Welcome to the Faith Community at Holy Cross!
The pastor, deacon, and our sisters and brothers of this vibrant Faith Community welcome you to celebrate with us today.
May the Lord give you peace!
**Mass Intentions**

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**NOTE:** Submit your request for Mass Intentions to office@holycrossdurham.org. Mass cards are available.

**Stewardship and Spirituality**

This week’s special collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. This collection supports programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. Twenty-five percent of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. For more information go to usccb.org/cchd.

You may continue your financial support of Holy Cross, through online giving or by mailing your check to 2438 S. Alston Avenue, Durham NC 27713.

Secure online donations can be made by signing up at https://www.holycrossdurham.org/63

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**Altar Flower Donations**

Donate an Altar Floral Arrangement as a special way to honor your loved ones; to celebrate birthdays, an anniversary, recognizing an award, a memorable occasion or just showing your love! If interested, contact Judy Gardiner, 919-608-1451 or gckid@aol.com.

**IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE**

Pray for Our Deceased

**Sunday, November 21**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe*

Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

**STEWARDSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

November 21—Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.” (John 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building “your” kingdom here on earth? We all know we can’t take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

**IN LOVE REMEMBERED**

Remember In your Prayers this Week

Jean Baird, Juanita Bynum, Keith Canty, Brenda Childress, Tristan Cruell, Violet Duport, Corteland Graham, Dreda Guion, Christy Guion-Burnette (Stafford, Va.), Gene Harvey, Helen Hudson, Rosie Hylton, Barbara Lane, Alphonso Logan, David Parker, Elizabeth Parker, Rameses Sorrell

Prayers and Condolences to:

In your prayers, please remember those who recently died.

“Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.”

Please send notices of deaths to the church office, so that we may offer prayers and support as a community.
NOTE: All bulletin items need to be submitted (before 12 noon) on Wednesday. This bulletin is online at holycrossdurham.org.

National Black Catholic History Month

Servant of God Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange (1784-1882)

Servant of God Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange was born Elizabeth Lange, a native of the Caribbean, and believed to be Cuban born of Haitian descent. She was the foundress and first Superior General of the Oblate Sisters of Providence (1829-1832), the first religious congregation of African American women in the history of the Catholic Church. On July 2, 1829, Elizabeth and three other women professed their vows and became the Oblate Sisters of Providence with the goal of educating and evangelizing African Americans. They educated youth and provided a home for orphans. Freed slaves were educated and at times admitted into the congregation. They nursed the terminally ill during the cholera epidemic of 1832, sheltered the elderly, and served as domestics at St. Mary’s Seminary.

Mother Mary Lange practiced faith to an extraordinary degree. It was her deep faith – in close union with Jesus – which enabled her to persevere against all odds. She lived through disappointment and opposition until God called her home in 1882 at the St. Frances Convent in Baltimore, Maryland.

Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton (1854-1897)

Venerable Augustus Tolton was the first U.S. Roman Catholic priest publicly known to be black when he was ordained in 1886. A former slave who was baptized and reared Catholic, Tolton formally studied in Rome. He was ordained in Rome on Easter Sunday at the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran. Fr. Tolton led the development and construction of St. Monica’s Catholic Church as a black “National Parish Church”, which was completed in 1893. Tolton’s success at ministering to black Catholics quickly earned him national attention within the Catholic hierarchy. “Good Father Gus,” as many called him was known for his eloquent sermons, his beautiful singing voice, and his talent for playing the accordion. He is the subject of the 1973 biography from Slave to Priest by Sister Caroline Hemesath.

Please continue to utilize the online sign-up process to attend Sunday Mass; regular parishioners as well as those serving for the Mass. The link to pre-register is on the Holy Cross website, with several months available for advance sign up. The deadline to sign up is on Friday 12 noon each week.

Black Catholic History Month 2021

Celebrating the gifts of our culture and faith
Deacon Corner—The Season of Advent – An Overview

Advent begins with the first evening prayer of the Sunday that falls closest to November 30 and ends the first evening prayer of Christmas. Thus Advent begins this year at evening prayer on November 27. The document General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar states: “The season of Advent has a two-fold character. It is a time of preparation for Christmas when the first coming of God’s son to men is recalled. It is also a season when minds are directed by this memorial to Christ’s second coming at the end of time. It is thus a time of joyful and spiritual expectation.”

The origin of Advent dates back to the fifth century and was influenced by the Eastern Church. The primary focus of this liturgy was expectation of the Lord’s birth at Christmas. The first evidence of Roman observance of the season occurred around the sixth century. There was little emphasis placed on the parousia or the second coming of Christ.

The first Sunday of Advent begins a new liturgical year and liturgical cycle: Cycle C. In year C, the Gospels come largely from the Gospel of Luke. His Gospel is one of the three Synoptic Gospels and was written for Gentile converts. The Acts of the Apostles (the second part of the book he wrote) documents the early Christian church after Christ’s Resurrection.

Advent prepares us for the coming of the Savior. The scriptures of Advent challenge us to wait for the day of the Lord, but they also demand that justice reign. In the biblical sense, justice refers to right relationship with God as evidenced by one’s behavior toward God and his people. The demands of justice are not suggestions; they are commands. Advent asks the tough question: How are we living in right relationship with our God? If we are God’s people, if we are in covenant relationship with God, then we must be advocates of justice wherever injustice takes center stage.

Another theme that echoes through the season is penitential. God’s people are to recognize, name, and lament over the evil that permeates the world and work to eradicate it. Throughout Advent we hear from the ancient prophets who cry, “Repent and change your lives!” The prophets’ cry is as relevant today as it was then. They foretold the light that would shine in the midst of darkness. Christ is that light. We are to embrace the light and become the light of Christ in the world.

The First and Second Sunday of Advent center around the future coming of Christ. The Third Sunday’s focus is on the present coming and the Fourth Sunday is on the birth of Jesus, the past coming.

Advent and Christmas form a unity. We cannot engage in one season without reflection upon the other. Both seasons complement one another and do not stand alone. Yet Advent and Christmas are also viewed through the lens of Lent and Easter. Advent/Christmas looks toward the fulfillment of the Incarnation that is celebrated through the paschal mystery at Easter.

As in all good liturgy, we are to properly prepare ourselves for full and vibrant participation. Advent prepares the heart and the church for just such participation in the mystery of Christ’s Incarnation.

This bulletin is also online at: www.holycrossdurham.org
Mission Statement
Holy Cross Church was founded by the Society of Jesus to serve the African American Catholics of Durham. We are a people baptized in Christ. We gather to worship the Lord in joy, to proclaim the Gospel, and to serve the Durham community, as well as, the needs of the whole people of God. Our special character as an African American parish continues to shape our worship, our ministries, and our contribution to the wider church.

“We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.”

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