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24 Dec 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent



Readings Next Week

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

Readings -Vigil Christmas

First: Isaiah 62:1-5
 Psalm: Ps 89
 Second: Acts 13:16-17,22-25
 Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25 Creed

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89
 Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

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

Reflect, today, with our Blessed Mother. Ponder the Incarnation. Place yourself into the scene that first Christmas. Hear the sounds of the town. Smell the smells of the stable. Watch as the shepherds come forth in adoration. And enter the mystery more fully, acknowledging that the more you know about the mystery of Christmas, the more you know how little you actually know and understand. But that humble realization is the first step to a deeper understanding of what we celebrate this day.

Lord, I gaze at the wonder of Your birth. You Who are God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, God from God and Light from Light, became one of us, a humble child, born of a virgin and laid in a manger. Help me to ponder this glorious event, to reflect upon the mystery with awe and to more fully grasp the meaning of what You have done for us. I thank You, dear Lord, for this glorious celebration of Your birth into the world. Jesus, I trust in You.

CAPUCHIN FRIARS

Fr. Sebastian Fernandes OFM Cap.—Parish Priest
 Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap—Assistant 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

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

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

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 New Year Eve's 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



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Mass Collection

For last week

1st Collection \$ 1,612.70

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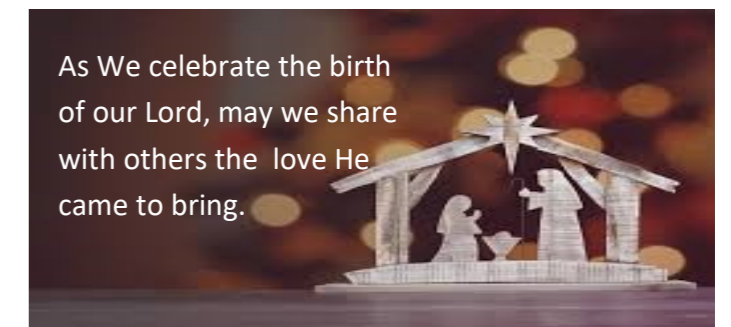
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CHRISTMAS SCRIPTURE READINGS

Midnight: Ps 96 1. Isaiah 9:1-7 2. Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14

Dawn: Ps 97 1. Isaiah 62:11-12 2. Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20

Day: Ps 98 1. Isaiah 52:7-10 2. Hebrews 1:1-6 John 20:2-8



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	Saviati Lea		Child
Ministers of Holy Communion	Angel Cueva, Joisse C	Jennifer Baptist, Selesitina Levave	Teresa Malone, Noelene Early		Priest
			Bernadette Boyd-Bell		Lloyd de Melo, Tess Renante Alimagno
Collector:	Phyllis & Mark	Soniega family	Men's Fellowship		Phyllis & Mark
Altar Servers:	Zephan & Steph		Caroline & Levi		Jazer, Sasha
Music Ministry:	Couples for Christ	Quiet Mass	Vakauta family		Dennis & Arthy
		Cleaning Fiji Community, Filipino Community	Flowers Filipino Community		Children's Liturgy Arthy & Dennis

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	Saviati Lea	Frances Martirez	Mike Smith	
Gospel:	Fr Sebastian	Priest	Priest	Priest
Ministers of Holy Communion	priest	Selesitina Levave, Geraldine Sequera	Sherry Smith, Maria Seufatu, Jane Thomsen	Filipino Community
Collector:	Sefa	Soniega family	Men's Fellowship	
Altar Servers	Stephanie, Neil, Levi			
Offertory	Ah Kuoi Family			
Music Ministry	Vakauta Family	Evelyn Pereira	Sr Ake & Choir	

Roster for New Year Masses 2024		
Mass	New Year Midnight	9AM
Leader:	Vui Tai Asiata	Paul Aalbers
Mass Reader 1	Mike Smith	Gafatasi Endemann
Mass Reader 2	Michele de Melo	Paul Ah Kuoi
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Jasmine Joseph, Prem Joseph, Dominica Cowen	Sina Patolo, Colleen Aalbers, Piet Baker
Altar Servers	Hezekia & Chana	Caroline & Levi
Offertory		Endemann Family
Music Ministry	Sr Ake and friends	Adolf Goldwyn

Readers and Ministers

Kindly take a moment to review the rosters on the notice board for January. If you find that you're not available for your assigned duty, please inform Sr. Ake at akeholycross@gmail.com.

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

We extend warm wishes to each of you and your families for a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and a 2024 New Year filled with abundant blessings.

Our heartfelt thanks also go to the Holy Cross Parish office team, parish committees, and dedicated volunteers. Throughout the year, you have selflessly dedicated your time to support the Parish and its faithful.

A special acknowledgment goes to Sr. Ake, whose behind-the-scenes efforts contribute significantly to the welfare of the parish.

Lastly, we appreciate the Principal and Staff at Holy Cross Parish School for their invaluable assistance.

Thank you once again, and may God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely,

Fr. Sebastian Fernandes OFM Cap.
 Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap.
 Fr. Ranjit Ekka OFM Cap.
 Fr. Praful Kerketta OFM Cap.

