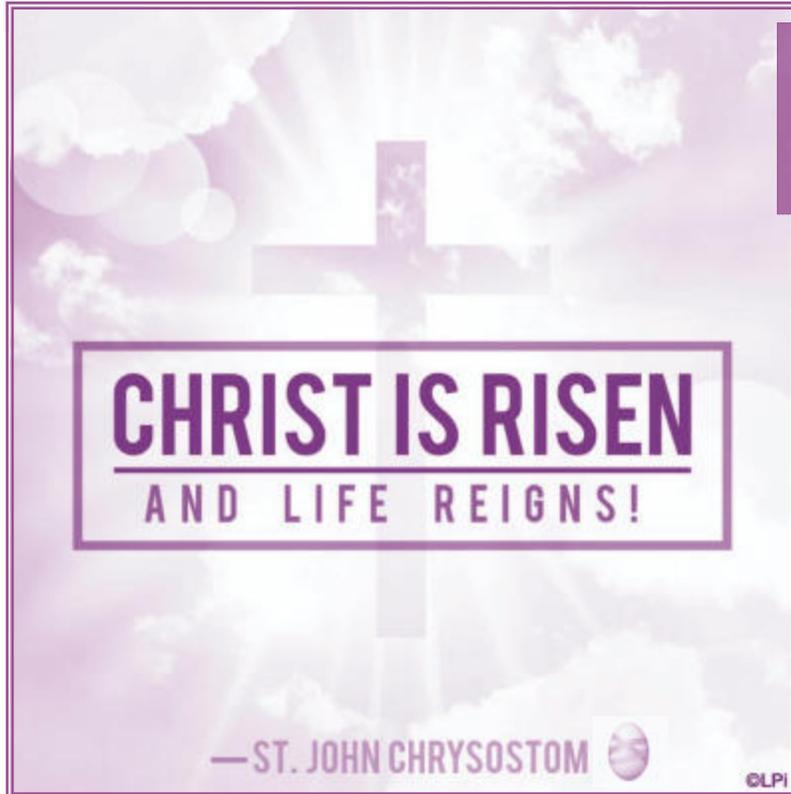


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EASTER SUNDAY

WELCOME

Please introduce yourselves and register in order to become a member of this community of believers. We welcome your gifted presence in the life of our parish.

OUR MISSION

Holy Cross Parish, a community centered in the Eucharist, is committed in faith and love of Jesus Christ to fulfill the profoundly human and spiritual needs of its parishioners and the larger community it serves. We seek to inspire all, through deeds and by example, to do the work of Christ: to make God known, loved, and served.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday 9:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am

Holy Days of Obligation

9:00am, 7pm

Confession

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45pm

Other by Appointment

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HOLY CROSS CHURCH



Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! It truly is a day, week, season to rejoice and sing (OK, maybe we should not communally sing yet because we are not out of the covid restrictions, but I know many of us feel like: "I Can't Keep From Singing" this Easter). What a difference a year makes. Easter 2020 was not only celebrating an empty tomb but also feeling a pall over the celebrating because of an empty church. This year we had to add an 11:30am Mass! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am so very grateful to all of the parishioners who are making this Easter celebration possible: the Parish Staff creating Flocknote sign-ups, troubleshooting technical challenges, and keeping track of Easter Flower donations (next weekend's bulletin will have the list of memorials and donors for Easter 2021), Chris Iannitelli and the various cantors providing inspiring and celebratory music (next year the choirs will be back!), Sacristans for setting up and cleaning up after each and every liturgy, Greeters welcoming and signing everyone in, encouraging parishioners back for the first time and reminding everyone of the importance of wearing a mask, hand sanitizing, and social distancing, Readers for proclaiming God's Word to waiting hearts, Eucharistic Ministers for distributing Jesus' Body and Blood fully sacramentally present in Holy Communion to hopeful souls, Sanitizers spraying down the church after each gathering to keep us all safe as possible as many parishioners continue getting fully vaccinated and the possibility of getting and/or spreading the virus continues to lessen, and Each and every one of you here in person and praying from home who have not given up on God and the Church during these trying times because God and Holy Cross Parish has never forgotten you and your families, even though a majority of us have not seen each other in person much of this past year. Easter this year brings us new life in the renewing and recommitting of our baptismal promises of making God known, loved, and served in our families and communities, renewed hope that the darkness of death and suffering from covid is slowly being bathed in the new light of decreased hospital visits and reopened businesses, and shared tangible love of once again embracing family and friends. We are not fully out of the covid woods yet, but this Easter season promises better days ahead. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Next weekend, the Second Sunday of Easter known as Divine Mercy Sunday since the year 2000, we will not only celebrate Jesus' Divine Mercy in an afternoon devotion during Adoration, but also at the 10am Mass listen as Lorraine, Meghan, Rachel, and Lloyd make their Full Profession in the Roman Catholic Church, be Confirmed, and receive Holy Communion with all of us for the first time at the Supper of the Lamb, the Eucharist. It is an exciting time in their continuing journey of faith with God and now with us as full members of the universal Church and our local Holy Cross Parish Community. I thank Deacon Gary and Nancy Donahue, and Sid Smith for being such faithful RCIA catechists and sharing the rich Catholic Tradition with these four candidates. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Parish baptisms of infants and a couple children under the age of reason continue as do preparations for weddings as spring, summer, and fall unfold each day ahead. Our parish and Immaculate Conception parish second graders received Jesus' forgiveness for the first of hopefully many many times in their lives over the past last few weeks of Lent and are continuing to prepare for their First Holy Communions the third weekend in May. Similarly, our and ICC's teen candidates for Confirmation made their required retreat day during Lent and are preparing for their confirmations scheduled for mid-September. I know Fr. John Santone, CSC mentioned to me on the phone recently that he is curious to see if anyone getting married this year are parishioners he baptized when he was first assigned here in 1999-2001. We both laughed at that possibility. Much to be grateful for at Holy Cross Parish this Easter 2021. Even more to celebrate and look forward to as the Easter Season continues for the next 7 weeks! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

God Bless,

Fr. Brad

*****How many Easter Eggs can you find in this bulletin?*****





Bishop da Cunha's Easter Message
2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate another Easter, we are reminded that, even in the midst of a pandemic, this is a time of renewal and rebirth, of hope and joy. This past year, we have seen many difficulties, but the crisis brought by the pandemic can also become an opportunity for transformation. If we focus on how our struggles and our circumstances can strengthen our faith, hope, and love of God, we will truly be embracing the message of Easter. When we encounter a crisis in our lives, we can, with Christ's help, find an opportunity to emerge more faith-filled and encouraged. As St. Paul teaches us, "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2).

In the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection, we witness eternal life spring forth from death, suffering turned into joy, and despair replaced with hope. Happily, Easter always takes place in spring, a time when the once barren quiet of winter melts away and signs of new life emerge. The past year has been, at times, bleak and perhaps even desolate for some, yet, in this Easter season, like nature itself, we are called to recognize that all things are made new again and be an integral part of this renewal. The Resurrection of Jesus brings new life to us all. May we recognize and be receptive to God's plan of sheer goodness (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1), prepared for a spiritual renewal of ourselves and our Church.

Blessings on you and your family, and may we experience the peace and joy of the Risen Christ in our hearts and home.

My prayers and best wishes for a blessed Easter to all of you.

Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.
Bishop of Fall River



EASTER SUNDAY

Sponsor-A-Day is our final fundraiser of the fiscal year. \$120 will cover a day of utilities for the parish.

Our goal: \$43,800
Donations received: \$49,020!
We reached our goal

Additional donations will be used for ongoing boiler repairs and for the cost of streaming our Masses

Thank you to the following parishioners who sponsored a day in April:

Karen Smith	Martha Cogan
Marianne & Bob Dyke	Barbara Musselman
Sidney Smith	The O'Reilly family
John McLaughlin	Donald & Christine Sierra
Jim & Terry Orcutt	Pauline Gilbride
Claire & Jim Abate	Carl & Jeane LaCivita
Tom & Suzanne Botelho	Mary Jane Brophy
Lynne & John Dwyer	Carol Burton
Jodi Meade	Judy & Peter Franciosi
John Peterson	Pamela Carroll
Frank & Maeve Paul	Leonardo ZeFirino
Maureen Burke	Jean Tarantino
John & Linda McTernan	Tom Fitzgerald
Margaret Dwyer & Mike Hogan	

Thank You

At times, the families of Holy Cross parishioners who have passed away request that gifts in their memories be made to Holy Cross Parish. These gifts are then used for special projects in the parish. This is a wonderful way to honor someone active in our parish at their passing. We invite you to consider remembering Holy Cross in this way in your funeral arrangements or at the death of a loved one who is a parishioner of Holy Cross. Your generosity and thoughtfulness will help us continue to minister to the needs of our parishioners and the wider community.



MASS INTENTIONS

✠Saturday, April 3

7:30pm EASTER VIGIL- FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

✠Sunday, April 4

7am EASTER- FOR THE

8:30am PEOPLE OF

10:00am THE PARISH

✠Monday, April 5

9:00am

✠Tuesday, April 6

9:00am Diane Uarac

Requested by Elena Lattlippe

✠Wednesday, April 7

9:00am Jane Pocius

Requested by Marianne and Don Klok

✠Thursday, April 8

9:00am

✠Friday, April 9

9:00am

✠Saturday, April 10

4:00pm Diane Fontes

Requested by Karen Mitchell

✠Sunday, April 11

8:30am Claire Martucelli

Requested by Claire and Harrold Smith

10:00am Claire Martucelli

Requested by The Health Ministry

Elizabeth Nau 3rd Anniversary

Requested by Arthur Coughlin

Bereavement Support

The Office of Faith Formation offers a bereavement support group for the diocese, which also serves as the principal support group in the Fall River area. This is a support group to help people cope with the loss of a loved one.

This bereavement support group allows individuals to express their experiences, feelings, and emotions with others on the same journey. It is a blessing to have available this safe place in our diocese for anyone who is grieving to share and discover helpful ways to cope and begin to find new strength and hope.

Due to COVID-19, 2021 live sessions are not allowed. Currently, online sessions are offered on Tuesdays. For your convenience – two sessions are offered, one at 4:30 p.m. and another at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in joining the group or learning more is asked to call 508-678-2828 ext. 27 or 508-642-0583, or email: rsaraiva@dfrcs.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

& UPCOMING EVENTS



Outreach Sunday April 11th

Some of the requests from the agencies we serve have changed to reflect their current needs.

My Brother's Keeper-diapers, cleaning products, sponges, pantry staples: flour, sugars, cooking oil, baking mixes

Birthright-diapers, wipes

Family & Community Resources-canned: soup, fruit, pasta sauce, veggies, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, mac & cheese, snacks

Mainspring House-toiletries

We Do Care-grocery store gift cards

Louison Family Shelter-birthday bag/party items

Please leave your donations in the vestibule of the church during any of the Masses.

Contact parishioner Amy Goffredo with any questions at 508-207-2979.

Thank you for continuing to generously support the needs of our community!

Join us from the comfort of your home for a free virtual parish screening of **PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON** on April 11 at 6:00 PM.

PRAY is an inspiring documentary about the life of Holy Cross priest, Father Peyton and his globetrotting mission of promoting family prayer, especially the Rosary, with his famous catchphrase

"The Family That Prays Together Stays Together."

View the trailer at www.PrayTheFilm.com

Register and you'll be automatically entered into a raffle to win a Father Peyton gift box

<https://watch.showandtell.film/watch/holycrosschurch-ma-pray-2021-04-11> to register

There will be an optional post-screening Zoom discussion to share your feedback



For questions or additional information, please contact parishioner Cathy Downes at 508-884-6734 or cdownes@hcfm.org.

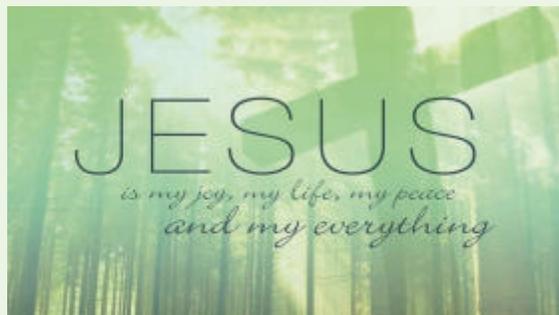


Easter Time

40 Days of Joy

10 Days of Anticipation (Ascension/Pentecost)

Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen



How is my faith being challenged and strengthened during these days of Easter?



Divine Mercy Sunday

All are invited to our parish celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on **April 11th @ 2:30 - 3:30pm in the church**. The service will include Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Instructions will be available for those not familiar with the service and Chaplet. Rosaries will be available.

Divine Mercy Sunday is based on the revelations made by Our Lord to St. Faustina Kowalska, a young Polish nun who saw a vision of Jesus with rays of mercy streaming from his heart and the invitation for people to pray: "Jesus, I trust in You!". Jesus' message was that his mercy is unlimited and available to all. Pope St. John Paul II instituted the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on the Second Sunday of Easter. To learn more about Divine Mercy Sunday, see the brochures, *Divine Mercy Sunday* and *The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy*, available at the church entrances.

EASTER SUNDAY

THE CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. 

READING I Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

READING II I Cor 5:6b-8

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough? Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

GOSPEL Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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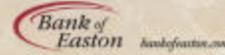


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