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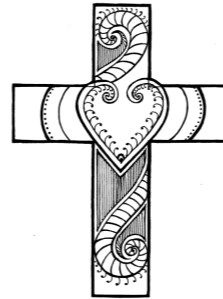
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27 August 2023 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings This Week

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

Readings Next Week

First: **Jeremiah 20: 7-9**
 Psalm: **Psalms 63**
 Second: **Romans 12: 1-2**
 Gospel: **Matthew 16: 21-27**

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 138

Response: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

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 plays on Peter's name which is the same word for "rock" in both Aramaic and Greek. To call someone a "rock" is one of the greatest of compliments. The ancient rabbis had a saying that when God saw Abraham, he exclaimed: "I have discovered a rock to found the world upon". Through Abraham God established a nation for himself. Through faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was. He was the first apostle to recognize Jesus as the Anointed One (Messiah and Christ) and the only begotten Son of God. The New Testament describes the church as a spiritual house or temple with each member joined together as living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5). Faith in Jesus Christ makes us into rocks or spiritual stones.

The Lord Jesus offers us the gift of unshakeable faith, enduring hope, and unquenchable love - and the joyful boldness to proclaim him as the one true Savior who brings us the kingdom of God both now and forever. Who do you say he is to yourself and to your neighbor?

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**

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA & ROSARY
 Every **4th Sunday** of the month 2pm-3pm

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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

(A Secular Franciscan Order Initiative)

Holy Cross Charismatic Fellowship will have their monthly meeting on Monday the 28th of August at 7pm in the parish meeting room. We will reflect on the letter to the Ephesians chapter 4. Please bring your Bible along. All parishioners are welcome to attend. For further details please contact Anil Baptist on 0223649306.

First Friday Mass - First Friday Mass will be celebrated on Friday 1st September, Blessed Adoration will begin at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm.

Children's Mass—We would like to extend a special invitation to all guardians & parents with children to attend our monthly Children's Mass on Saturday 2nd September at 6pm. This Mass is specifically tailored for the children, and we encourage you to bring your little ones along.

The Sacramental Program of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes have already commenced. Thank you once again to all who have registered. A reminder that enrolments have closed now as classes have reached maximum capacity.

Sacrament of Baptism for children ages 6 years and below - If you are interested in having your child baptized, it is a requirement for the parents to attend a Baptism Formation Program. The next program will take place on Thursday, 21st September from 7pm to 8:30pm in our church. To register, please text "BAPTISM PROGRAM" along with the parents' names to 022 673 2208. For children 7 years and above, please contact the parish office for further information.

The Annual Food Festival will be held on Saturday 30th September this year from 11am onwards. If you are interested in selling food to help with fundraising for the Church Hall, please attend a meeting which will be held on Tuesday 5th September at 7pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

Zumba Classes is held every Monday from 6pm to 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Hall in Glen Eden. This will continue until the renovation of our hall is completed. Please feel free to join and support these classes.

Birthdays and Anniversaries - There will be a blessing for all who have celebrated Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries at the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses on the last weekend of the month.

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.

The Parish office will be closed on Tuesday 12th September as our Parish Administrators are attending an annual Secretarial Retreat. The Parish office will be open again on Wednesday 13th September.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	1 Thess 1: 1-5, 8b-10 ;	Ps 149;	Matthew 23: 13-22
Tuesday	1 Thess 2: 1-8 ;	Ps 139;	Mark 6: 17-29
Wednesday	1 Thess 2: 9-13;	Ps: 139	Matthew 23: 27-32
Thursday	1 Thess 3: 7-13;	Ps: 90;	Matthew 24: 42-51
Friday	1 Thess 4: 1-8 ;	Ps 97;	Matthew 25: 1-13
Saturday	1 Thess 4: 9-11:	Ps 98:	Matthew 25: 14-30



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 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
	Miguel Padilla	Geraldine Sequera	Sione Vakauta		Valerie Pua
	Mark D'Silva	Jean Soniega	Men's fellowship		Maria Faleusu
Collector:	Zephany & Stephanie		Chana & Hezekia	Suzaine & Jordan	Floey & Mary Louise
Altar Servers:	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Filipino Community	Neil & Feeba
Music Ministry:		Sunika Family		Madelene & John	Arthy and Dennis
Offertory:		Cleaning Fiji Community(Friday) Filipino Community Tongan Community	Flowers Filipino Community	Children's Liturgy Arthy & Dennis	

ROSTER FOR 2nd & 3rd SEPTEMBER 2023 TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Child	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Paul Aalbers	Tongan Community	Betham Family
Reader 1:	Child	Savieta Lea	Gemma		
Reader 2:	Child	Sabrina Veatupu	Daniel Dominiguez		
Ministers of Communion	Angel Cueva	Selesitina Levave	Colleen Aalbers		
	Joissee Cueva	Geraldine Sequera	Teresa Malone		
	Grace Cueva		Noelene Earlly		
Collector:	Mark D'Silva	Jean Soniega	Mens Fellowship		Floey & Mary Louise
Altar Servers:	Sasha & Jazer		Chana & Hezekia	Suzaine & Jordan	Neil & Feeba
Music Ministry:	Arthy & Denis	Quiet Mass	Couples for Christ	Tongan Community	Betham Family
Offertory:		Cleaning Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	Flowers Secular Franciscans Men's Fellowship Legion of Mary	Children's Liturgy Denis & Arthy	