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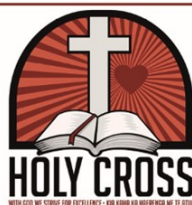
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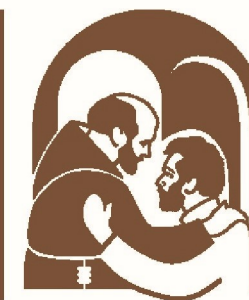
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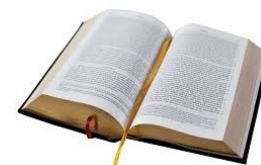
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04 Dec 2022 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Readings This Week

First: Isaiah 11: 1-10
Responsorial Psalm: 72
Second: Romans 15: 4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

Readings Next Week

First: Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10
Responsorial Psalm: 146
Second: James 5: 7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

Responsorial Psalm 72

Response: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Mission Statement of Our Parish

"We the Catholic Community of the Holy Cross Parish Henderson,
empowered by the Holy Spirit, accept and proclaim
the Good News and strive to be one in God's love
and to be of service to others".

Communion Reflection

Why did John the Baptist prophesy that the Messiah would come and
"baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire" (Matthew 3:11)? Fire in biblical
times was often associated with God's presence and with his action in the
lives of his people. God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire,
such as the burning bush which was not consumed when God spoke to
Moses (Exodus 3:2). The image of fire was also used to symbolize God's
glory (Ezekiel 1:4, 13), his protective presence (2 Kings 6:17), his holiness
(Deuteronomy 4:24), righteous judgment (Zechariah 13:9), and his wrath
against sin (Isaiah 66:15-16). Fire was also used as a sign of the Holy
Spirit's power and presence (Matthew 3:11). When the Holy Spirit was
poured out on the day of Pentecost, tongues of fire appeared over the
heads of the apostles and disciples of Jesus (Acts 2:3). The fire of the
Holy Spirit purifies and cleanses us of sin, and it inspires a reverent fear of
God and of his word in us. Do you want to be on fire for God and for the
return of the Lord Jesus when he comes again in his glory?

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday & Thursday - 9am
Wednesday - 9am & 7:30pm
Friday - 9am and every First Friday of the month at 7:30pm
Saturday - 8am and 6pm Vigil Mass
Sunday - 7am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday— After 9am Mass until 12pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday - 6:45pm to 7:15pm

Also by appointment

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

Saturday 10:30—12:30pm

HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S CATECHISM CLASSES

Every Sunday 10:30am—11:30am

HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S Mass

Every First Saturday of the Month at 6pm

20 DECADE ROSARY

Wednesday—After 9am Mass

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday 7:10pm

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Rosary: 6:45pm followed by Adoration & Holy Mass

CARING COMMUNITY

Drop-in every Tuesday after 9 am Mass

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11am followed by a shared
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HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

We are having a SPECIAL CONFESSION Day in preparation for Christmas.

Please make use of this day to make a good confession in order to prepare yourselves for the welcoming of Jesus among us.

Date: Tuesday 13th December

Time: 7.30 to 8.30pm

Kindly keep this time free and diarize it in your calendars.

Christmas Social will be held on 9th December from 6pm onwards at the parish hall. Ticket cost is \$20 each and can be purchased in the foyer after all masses this weekend and in the parish office. All funds raised will go towards the renovation of our parish hall.

Baptism for children ages 6 years and below - Parents are required to attend a **Baptism Formation Program** if they wish to have their child baptised. Next month's program will be on the 3rd Thursday, 15th December 7pm-8:30pm inside our church. To register, please text BAPTISM PROGRAM & parents' names on 022 673 2208. For children 7 years and above, please contact the parish office.

Drop In Morning Tea after 9am Mass every Tuesday will restart 7th February 2023. **Sacrament of the Sick** will start on the 21st of February 2023.

St Vincent de Paul's Christmas Hamper Drive. Last year, with your help we helped 775 people in our community, let's do it again. Food item donations can be dropped in the box at the entrance/at the parish office. See noticeboard for further details. **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards** will be on sale at all week end masses from 19th November 2022 until sold out. The cost is \$5.00 per pack of cards. All proceeds from the sale will go towards Christmas Hampers for Needy Families in our parish and the community.

OFFERTORY: Starting next year 2023, we would like to roster parish families to take up the offertory at all Sunday masses. The hope is that, it will give an opportunity for every family to meaningfully participate at the Eucharist Celebration. If you have a preferred Sunday your family likes, please contact Sister Ake on akeholycross@gmail.com.

HEHA Zumba Session is every Tuesday from 6pm at the parish hall. Everyone is welcome.

Church Parking - Just a reminder to kindly park with consideration. Please avoid parking on the grass, on the driveway in front of the Church, we need to keep this area clear for emergency vehicles. Thank you for your understanding.

Health and Safety Committee — We need volunteers for our health and safety committee. If you are interested and for more information, please contact the parish office on 09 8353355 or email secretary@hendersoncatholic.org.nz

Auckland Diocese Notices are posted on the church notice board.

Come sing with us our Christmas prayers. On Thursday 8 December at 2pm in the chapel of St Benedicts Bishop Steve will pray the Mass of Christmas day which will be filmed for broadcast on Shine TV. We would deeply appreciate a good congregation so... please consider joining us and adding your prayers and voices.

Registrations are now open for Ngā Tapuwāe - Sacred Footsteps 2023. Our Northland pilgrimage will be from 6th January to 8th January 2023. All are welcome to hikoi with us to learn more of our Catholic heritage. We will explore, experience, and live the sacred places of Kupe, Bishop Pompallier, and the early missionaries. The pilgrimage will conclude with Mass at the place where the first Mass in NZ occurred. Register <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/nga-tapuwae-pilgrimage/> or contact: Stephen Fraser 09 360 3052 or: stephenf@cda.org.nz

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Isaiah 35: 1-10	Ps 85;	Luke 5: 17-26
Tuesday	Isaiah 40: 1-11	Ps 92;	Matthew 18: 12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 40: 25-31	Ps 103;	Matthew 11: 28-30
Thursday	Genesis 3: 9-15, 20 Ps 98; Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12;	Luke 1: 26-38	
Friday	Isaiah 48: 17-19	Ps 01;	Matthew 11: 16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11	Ps 80;	Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13

WhatsApp group:

For more information and to keep updated on our Parish activities join our Whatsapp group by scanning the barcode.



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Mass Collection For last week

1st Collection \$ 1,905.20

2nd Collection \$ 1,719.10

Building Fund Envelope \$ 50.20

Direct Credits \$ 3,135.00

Monthly parish Receipts and Disbursements Report is posted regularly on the church foyer board.

Thank you for your kind support and generosity.



ROSTER FOR 3RD & 4TH DECEMBER 2022 2nd Sunday of Advent

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Yollanda D'Rozario	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Janice Borsos	Tongan Community	Betham Family
Reader 1:	child	Mary Turnwald	Zaira Mathew		
Reader 2:	child	Frances Ah Ken	Sandra Fonseca		Flocy & Mary Louise
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Renante Alimagno Maria Alimagno	Francis Ah Ken Winnie Veikoso	Jospehine Kim Frank Borsos Emmett Kennedy		Betham Family
Collector:	Phyllis Godwin	Sullivan Family	Anthony Couto		
Altar Servers:	Ryan & Stephanie	Selemena & Matthew	Caroline & Levi		
Music Ministry:	Arthy & Dennis	Quiet Mass	Arthy & Dennis		
Offertory:		Mary Schmidt			
		Cleaning	Flowers	Children's Liturgy	
		Secular Franciscans, Mens Fellowship Legion of Mary	No flowers until Christmas	Arthy & Dennis	

ROSTER FOR 10TH & 11TH DECEMBER 2022 3rd Sunday of Advent

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Margie D'Rozario	Ana Ah Kuoi	Vicky Coakley	Samoan Community	Betham Family
Reader 1:	Michele de Melo	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Anil Baptist		
Reader 2:	Jean Soniega	Chris Mendes	Adradne Naynoy		Flocy & Mary Louise
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Lloyd de Melo Dominica Cowan Lyndon Cowan	Selesitina Levave Geraldine Sequera	Frank Coakley Jasmin Prem Prem Joseph		Betham family
Collector:	Phyllis Godwin	Sullivan Family	Anthony Couto		
Altar Servers:	Salomi & Jazer	Mathew & Selemena	Chana & Hezekia		
Music Ministry:	Bernadette	Quiet Mass	Goldwyn Family		
Offertory:					
		Cleaning	Flowers	Children's Liturgy	
		Ahio & Veatupu Family Siemsen Family	No flowers until Christmas	Missionaries of Charity Sisters	

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

24th December 6pm-Children's Mass

24th December 11pm-12midnight Carols

24th 12midnight Mass

25th 7am Mass, 9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, 6pm Mass

31st 6pm Mass

1st January 7am Mass, 9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, 6pm Mass

No First Friday Mass in January

No evening Wednesday masses in January.

No confession in January.

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