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11 Dec 2022 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Readings This Week

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

Readings Next Week

First: Isaiah 7: 10-14
Responsorial Psalm: 24
Second: Romans 1: 1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

Responsorial Psalm 146
Response: Lord, come and save us.

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

Jesus knew that what the Father in heaven had sent him to accomplish for our sake would supersede all that the prophets had done and foreseen in the past. Jesus' atoning death on the cross cancels the debt of our sins and sets us free to live as citizens of his kingdom. He gives us pardon, healing, and abundant life through his Holy Spirit, and the promise of unending joy with him in his everlasting kingdom. John the Baptist paid the ultimate sacrifice of his life for speaking God's word and preparing the way for Jesus the Lord and Savior of the world. The Lord Jesus offers us the same assurance of faith and the strength to stand against every force that would try to rob us of our conviction and courage to live and proclaim the good news (the Gospel) of God's kingdom. Do you know the joy, strength, and power which Jesus gives to every one who puts their trust in him and the power of the Holy Spirit? Ask the Lord Jesus to increase your faith and hope in his promises for you. "Lord Jesus, strengthen my trust in your word and my hope in the saving power of your kingdom. Free me from everything that would hold me back from pursuing your kingdom and your will for my life."

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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 lunch

MEDITATION

Last Friday of the month at 10am

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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.

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.

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.

Auckland Diocese Notices are posted on the church notice board.

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

24th December 6pm - Children's Mass

24th December 10:30pm onwards - Carols

24th Midnight Christmas Mass

- followed by Meet and Greet with coffee and tea—*Celebrating the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ*

25th 7am Mass, 9am Mass and 10:30am Mass (No 6pm Mass)

31st 6pm New Year's Eve Children's Mass

31st 9:30pm-10pm Silent Adoration —*Thanking the Lord for the year end*

31st 10pm New Year's Eve Mass

- followed by Meet and Greet with coffee and tea

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 and adoration in January.

Office closed from 24th December 2022 until 23rd January 2023.

For urgent matters and baptism please TEXT 022 673 2208.

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Mass Collection
For last week

1st Collection \$ 1,628.60

2nd Collection \$ 1,627.80

Building Fund Envelope \$ 25.00

Direct Credits \$ 3,025.00

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

Thank you for your kind support and generosity.



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.

The St Vincent de Paul Society, Henderson would like to thank you for your ongoing support & prayers. Members will be outside the church accepting donations after all masses next weekend.

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		
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Lloyd de Melo Dominica Cowan Lyndon Cowan	Selesitina Levave Geraldine Se-quera	Frank Coakley Jas-min Prem Prem Joseph		Flocy & Mary Louise
Collector:	Phyllis Godwin	Sullivan Family	Anthony Couto		Betham family
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

ROSTER FOR 17TH & 18TH DECEMBER 2022 4th Sunday of Advent

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Eric Cueva	Sr Ake Nun toon	Vui Tai Asiata	Madelene Warren	Katherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:	Cel Padilla	Okesa Paea	Michael Smith	Tricia Fermin	Apeksha Gupta
Reader 2:	Michele de Melo	Anil Baptist	Yollanda D'Rosario	Tanya Fermin	Pauline Conrad
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Angel Cueva Grace Cueva Joisse Cueva	Jennifer Baptist Winnie Veikosos	Teresa Malone Noelene Early Bernadette Boyd-Bell	Noel Fermin Teresita Fermin Trixie Fermin	Sagato Matau emmet Kennedy Xavier Tanginoa
Collector:	Phyllis Godwin	Sullivan Family	Anthony Couto	Michael Eades	Flocy & Mary Louise
Altar Servers:	Ryan, Zephan & Steph	Matthew & Selemena	Caroline & levi	Timothy Eades	Neil Fernandes
Music Ministry:	Evelyn Pereira	Quiet Mass	Lesatele Family	Couples for Christ	Legion of Mary
Offertory:					

Cleaning	Flowers	Children's Liturgy
Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family	No flowers until Christmas	Arthy & Dennis

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Rev11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab	Judith 13: 18bcde, 19 ;	Luke 1: 26-38
Tuesday	Zep 3: 1-2, 9-13	Ps 92;	Matthew 21: 28-32
Wednesday	Is 45: 6c-8, 18, 21c-25	Ps 85;	Matthew 11: 28-30
Thursday	IS 54: 1-10	Ps 98	Luke 7: 24-30
Friday	Is 56: 1-3a, 6-8	Ps 67;	John 5: 33-36
Saturday	Gen 49: 2, 8-10	Ps 72;	Matthew 1: 1-17

HEHA Zumba Session will resume in February 2023.

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.