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When Jesus saw
that he answered with
understanding, he said to
him, "You are not far from
the kingdom of God."

- Mk 12:34ab

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OCTOBER 31, 2021

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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, 5:30pm

Holy Days of Obligation

9:00am, 7pm

Confession

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45pm

Other by Appointment

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Dear Parishioners,

Happy All-Hallows (Saints) Eve. Funny story about visiting a Faith Formation class. I was asking them about Halloween coming and why it is called this. I explained it was the day before All Saints' Day. They students asked why we wear costumes and I explained that the lore is all the evil spirits are out in full force the night before All Saints Day seeking to dissuade the faithful from celebrating the holy day. So, it goes that the faithful would don evil costumes to disguise themselves from evil spirits since the evil spirits then thought they were already on their side and the reason for dressing up as devils, ghouls, goblins, witches, vampires, werewolves, and the like. No Casper the friendly ghost, Frozen Princess, or Mutant Ninja Turtles until more recent days. OK, I am dating myself, but I am a year older now! Well, you should have seen their faces. I didn't mean to scare them, but I guess I did after speaking with their teacher this weekend - a hazard of not having kids of my own and not thinking to sugar coat the truth. We did talk about this being folklore, but they likely missed that part thinking about things like monsters under the bed. Scary carved pumpkins sought to do the same thing, ward off the scary spirits. I hope for their sakes no one overly scares them this year! This year All Saints' Day is not a holy day of obligation/opportunity because it falls on a Monday. Since 1991, if the holy days of January 1 (Mary, Mother of God), August 15 (Assumption of Mary), or November 1 (All Saints) fall on a Saturday or Monday the precept to attend Mass is dispensed encouraging the faithful to attend Sunday Mass. Holy Days like Christmas and December 8 (Immaculate Conception of Mary- patronal feast of United States) are always celebrated as holy days of obligation regardless of which day they fall on that year. Gone are the days when I grew up that we simply went Saturday and Sunday or Sunday and Monday.

Someone else is old enough to remember those days as well. Fr. John's Birthday is November 1st (Monday). It is also a milestone birthday this year since he was born in 1971.



Happy 50th Birthday Fr. John!



We pray the next fifty are as good to you as the first fifty. Enjoy your big day with Watson.

I am grateful for your best wishes for my meager 48th birthday last week and especially for your condolences as I traveled back to Indiana for my grandfather's funeral. It was an honor and blessing to be with my grandma and family and to preside at his Funeral Mass. It is emotionally challenging to be both grandson and "Fr." but the Holy Spirit never lets us down. Often for priests the tears flow after the nerves of "being on" subside and we can relax with the rest of the family. I wouldn't be surprised if that happens Tuesday evening playing Euchre with my cousins- much safer than the old fashioner lawn jarts we threw without much thought about launching pointed projectiles at yellow hoops - oh, the memories that have come flooding back. I know Fr. John can relate since he was very close with his grandfather.

Happy Halloween! Do not fear. Pray to your Guardian Angel to always protect you from the fallen angels. Enjoy the Skittles, Snickers, Reese's Peanut Butter cups, and one upside to covid, no one gives out healthy apples anymore! Treats rather than tricks please.

God Bless,
Fr. Brad





Saint of the Month
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

St. Thérèse, more affectionately known as the “Little Flower,” was born on 02 January 1873 in Alençon, France to Louis and Marie (Guérin) Martin. She was the youngest of five children and at baptism was given the name Marie-Françoise-Thérèse.

St. Thérèse had a happy and ordinary childhood. She was intelligent and faith filled. At the age of four her mother died which resulted in St. Thérèse’s father selling his business and moving the family to Lisieux where his children could be cared for by their aunt. When St. Thérèse’s aunt entered the convent, this young lady began to feel called to the same vocation. At fourteen one of the sisters of St. Thérèse entered the same convent as her aunt.

The following year St. Thérèse told her father that she wanted to join her aunt and sister at the Carmelite convent. Mr. Martin agreed but the local bishop refused because of her young age. A few months later when in Rome with her father for the priestly jubilee of Pope Leo XIII St. Thérèse knelt before the Holy Father for his blessing and asked him, “In honor of your jubilee, allow me to enter Carmel at fifteen.” Pope Leo was impressed but upheld the decision of the bishop of Bayeux.

On 09 April 1888 St. Thérèse finally entered the convent at Lisieux. She professed her vows on 08 September 1890. In 1894 when her father died St. Thérèse was joined in the convent by her sister who cared for their ailing father which resulted in four Martin sisters living as nuns in the convent of Carmel. Eighteen months later St. Thérèse took ill and on 30 September 1897, at just 24 years of age, died.

St. Thérèse was beatified in 1923 by Pope Pius XI and in 1925 the same pope canonized her a saint. In 1927 she was named patroness of all foreign missions and in 1997 declared a doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II. Today she is also venerated as the patroness of florists, France, and the Apostleship of Prayer. To add to the beauty of this saint’s life, her parents were canonized saints by Pope Francis on 18 October 2015.

Reflection Questions: St. Thérèse, when praying, said: “O Jesus, my love, at last I have found my proper calling; my call is to love.” Do we, as baptized Christians, love as our faith invites us to and as St. Thérèse modeled for us by the witness of her life? How do we struggle to love? Who witnesses true Christian love to us?

MASS INTENTIONS

✠Saturday, October 30

4:00pm David Dupuis
Requested from Family

✠Sunday, October 31

8:30am
10:00am Charlmer Groves 9th Anniversary
Requested by The Cunha Family

✠Monday, November 1

9:00am Anthony Galleota
Mary Marsh

✠Tuesday, November 2

9:00am Katherine Klok
Requested by Marianne and Don Klok

✠Wednesday, November 3

9:00am

✠Thursday, November 4

9:00am Anne Crane 13th Anniversary
Requested by Her Family

✠Friday, November 5

9:00am

✠Saturday, November 6

4:00pm Lucas Kenny 10th Anniversary
Ronald Venis 6th Anniversary
Requested from Family

✠Sunday, November 7

8:30am Kevin J. McIntyre
Requested by Eileen McIntyre
10:00am Mark Boucher 5th Anniversary
Requested by his wife Patty Boucher
5:30pm

If you are a family member whose loved one is being remembered in the Mass and would like to bring the gifts to the altar, please see one of the priests or ushers prior to the start of Mass.

SPONSOR A DAY

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

George Tyrrell
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Glyn West
Laura Butler
Kathleen Tully

Gary Donahue
Maureen Trudnak
David McCormick
John Ippolito
Stephanie Coose
Joyce Isiminger
Steven Madonna
Mary Calhoun

Thank You

READING I Dt 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey. "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I love you, Lord, my strength.

READING II Heb 7:23-28

Brothers and sisters:

The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them. It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

GOSPEL Mk 10:46-52

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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.

HOLY CROSS PARISH PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Jesus you know and call each one of us by name in baptism and ask us to follow you. Bless your church in the Congregation of Holy Cross and in the Diocese of Fall River by stirring into service generous people young and older from our families and friends who will serve and lead your people as Priests, Brothers, Sisters, Deacons and Lay Ministers. Bless all those who live in sacramental married life and those who serve others as single people. May we like Mary, your Mother and ours, be given the grace, wisdom and understanding to hear your voice and the courage to answer your call. We ask this with the Father and the Holy Spirit, and in your Holy Name we pray, Amen.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



If anyone has 8 oz. canning jars they are not using and would like to donate, please drop them off at the parish center for Pat's Jams and Jellies. Thank you!

Outreach Sunday

Outreach Sunday- November 7, 2021

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

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

Birthright-diapers, wipes

Family & Community Resources-canned: soup, fruit, pasta sauce, vegetables. Peanut butter, jelly, pasta, mac and cheese, snacks

Mainspring House-toiletries

We Do Care-support local widows and widowers and their families by donating grocery store gift cards

Louison Family Shelter-birthday bag items: cake mixes, frosting, cake pans, birthday party supplies: plates, napkins, banners, plasticware, tablecloths and decorations

Please leave your donations in the vestibule of the church during any of the Masses. Thank you for continuing to generously support our local community service agencies!

Please contact Claire Abate with any questions at claire@claireabate.com.



Daughters of Isabella - Pajama Party

Please join us for our Pajama Party on Wednesday, November 10th. We will meet at Holy Cross Church at 7:00pm. Wear PJ's and bring a pair of women's pajamas to donate to My Brother's Keeper. We are in need of large and ex-large. My Brother's Keeper has a Christmas Program that helps families with Christmas. These will be given to someone that is requesting pajamas for Christmas.

Please bring a friend to join us and learn more about Daughters of Isabella. Refreshments will be served.



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank everyone who participated in our recent fund raiser at the Chateau. It is a great way to enjoy a nice meal and help the Society out at the same time.

thank you

Thank you for all of the costume donations for the children at Louison Shelter. They were so grateful for all that was donated and the staff at Louison was so appreciative!



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FAMILY MINISTRIES

Remember and honor your deceased loved ones.

On All Souls' Day, November 2, Holy Cross Family Ministries will be praying the Rosary and offering the Holy Mass for the repose of all of your deceased loved ones and friends.

Please submit names for remembrance at <https://www.worldatprayer.org/> and join us for a livestreamed Rosary and Mass at 11:30 a.m. ET. Names submitted will be displayed on-screen.

You may continue to submit names throughout the month of November, as we will hold them in prayer throughout the month at the Father Peyton Center, North Easton, MA - www.MuseumOfFamilyPrayer.org

AUTUMN RAFFLE WINNERS TO DATE

OCTOBER 23 \$200	Bruce Pilz
OCTOBER 24 \$100	Jeane Lacivita
OCTOBER 25 \$50	Mary Dempsey
OCTOBER 26 \$50	Melissa & Phil Penellatore
OCTOBER 27 \$50	Lawrence Hurley
OCTOBER 28 \$50	Don & Marianne Klok
OCTOBER 29 \$50	Kathy Cremin

YOU COULD BE NEXT! ENTER ONLINE AT HOLYCROSSEASTON.ORG OR BY MAILING YOUR ENTRY TO THE PARISH CENTER.

GOOD LUCK AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST GROUP OF WINNERS!!



2021 Holly Fair

“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.” -Maya Angelou

Giving cards are available NOW in the church vestibule and continually through November 14. As in past years, we will need many multiple items to make select tables a success – lottery cards, wine, gift cards, etc. Cash donations are also welcome to complete themed baskets with relevant gifts. 100% of cash donations go directly to items for the Holly Fair.

In creating some new baskets this year, the following websites could be helpful if you are unable to shop live at stores: etsy.com, bookshop.org, llbean.com, chewy.com, playbillstore.com and amazon.com. A reminder that some items can be purchased at stores around Easton such as Pets Dream Too, Paperback Junction and Target.

Card questions? Contact Kerry Vieira via email at kerryvieira@hotmail.com with subject line – Holy Cross or Holly Fair. After select masses, I will be at the giving card area to answer questions as well.

Many thanks in advance to the generous parishioners for enabling us to create a fun-filled event and lovely basket choices. This year’s Holly Fair will take place on December 11 & 12.



Holy Cross Church Community Blood Drive
Parish Center Great Room
Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Please call 1-800- RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: HolyCross to schedule an appointment

Every donation makes a difference. People who gave at our drive in September will be eligible to give again at this drive.

There will NOT be a 5:30 Mass or Confirmation I Class on Halloween 10/31/2021

Massachusetts Newborns Protection Coalition



They need our help.

With the Passage of the ROE Act (Remove Obstacles and Expand Abortion) last December, Massachusetts is now among the most prodeath states in the country having removed the existing state law mandating lifesaving medical care to be administered to a child who survives an abortion.

The Massachusetts Newborn Protection Coalition is conducting a fall statewide signature campaign to place a question on the 2022 ballot ensuring lifesaving medical care for babies born alive after an attempted abortion.

* Abortion destroys the smallest and most helpless members of the human family.

If you believe that every newborn in MA deserves this common sense life-saving protection, please sign the petition.

A LAW TO PROTECT BABIES BORN ALIVE

Summary: This proposed law would require that, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if a child is born alive, all reasonable steps in keeping with good medical practice shall be taken to preserve the life of a child born alive.

Tell me more.

Under the Roe Act (Remove.Obstacles and Expand Abortion), passed in December 2020; by the Massachusetts legislature, a child born alive has no legal right to life-sustaining medical care, regardless of the circumstances of the child’s birth. This proposed law would close that loophole.

When will the proposed law appear on the ballot?

If 85,000 qualified signatures are gathered by mid-November 2021, the initiative petition question will appear on the November 2022 ballot.

Who can sign the petition?

Any person registered to vote in Massachusetts is eligible to sign the petition. Each petition contains the voters of only the town named at its bottom.

Voice Your Support: Signatures will be collected after all Masses 11/06 - 11/07



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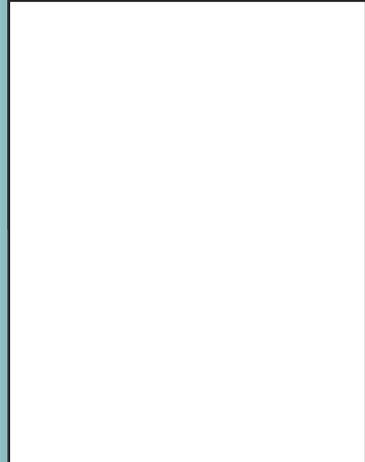
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