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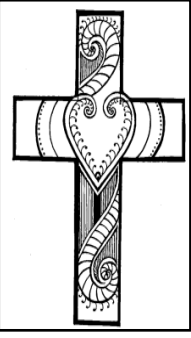
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30th of November 2025— First Week of Advent (Year A)

	Responsorial Psalm Ps 122 Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord!	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
	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".	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 COURSE Every 3rd Friday of the month 5:30 pm at pastoral centre BAPTISM SCHEDULE Saturday 10:30am, 11:30am, and 12:30pm HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S MASS Every First Saturday of the Month at 6pm HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASS Every Sunday 9:00am and 10:30am Mass FAITH SHARING Every 4th Sunday of the month at 11.45am DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA & ROSARY Every 4th Sunday of the month 2pm-3pm PREFERENCE SIGNING Every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Tuesday from 11 am to 12 pm only



Being Prepared!

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. " *Matthew 24 : 42-44*

How does one "stay awake" as our Lord commands us? We receive this holy exhortation as we enter into a new liturgical year. In Advent, we begin at the beginning. We ponder the Incarnate Son of God dwelling as a human Child in the precious womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We anticipate the celebration of His birth into the world at Christmas. As the liturgical year progresses, we will prayerfully walk through each moment of His life, from the events of His childhood, to His public ministry, and ultimately His death, resurrection, and ascension into Heaven.

Reflect today on Jesus' exhortation to be awake, vigilant, attentive, and ready to love Him in the smallest ways. To stay spiritually awake, cultivate habits that keep you attuned to God's presence: set aside time for daily prayer, receive the sacraments frequently, and be mindful of opportunities to serve others. These practices will help you remain vigilant and ready to encounter Christ at any moment. Search for Him this Advent, and never tire of loving Him in your prayer and in those around you. The Son of God continuously comes to you "at an hour you do not expect." By building a spiritual habit of being prepared, you will meet and love Him throughout your day.

My ever-present Lord, You surround me with Your grace and flood me with Your mercy day and night. Please give me a heart that is attentive and receptive to You so that I can receive all that You wish to bestow and love You and others with Your Sacred Heart .
Jesus, I trust in You.

	Scripture Readings for the week		
Monday	Ps 122	Isa 4: 2-6	Mat 8: 5-11
Tuesday	Ps 72	Isa 11: 1-10	Luke 10: 21-24
Wednesday	Ps 23	Isa 25: 6-10a	Mat 15: 29-37
Thursday	Ps 118	Isa 26: 1-6	Mat 7: 21, 24-27
Friday	Ps 27	Isa 29: 17-24	Mat 9: 27-31
Saturday	Ps 147	Isa 30: 19-21, 23-26	Mat 9: 34-10:1, 5a

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