

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Parish Office Hours**

Mondays... Closed

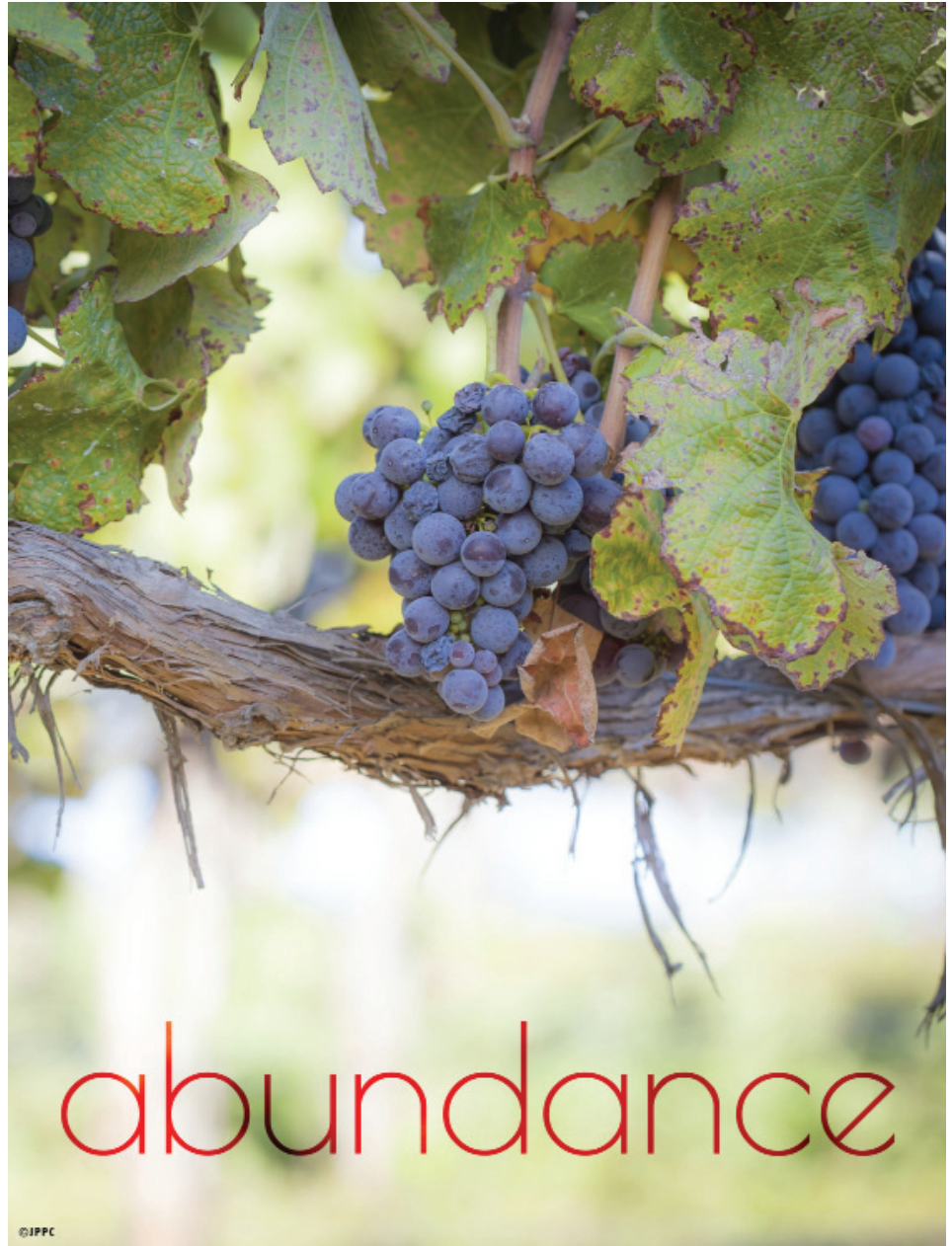
Tuesday — Friday

8:30 AM — 3:30 PM

**Liturgy Schedule:**

Due to Coronavirus restrictions, we are currently only offering Sunday Mass via live-stream to our Facebook/YouTube pages.

We are currently **not** offering daily Mass. Schedule adjustments will be posted here and on the home page of our website: [holycrossdurham.org](http://holycrossdurham.org). Please keep in prayers those suffering from the pandemic.



**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**

**NOTE:** Submit your request for Mass Intentions to [office@holycrossdurham.org](mailto:office@holycrossdurham.org).



**Remember In your Prayers this Week**

Jean Baird, Juanita Bynum (Hm), Keith Canty, Kevin Canty, Brenda Childress (Hm), Violet Duport (Hm), Dreda Guion, Ezmin George, Christy Guion-Burnette (Stafford, Va.), Gene Harvey, Rosa Holmes (Eno Pointe), Stephanie Johnson-Canty, Evie Laczko (mother of Lori Laczko), Barbara Lane, Alphonso Logan, Liz Willis



**Prayers and Condolences**

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 we may offer prayers and support as a community.

*Every penny counts!*



*Thank you for your contribution - big and small!*

**Offertory for September 7—13, 2020: 11,995**  
*(mail-in, automatic bank drafts and online giving)*

**September 2-8, 2019: \$12,714**

**Thank you for your continuing support!**

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

Online donations can be made by signing up at <https://www.holycrossdurham.org/63>

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**Sunday, September 20**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a  
Mt 20:1-16a

**Sunday, September 27**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

**STEWARDSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

**September 20, 2020 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“So the last will be first and the first last.” (Matthew 20:16)*

You’ve heard the saying “It’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.



NOTE: All bulletin items will need to be submitted (before 12 noon) on **Wednesday**. This bulletin is online at [www.holycrossdurham.org](http://www.holycrossdurham.org).



**September 20—26 2020  
Happy Birthday Blessings**

- 20 Pamela Turner
- 21 Ronald Patterson  
Karen Balko  
James Ellis, Jr.  
Nadine Goodwin-Blake
- 22 Donna Ray  
Dennis Corbitt  
Christopher Smith, Jr.  
Emarie Zephirin
- 23 Gina LaPerre
- 24 Alexandria Tate  
Tobias Brooks  
Lilly Brooks
- 25 Judy Carrasco  
Camille Fulbright
- 26 Barbara Lane  
Cipriano Laga  
Bess Watts  
Charles Enweluzor  
Le Noira Brown

**Durham-Chapel Hill Catholic Young Adults Trivia Night.** September 26 at 6:30pm in the Newman Center Parking Lot. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks and drinks (alcoholic and non). Masks are required to enter.

**For it is in Giving That We Receive** This week you will receive a brochure introducing our For it is in Giving That We Receive. Our community spent the last several months responding to the historical crisis in so many ways. I'm proud to be to part of the Holy Cross Catholic Church community. On Commitment Sunday, September 27, I invite everyone to join together and participate in securing our parish's future. I ask that you please review the brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help Holy Cross Catholic Church by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card, which will be included in the brochure mailing for you to: mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing, bring your card to Mass next Sunday, or you may visit our parish website at [holycrossdurham.org](http://holycrossdurham.org) and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed over during Prayer of the Faithful at Mass. Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of Holy Cross Catholic Church!

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Local food pantries have an urgent demand for basic sanitation items. Durham Congregations In Action has launched a hygiene drive to keep pantries fully stocked with the supplies that Durham residents can use. **The deadline for donations is September 30.** The following items are needed: CDC-approved disinfectant wipes or sprays (Lysol, scrubbing bubbles, Clorox), hand sanitizer, empty spray bottles, paper towels, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, hand/body soap.

**You can drop off items at these locations:**

- Cole Mill Rd. Church of Christ, Monday through Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm., 1617 Cole Mill Road, Durham NC.
- Antioch Baptist Church, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00am-12:00pm., 1415 Holloway St., Durham NC
- Pilgrim United Church of Christ, Tuesday through Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm., 3011 Academy Road, Durham NC
- First Presbyterian Church, Mondays and Fridays, 9:00am-1:00pm., 305 E. Main Street, Durham NC
- Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9:00am-2:00pm, 1615 E. NC 54 Hwy., Durham, NC

**DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS; ALL HOLY CROSS CALENDAR EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**



**FROM THE PASTOR**

Everyone has a sense of justice — that voice of conscience that tells us what is right and what is not. You might feel it’s an injustice at work when someone gets the promotion you felt you earned. In school, the student who studied hard for the test and got a C certainly doesn’t like the one who didn’t prepare at all and got an A. When we see someone, we feel to be less deserving walking around with a pocket of blessing, we might ask God, “Why them and not me?”

Would we ask the same question if we saw someone who was dying, paralyzed or who just lost their job? It’s doubtful.

The parable in Matthew’s Gospel is a challenge for all of us. Our first instinct is to take sides with those laborers who sweat it out all day and didn’t make any more money for their efforts than those who just showed up to collect a check at the end of the workday. Insult is added to injury when the last get paid first and those who worked longest and hardest are made to wait. This kind of generosity shocks some and angers others. Our parents raised us to believe in an equal day’s pay for an equal day’s work.

This parable raises more questions than it answers. Why did the landowner keep returning to the square to pick more workers for his vineyard? In Israel at harvest time, it was essential to bring in the crops as fast as possible before the flooding fall rains set in. Why do those men stand around all day? They had no property. No power. It was the luck of the draw. They waited in hopes that someone would employ them so they could afford to feed their families.

God is much like the landowner – *generous in forgiving* as Isaiah said in today’s first reading. We owe him a debt we can never repay. The Lord doesn’t charge some more than others. He sent his Son to die for all of us. God owes us nothing, and yet he has given us everything, placing us forever in his debt.

All the men called to work in the vineyard were equals — they all had hungry mouths to feed. The landowner had mercy on all of them, giving them what they needed – not what they earned. This shows us how God has loved us in Christ. We are called upon to be as giving and forgiving of others as God has been to us. God loves all of us equally – the cradle Catholic the same as the convert, the sinner as much as the saint, every person in every pew.

God calls all of us to labor in his vineyard of mercy, and to *conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.* (Source: Faith Catholic)

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**Outdoor Daily Mass Guidelines\*\*Holy Cross Catholic Church**

Given the level of community spread in the Durham Community, we are proceeding very cautiously to resume in-person Daily Mass on September 22, 2020 at 8am outside on the portico. The Liturgy team has reviewed Diocesan Guidelines and best practices to keep everyone safe. Please be reminded that Bishop Zarama has communicated that “all of the faithful continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation.” There is no obligation to attend in-person Mass.

Here are the guidelines installed to protect our parishioners:

- Everyone must wear a face covering. Congregants without a mask will not be allowed.
- Seating is 6 feet apart to maintain social distance.
- Bathrooms will be closed, so plan accordingly.
- Communion will be offered in only one species, in hand only with proper social distancing.
- Following the end of Mass, please return to your vehicle.
- Congregants must stay home if sick.
- Any individuals with high risk underlying health conditions and compromised immune systems are strongly encouraged to continue to stay home.

**SYMPATHY—VARIETY**

What flavours of ice cream have you?’  
The pretty waitress answered in a hoarse whisper,  
“Vanilla, strawberry, and chocolate.”  
Trying to be sympathetic, the diner said,  
“You got laryngitis?”  
“No,” replied the girl with an effort,



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**ORGANIZATIONS/COMMITEES/MINISTRIES SCHEDULE  
ALL CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

- Altar Society**
- Baptism Preparation Class**
- Centering Prayer**
- Ensemble Choir Rehearsal**
- Eucharistic Adoration**
- Gospel Choir Rehearsal**
- Health/Wellness**
- Lucky Chips Club**
- Men's Society**
- Parent Prayer Group**
- Pastoral Care**
- Pastoral Council**
- Quilting Ministry**
- RCIA**
- Recitation of the Rosary**
- Rosary Prayer Group**
- Senior Adult Crusaders**
- Youth Sponsored Liturgy**

**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.”*

~St. Francis of Assisi

Michael O'Conner  
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**What's My Name?**

The #WHATSMYNAME Movement asks everyone to simply ask drivers "What's my name?" before entering their vehicle to make sure it is the car they are supposed to enter.

**#WHATSMYNAME**

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