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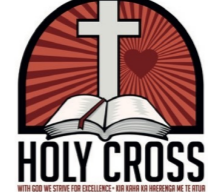
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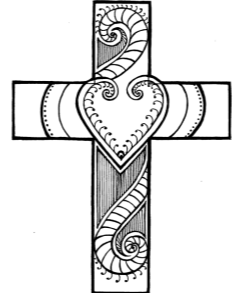

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17 Dec 2023 Third Sunday of Advent



Readings Next Week

First: Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11
Psalm: Luke 1
Second: First Thessalonians 5: 16-24
Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Readings Next Week

First: 2Samuel 7:1-5,8-11
Psalm: Ps 89
Second: Romans 16:25-27
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Responsorial Psalm Luke 1
Response: My soul rejoices in my God.

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

As we enter into this octave of immediate preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ, do use it as a time of true spiritual preparation. Though all of Advent is a season of preparation, these final days should especially focus upon the great mysteries surrounding the Incarnation and birth of the Christ Child. We must ponder the people Whom God chose to be intimately involved, and we should reflect upon the smallest of details regarding how this miracle of miracles took place.

Reflect, today, upon the true reason for Advent and Christmas. This final week leading up to Christmas can oftentimes become filled with busyness and other forms of preparation, such as shopping, cooking, traveling, decorating, etc. Though all of these other preparations have a place, don't neglect the most important preparation—the spiritual preparation of your soul. Spend time with the Scriptures this week. Savor the story. Think about the amazing reality that we are about to celebrate.

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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

FAITH SHARING
Every 4th Sunday of the month at 11.45am

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

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Children's Christmas Mass—We invite all children to participate in the nativity play on December 24th at the 6 pm Mass. There will be a practice in the church this Sunday after the 10:30 am Mass. For more information, please contact Arthy at 0223193621.

Mass Calendar & Psalm Books are available for sale at the parish office. Mass calendar \$5 and Psalm books for \$15 each.

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2024 are available for collection in the church foyer.

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.

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

24th December, Sunday—7am Mass, 9am Mass , 10:30am Mass and 6pm Children's Christmas Mass

24th December—11pm onwards - Carols

24th Midnight Christmas Mass

- After the midnight Mass there will be a Meet and Greet with wine & cheese—*Celebrating the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ*

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

31st December, Sunday -7am Mass, 9am Mass , 10:30am Mass and 6pm Mass

31st December, Sunday—9:30pm to 10pm Silent Adoration

31st 10pm New Year's Eve Mass

- After the midnight Mass there will be a Meet and Greet with wine & cheese —*Thanking the Lord for the year end*

1st January, New Year's Day - 9am Mass (one mass only)

No First Friday Mass in January

No evening Wednesday masses in January.

No confession and adoration in January.

Office closed from 22nd December 2022 until 1st February 2024.

For urgent matters please TEXT 022 673 2208

Roster for 3rd week of Advent 16th & 17th Dec 2023 Yr B Wk 4					
Mass	Vigil Mass 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
Leader :	Secular Franciscan Order	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Paul Aalbers	Vui Tai Asiata	Katherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:		Frances Martinez	Michael Smith	Maria Kumitau	Kiara Monteiro
Reader 2:		Anita Gupta	Paul Ah Kuoi	Adolf Goldwyn	Danielle Monteiro
Ministers of Holy Communion		Ann McKeown	Colleen Aalbers	Lucy Goldwyn	Maria Faleusu
		Mike McKeown	Sherry Smith	Noel Fermin	Emmett Kennedy
			Bernadette Boyd-Bell	Tess Fermin	Sagato Matau
Collector:	Phyllis & Mark	Soniega family	Men's Fellowship	Celino	Flocy & Mary Louise
Altar Servers:	Salomi & Jazer	Quiet Mass	Caroline & Levi	Matthew & Jiavani	Neil Fernandes
Music Ministry:	Evelyn Pereira	Cleaning	Sr Ake & Choir	Sr Ake & Choir	Legion of Mary
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family	No flowers during Advent	Children's Liturgy Arthy & Dennis	



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Mass Collection

For last week

1st Collection \$ 1,688.50

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Building Fund Envelope \$ 115.00

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

Thank you for your kind support and generosity.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Jeremiah 23:5-8	Ps 72	Matthew 1:18-24
Tuesday	Judges 13:2-7,24-25	Ps 71	Luke 1:5-25
Wednesday	Isaiah 7:10-14;	Ps 24	Luke 1:26-38
Thursday	Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18	Ps 33	Luke 1:39-45
Friday	1Samuel 1:24-28	1Samuel p166	Luke 1:46-56
Saturday	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24	Ps 25	Luke 1:57-66

A Prayer for peace in Israel and Gaza

Heavenly Father, we pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel. We pray especially those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies. Strengthen and support the work of all relief organisations. We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace. May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and kindness. Lord hear us as we pray in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Roster for 4th Wk of Advent 23rd & 24th Dec 2023 Yr B Wk 4

Mass	Vigil Mass 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm Children's Christmas Mass
Leader :	Eric Cueva	Ana Ah Kuoi	Vui Tai Asiata	Filipino Community	Child
Reader 1:	Chris Mendes	Sabrina Veatupu	Lose Veatupu		Child
Reader 2:	Michele de Melo	Anil Baptist	Savieta Lea		Child
Ministers of Holy Communion	Angel Cueva	Jennifer Baptist	Teresa Malone		Priest
	Grace Cueva, Joisse C	Selesitina Levave	Noelene Early		Lloyd de Melo, Tess
			Bernadette Boyd-Bell		Renante Alimagno
			Men's Fellowship		Phyllis & Mark
Collector:	Phyllis & Mark	Soniega family	Men's Fellowship	Jazer, Sasha	
Altar Servers:	Zephan & Steph		Caroline & Levi	Dennis & Arthy	
Music Ministry:	Couples for Christ	Quiet Mass	Vakauta family	Children's Liturgy Arthy & Dennis	
		Cleaning Fiji Community Filipino Community	Flowers Filipino Community		

Roster for Christmas Day Masses 2023

Mass	Christmas Midnight	7AM	9AM	10.30AM
Leader:	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Lydia Ah Kuoi	Vui Tai Asiata	Filipino Community
Mass Reader 1	Chris Mendes	Sabrina Veatupu	Maria Kumitau	
Mass Reader 2	Savieta Lea	Frances Martirez	Mike Smith	
Gospel:	Fr Sebastian	Priest	Priest	
Ministers of Holy Communion	priest	Selesitina Levave	Sherry Smith, Maria Seufatu	Filipino Community
Collector:	priest	Geraldine Sequera	Jane Thomsen	
Altar Servers	Sefa	Soniega family	Men's Fellowship	
Offertory	Stephanie, Neil, Levi			
Music Ministry	Ah Kuoi Family			
	Vakauta Family	Evelyn Pereira	Sr Ake & Choir	

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