, in our local Church, can "enhance the unique contribution of each baptized person and of each Church in the one mission of proclaiming the Risen Lord and His Gospel to the world today."

**PLEASE PARTICIPATE AND RESPOND TODAY!**

**DEADLINE MARCH 15, 2024**

**VISIT [WWW.DIOCESEP.B.ORG/SYNOD](http://WWW.DIOCESEP.B.ORG/SYNOD)**



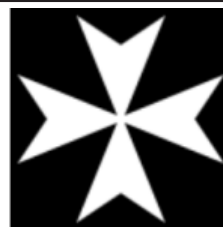
*Pope Francis wants to hear from you!*

*Towards*  **#SYNOD2024**



## GRIEF SUPPORT

Grieving is individual and yet as the people of God, we journey with one another on the path to healing. In order not to feel alone in this experience, we gather together and share our pain of loss. Through scripture, prayer, and bereavement resources we begin to understand our grief, begin the process of healing, and minister to one another to help live without the ones we lost. **We will begin our next 5 week session on Thursday, March 14th, 11:00 a.m.- Noon in the Church Annex.** No registration is necessary. For more information please contact Mrs. Lori Humenik, Family Life Coordinator, at the Parish Office 231-0671



## ORDER OF MALTA VERO BEACH AREA IS PLEASED TO PRESENT

### A MINI-RETREAT

“The Hour Has Come: Accompanying Jesus as He Approaches His Passion and Into His Resurrection”

Fr. David G Caron, OP, ChM

Holy Cross Catholic Church Parish Hall  
Thursday April 4, at 7:00PM &  
Friday April 5, at 9:00 AM

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS  
ARE INVITED

## CHOIR REHEARSALS

Choir rehearsals are held in the church on Wednesdays from 5:00 PM -6:00 PM.

All ages are welcome, and no prior experience is necessary. The choir leads the hymns and Mass of Creation at the 10:45 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Children's Choir rehearses in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays from 5:00 PM -5:30 PM immediately following Religious Education.

Please contact Melanie Steinke, Director of Music after Mass with any questions.



*Come, Holy Spirit! Come!*  
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

This Lent fire up your “Life in the Spirit” Thursdays, February 15 through March 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Central time. Watch live for free on Zoom or view at your convenience with free recordings sent to your inbox and available for 30 days. To register or for more information email: [magnificatpalmbeach@gmail.com](mailto:magnificatpalmbeach@gmail.com).






GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

Matthew 6:11

## 2024 Diocesan Services Appeal

Your gift makes it possible to continue vital programs and ministries serving those in need throughout the Diocese of Palm Beach.




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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER & DANCE

A fundraiser sponsored by the Holy Cross Knights of Columbus

**Thursday, March 14, 2024**

**6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

with live entertainment by  
**Jenny Perkins & Peter Valentine**

in the Holy Cross Catholic Church Parish Hall

Tickets are \$40.00 each and are available for purchase in the Parish Office.

Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage & Irish Beef Stew will be served.  
Full Bar, Beer & Wine available for purchase







## NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Our Parish is responding to the call for Eucharistic Revival in several ways, with the first being a response to the call for Missionary Sending. We will participate in this invitation as a Parish through designating the **first Sunday of every month as “Invite One Back” Sunday**. Every Sunday, and the first Sunday of every month in particular, you are encouraged to invite one person from your inner-circle who has fallen away from attending Sunday Mass, or have the courage to reach out to someone who seems interested in talking about our faith. If you do not have someone to invite, you can also participate by introducing yourself when you see a new face at Mass. As part of the Mystical Body of Christ, you as a Catholic can become the hands and feet of Jesus to bring His Good News to the mission field of your neighborhood and parish.

We are reminded that when we hear the words “Go forth, the Mass is ended,” our work as missionary disciples begins anew as we respond to the Lord’s command to “go and make disciples” by the faithful witness of our lives—by reaching out to the lost, the least, and the last. With confidence, let us entrust ourselves to the care and guidance of the Holy Spirit to bring about a much-needed Eucharistic Revival at this time in the life of the world!

### CAMP HAVEN

Cooks are needed for the 22 men at Camp Haven. If you are able to cook for twenty-two hungry men on a Monday or Tuesday night by providing either a main dish (meat, casserole, pasta, etc.) or a side dish or two, we would be grateful for your help. Many hands make for easy work! Please call the Parish Office at 231-0671 for open dates.

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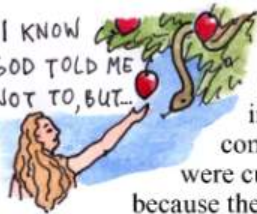


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# Kid's Corner

## For God so Loved the World

I KNOW  
GOD TOLD ME  
NOT TO, BUT...



When God made the world He wanted the people to be His friends and always live in happiness. But instead of choosing to love God completely, the people sinned. They were cut off from the happiness of God because they chose to love themselves more than they loved God.

But God still loved the people so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to save the people from their sins. Now we just need to choose to believe in Jesus, and to love Him. As today's Gospel reading says, "...so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life."



How can we turn to Jesus so that we can be saved from our sins?

Here are a few things that can help you a lot:

1. When you wake up in the morning, tell Jesus that you are offering everything that happens today to Him.
2. Every day look at a crucifix (a cross with Jesus on it.) Think about how much Jesus loves us. How much do we love Him back?



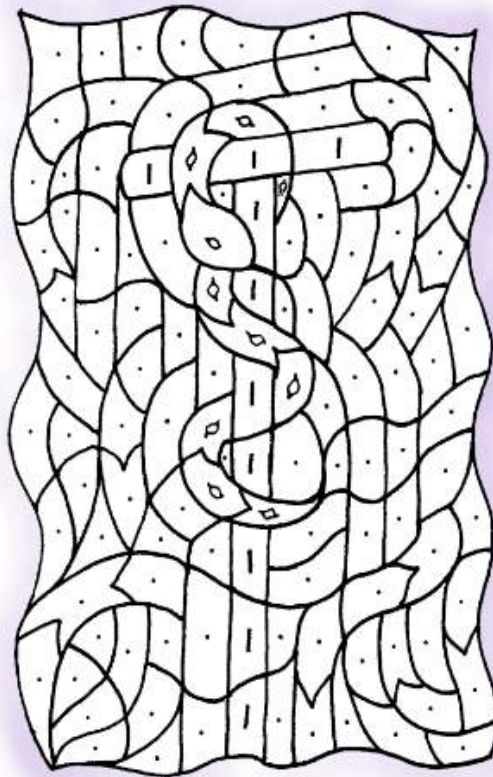
3. Each night before you go to sleep, think about your day. Did you show your love for God today? If you did something bad, be sorry and think about how can you do better tomorrow.

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## Glory Be to the Father

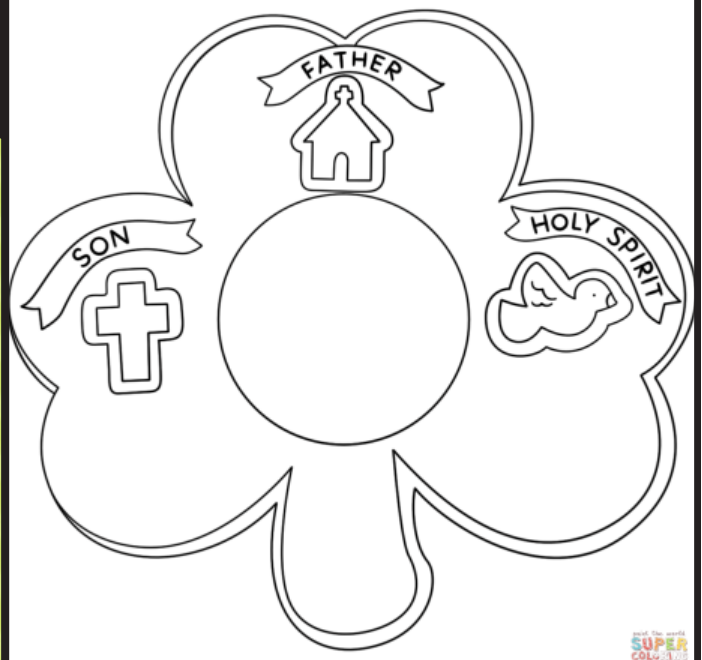


Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



*Jesus died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven and we could go to Heaven. When God's people in the desert were bitten by snakes, Moses held up something he made from bronze that the people could look at and live. What was it? Use the colour code to find out!*

• blue      | brown      < green



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## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children of the Parish in grades Kindergarten-Third are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word which is held on Sundays during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. During the Mass we dismiss our children in grades Kindergarten-Third, along with their adult catechists, to take part in the Sunday Scripture at their level. Terminology at the appropriate age level helps the children to understand and appreciate the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. In the past we have noted that children who attend Mass and participate in the Liturgy of the Word for Children have a more complete understanding of their Catholic education, and are more prepared for their celebration of the Sacraments. This is a required preparation for those receiving the Eucharist for the first time.

## Religious Education Spring Break

- Religious Education classes for grades K-5 will be on Spring Break from Tuesday, March 12th through Tuesday, March 26th. Sessions will resume on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.
- Religious Educations classes for grades 6th through High School will be on Spring Break, from Wednesday, March 13th through Wednesday, March 27th. Sessions will resume on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.



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throughout the year.

**ATTN: MEN**

**HOLY CROSS  
CATHOLIC  
MEN'S MINISTRY**

**JOIN US TUESDAY  
AT 6:50 A.M.**

The new season for the Holy Cross Catholic Men's Ministry meets on Tuesdays at 6:50 a.m. in the Parish Hall continuing this year with the powerful *That Man is You* series. The theme for this season is *Worthy of the Call* which features 11 amazing presenters. You can view a preview of the series on the Men's Ministry section of our website.

All men who are interested in broadening their faith are welcome to join. For more information please contact Paul Flynn at 561-307-4157.



We are excited to announce that the **Coffee & Donuts** ministry will resume after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on **March 10th**. Please join us.



**The Diocesan School of Christian Formation** is a great way to deepen your knowledge and understanding of our faith, and to be certified, if you wish, as a Catechist! As Catholics, we are all called to explain why we believe in teachings that go against the very culture in which we

live. For example, can you explain why the dignity of the human person should be the foundation of our society? Or what the “option for the poor” means?

Social Justice is the topic of the upcoming class, offered at St. Helen Parish, beginning on Tuesday March 6, at 7PM in the St. Francis Room, with instructor Carolyn Dean, MA. Class will run 6 weeks, ending on April 9, 2024.

The 7 areas encompassed by the Church’s Social Doctrine:

- The Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- The Call to Family, Community, and Participation
- Human Rights and Responsibilities
- The Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Solidarity
- Care for God’s Creation

Cost for the class is \$10, cost for the book is usually \$10 to \$15, registration on the first night of class. If you love your faith, come get to know it better! See you on the 6th!

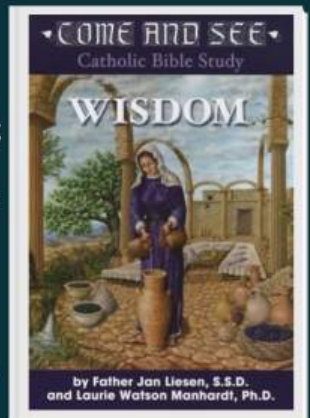
*“To do their part, adult Catholics must be mature in faith and well-equipped to share the Gospel, promoting it in every family circle, in every church gathering, in every place of work, and in every public forum.”*

*(Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us: A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States, by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1999)*

## Come & See Catholic Bible Study

Join us on Wednesday  
at 9:00 a.m. in the  
Holy Cross Parish Hall.

**Come and See: Wisdom** covers the wisdom literature of the Bible found in the Old Testament—Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Solomon, Wisdom, and Sirach. This study uses modern study tools—inductive and deductive learning, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the writings of popes and saints—to unlock an ancient treasure and show its current application.



## Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center

THE PASSIONISTS  
WITH YOU.

**Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center has announced its 2023-2024 retreat season schedule!**

The theme for this year is:

**Go Deeper and cast your nets! (Luke 5: 1-11)**

This year’s retreat will offer insights into renewing and deepening your faith journey. The retreats will offer practical and promising steps to going deeper for everyone, from those deeply rooted in their faith to those who are just beginning their journey. The new season runs from September 2023 to early June 2024. Retreat is time to stop, think, reflect and, yes, deepen our faith. Come apart and rest awhile.... Let’s see what God has in store for you!

For more information, including a full retreat schedule, please visit their website at [www.ourladyofflorida.org](http://www.ourladyofflorida.org)





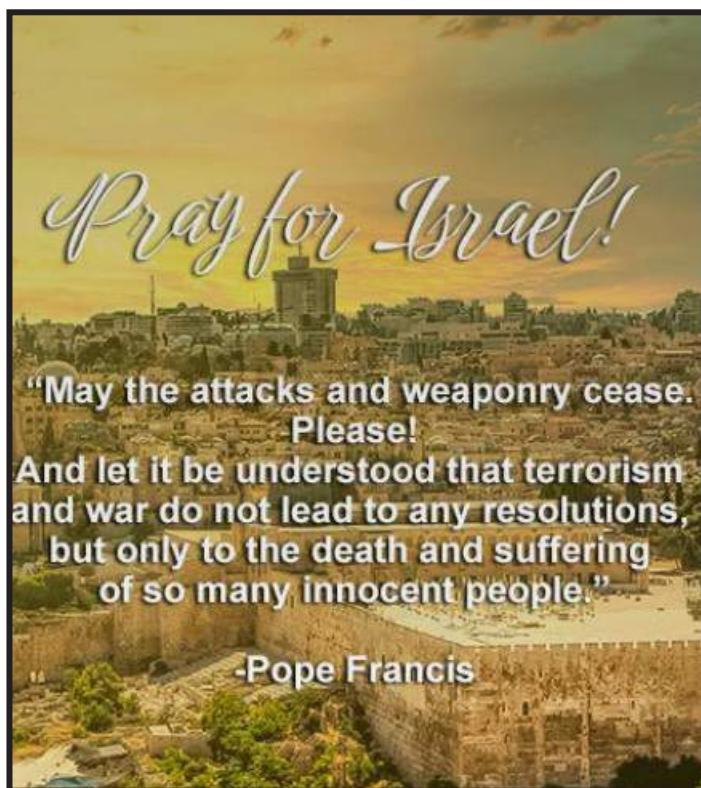
**Attention all men!!** The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus will meet **Monday, March 11th** in the Parish Hall. The fun starts at 6:00 p.m. with praying of the Rosary followed by sandwiches and refreshments. Then the general meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. If you are looking for a way to get involved with your Parish community stop by and see what the Knights have to offer. **At this meeting there will be a special opportunity to learn how the Knight of Columbus helps to protect Catholic families, proclaims the faith, and helps those most in need in local communities across the world.** With the Knights you can address your family's insurance needs while supporting an organization that contributes to charities that align with our shared Catholic faith. **Everyone is invited to join us for this special meeting.**



Kidz Closet Charities provides clothing, essentials, and educational items directly to many agencies who help children in need throughout our community.

As many know, there was a devastating fire that destroyed the Kidz Closet Charities storefront back in May 2022. We are excited to announce that we are now a drop off location for gently used items for children for Kidz Closet Charities. If you have items to donate, you can place them in the white box located in the vestibule of the Church.

***At this time Kidz Closet is most in need of gently used clothing for Men, Women, & Children including school uniforms.***



## Youth Altar Servers

**We are excited to announce the revitalization of our Youth Altar Server program!**

**If you have children between the ages of 9 and 18 who would like to serve on the Altar please contact the Parish Office.**



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Altar Servers.**

**There is need at all Masses but the need is especially great at the 10:45 a.m. and the 12:15 p.m. Masses on Sunday.**

**If you are interested in volunteering for one or more of these vital ministries please call the Parish Office at 231-0671.**



If you or a loved one are unable to attend Mass due to illness and would like to receive Communion at home or in the hospital, please contact the Parish Office 231-0671.

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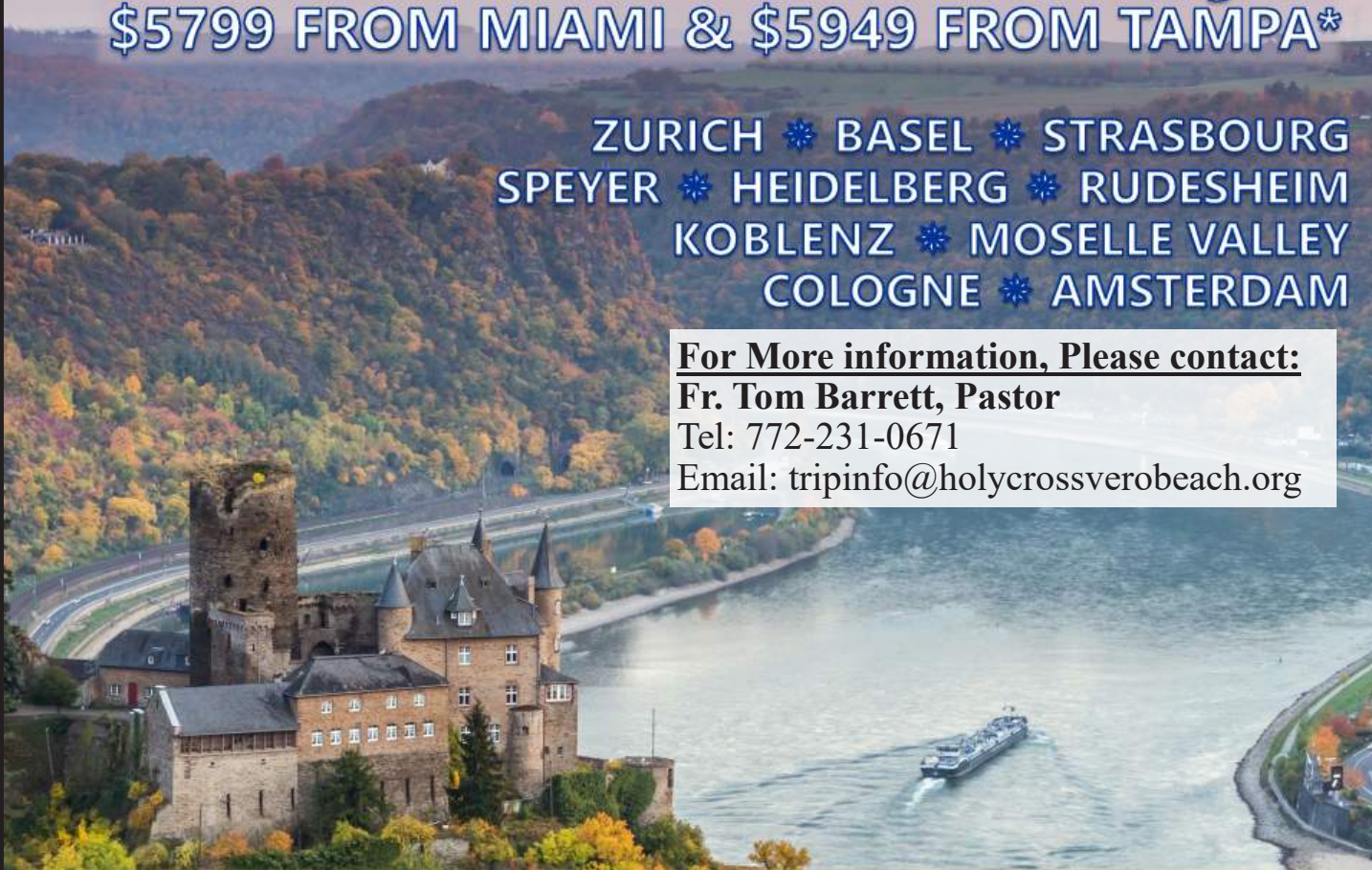
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**May God bless and reward your stewardship.**

*"For everything there is a season and  
a time for every purpose under heaven..."*

*a time to heal...* Mike Aramini, Ronald Annacherico, Kathy Balsan, Jean Bautista, Juniper Beckinger, Amelia Breland, Marilyn Bond, Jesse Boyd, Dan Bubenick, Mike Charecky, Eileen Chambers, Kathleen Cole, Richard DeLorenzo, Raymond Eggleston, Rita Fahey, Lisa Farnan, Moira Feely-Rekus, Virginia Grommes, David Hall, Brian Hart, James Hogan, Donald Johnson, Russ Jones, Barbara Lampe, Marguerite Lobingier, Nancy Lumia, Jerry Maddox, Walter Mariani, Madison Martignetti, Steve & Lana MacKnight, Dr. Hugh McCrystal, Maryanne Monahan, Carroll Oates, Austin Paschall, Vito Pierro, Jim Precord, Lynn Preslack, David & Ruth Ruland, Glenda Schuetz, Dale Spruce, Kathy Stankowski, Evelyn Taggart, Jean Walsh, Kim Walsh, Ron Winiewski, Michele Wohlbach.

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*a time of peace."* — Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

The **Sanctuary Light** in the Church will burn in loving memory of Dr. Neil Hart as requested by Ann Hart.



### Sunday, March 10

7:30 a.m. Anne Baker-Spindler †/Mr. & Mrs. John Moran

9:00 a.m. The Prisco Family †/Frank Baudo

10:45 a.m. Col. Bill Hammerstadt †/Marilyn Hamerstadt

12:15 p.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross

### Monday, March 11

8:00 a.m. Dr. Neil Hart †/Ann Hart

### Tuesday, March 12

8:00 a.m. John Amter †/Kevin & Kathleen Cahill

### Wednesday, March 13

8:00 a.m. Robert J. Wylie-Riley †/Lois & James Wylie

### Thursday, March 14

8:00 a.m. Maxine R. Cecil †/Bev Cambron

### Friday, March 15

8:00 a.m. Martin J. Egan †/Linda Scarpa

### Saturday, March 16

8:00 a.m. Mary E. Kelly †/John Kelly

4:00 p.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross

5:30 p.m. William S. Szymanski, Sr. †/His Family

### Sunday, March 17

7:30 a.m. Pat Schulke †/Maryanne Egan

9:00 a.m. Pat Schulke †/Kathleen Schulke

10:45 a.m. Col. Bill Hammerstadt †/Marilyn Hamerstadt

12:15 p.m. The Coplen Family †/SI Barbara Underwood-McDonnell

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 10	March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16
9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word	6:00 pm OCIA 9:30 am HCWG Prayer Service 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Rosary & Social 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting	6:50 am Men's Ministry 2:15 pm-3:30 pm Divine Mercy 7:00 pm AA	9:00 am Catholic Bible Study	11:00 am Grief Support 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance	4:30 pm Stations of the Cross	11:00 am Confession

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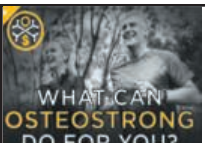
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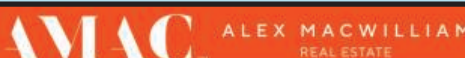


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