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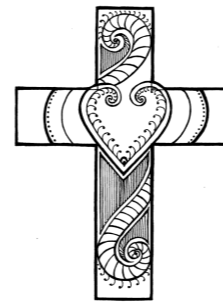
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20 August 2023 — Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings This Week

First: **Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7**
Psalm: **Psalms 67**
Second: **Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32**
Gospel: **Matthew 15: 21-28**

Readings Next Week

First: **Isaiah 22: 19-23**
Psalm: **Psalms 138**
Second: **Romans 11: 33-36**
Gospel: **Matthew 16: 13-20**

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 67
Response: **O God, let all the nations praise you!**

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 Reflections

Jesus tests this woman's faith to see if she is earnest in receiving holy things from the hand of a holy God. Jesus, no doubt, spoke with a smile rather than with an insult because this woman immediately responds with wit and faith - "even the dogs eat the crumbs".

Jesus praises a Gentile woman for her faith and for her love. She made the misery of her child her own and she was willing to suffer rebuff in order to obtain healing for her loved one. She also had indomitable persistence. Her faith grew in contact with the person of Jesus. She began with a request and she ended on her knees in worshipful prayer to the living God. No one who ever sought Jesus with earnest faith - whether Jew or Gentile - was refused his help. Do you seek the Lord Jesus with expectant faith?

"Lord Jesus, your love and mercy knows no bounds. May I trust you always and pursue you with indomitable persistence as this woman did. Increase my faith in your saving power and deliver me from all evil and harm."

CAPUCHIN FRIARS

Fr. Sebastian Fernandes OFM Cap.—Parish Priest
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MASS TIMES

Tuesday & Thursday - 9am
Wednesday Morning - 9am
Wednesday Evening Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help at 7:10pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm
Friday Morning - 9 am
First Friday of the month: Blessed Adoration at 6.30pm followed by Holy Mass at 7:30pm
Saturday - 8am and 6pm Vigil Mass
Sunday - 7am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

CARING COMMUNITY
Drop-in every Tuesday after 9am Mass

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11am followed by a shared lunch

20 DECADE ROSARY
Wednesday -After 9am Mass

RECONCILIATION
Wednesday - 6:45pm to 7:15pm
Also by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursday - After 9am Mass until 12pm

MEDITATION
Last Friday of the month at 10am

BAPTISM SCHEDULE
Saturday 10:30am—12:30pm

HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S MASS
Every First Saturday of the Month at 6pm

HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASS
Every Sunday 10:30am -11:30am

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Faith Sharing Sunday – In order to mobilize our Parish community around Faith Sharing, we are starting Faith Sharing Sundays, where ordinary people in their everyday lives, come together to share their faith in simple ways.

Our first session will be held on Sunday 27th Aug. at 11.45Am (after the 10.30am Mass and thereafter every 4th Sunday of the month at the same time). The session will commence with a Talk on the Topic of the day followed by Faith sharing and a shared lunch.

For our inaugural session this month :

Speaker: Fr. Sebastian Fernandes OFM Cap.

Topic : BAPTISM

All are welcome!

For further details please contact the Parish Office on 09 835 3355

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The St Vincent de Paul Society, Henderson- A reminder that St Vincent de Paul members will be outside the church accepting donations after all masses this weekend. Bank transfers can be made to St Vincent de Paul Holy Cross: 12-3020-0488780-00. Please add your full name as reference. Tax receipts will be issued at the end of the year.

Holy Cross men's fellowship will have their monthly meeting on Thursday the 24th of August at 7pm in the parish meeting room. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. For further details please contact George Schuster on 0212080447 or Anil Baptist on 0223649306.

The Sacramental Program of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes will begin this Sunday 20th August. Thank you once again to all who have registered. A reminder that enrolments have closed now.

Parish Registration Form—We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parishioners and encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the foyer for your convenience. Keeping accurate records of all parishioners is important for future reference, such as the signing of any necessary documents by the priest. Thank you for being a part of our parish community.

Preference Card—Preference cards will be signed only by appointment every Tuesday from 11am until 12:30pm. In order to complete a preference enrolment certificate you need to be a parishioner registered with Holy Cross Parish Henderson. You also must present a copy of your child's baptism certificate or in the event the child is not baptized in the Catholic Faith, baptism certificate of the parent/guardian/aunt/uncle or Godparent requesting the child's baptism in the Catholic Faith is needed.

Carpark theft - There has been a theft reported this week that occurred at the carparking area. Please always ensure that your car is securely locked and be mindful of your belongings.

Kindly take note not to stick any chewing gum under the church pews/ benches / chairs you sit on. Lately we have discovered chewing gum under the church benches. It is not at all a manner anyone should even contemplate doing in the Presence Of The Holy Eucharist. The task of taking out these gums from under the benches is so tedious it took almost a week to remove these. We appeal to parents / caregivers and the elderly to ensure anyone does not behave in this manner at Church.



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Mass Collection
 For last week
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 Monthly parish Receipts and Disbursements Report is posted regularly on the church foyer board.
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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Judges 2: 11-19;	Ps 106;	Matthew 19: 16-22
Tuesday	Judges 6: 11-24a;	Ps 85;	Matthew 19: 23-30
Wednesday	Judges 9: 6-15 ;	Ps: 21	Matthew 20: 1-16
Thursday	Revelation 21: 9b-14 ;	Ps: 145;	John 1: 45-51
Friday	Ruth 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22;	Ps 146:	Matthew 22: 34-40
Saturday	Ruth 2: 1-3, 8-11; 4: 13-17;	Ps 128:	Matthew 23: 1-12



Mass for The Feast of St Teresa of Calcutta MC
 will be celebrated on Tuesday 5th September at 9am at St Mary, Immaculate Conception, Avondale. All are invited.

ROSTER FOR 19th & 20th AUGUST 2023 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Ana Maria Ah Kuoi	Madelene Warren	Tai Asiata	Catherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:		Savieti Lea	Anne McGrath	Hinze Joy	Kimberley Suan
Reader 2:		Sabrina Veatupu	Gemma Dominguez	Liya Jacob	Loretta Ahio
Ministers of Eucharist	Secular Franciscan Order	Ann Mckeown	Clare Connelly	Celino Orquejo	Emmett Kennedy
		Michael Mckeown	Pearlie Tomas	Suzette Orquejo	Conrad Manese
			Piet Bakker	Flor Skinner	Malia Faleusu
Collector	Phyllis Godwin	Jean Soniega	Men's fellowship	Willie	Flocy & Mary Louise
Altar Servers:	Salomi & Jazer		Levi & Caroline	Suzaine & Jordan	Neil Fernandez & Feeba
Music Ministry:	Secular Franciscan Order	Quiet Mass	Lesatele Family	Legion of Mary	Sr Ake & choir
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family	Flowers Sagote Family	Children's Liturgy Arthy & Dennis	

ROSTER FOR 26th & 27th AUGUST 2023 TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Julia Macuja	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Filipino Community	Catherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:	Amy Macuja	Mary Turnwald	Michael Smith		Gavin Colaco
Reader 2:	Chris Mendes	Frances Ah Ken	Douglas Gibson		Chana Villiver
Ministers of Communion	Joselitto Padilla	Francis Ah Ken	Sherry Smith		Sagato Matau
	Jessica D'Silva	Geraldine Sequera	Sione Vakauta		Valerie Pua
	Miguel Padilla		Jane Thomsen		Maria Faleusu
Collector:	Mark D'Silva	Jean Soniega	Men's fellowship		Flocy & Mary Louise
Altar Servers:	Zephan & Stephanie		Chana & Hezekia	Suzaine & Jordan	Neil & Feeba
Music Ministry:	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Filipino Community	Arthy and Dennis
		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) Filipino Community Tongan Community	Flowers Filipino Community	Children's Liturgy Arthy & Dennis	