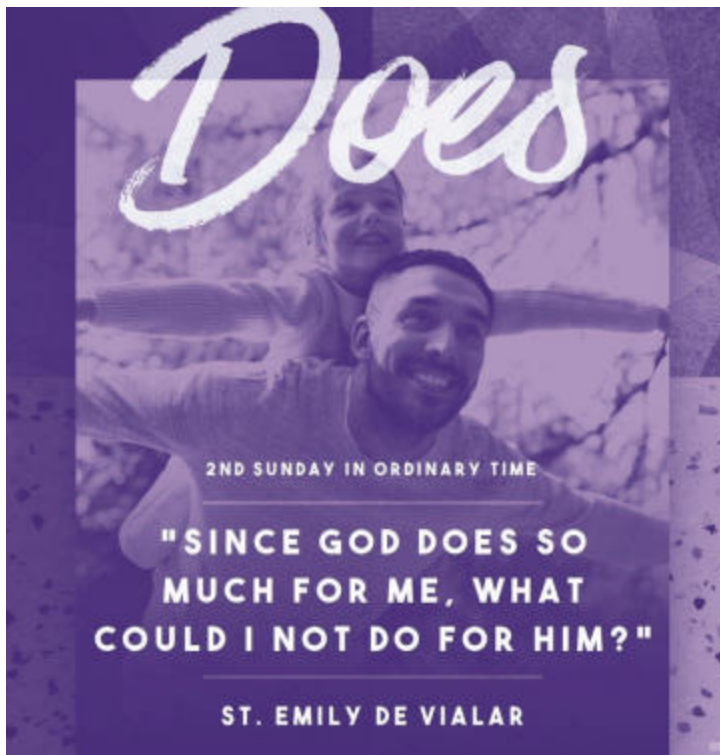


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JANUARY 16, 2022
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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,

Thanks to you and your families' attentiveness and cooperation we successfully made it through the Christmas Season not to worse for the wear. It was very joyful to see pews in church and chairs in the parish center filled more than last year but not quite back to pre-covid crowds. Christmas 2021 will be remembered as the rebound Christmas. This is by far the most heightened Easton has been with concerns about covid and case numbers seem to be at pandemic highs. I have definitely heard from more parishioners in the last few weeks about getting it themselves or being in close contact with others who have tested positive than I can remember since this all began now almost two full years ago. Nonetheless, people seem to be coping well, confident of the protection the vaccines provide evident by many fewer hospitalizations and deaths in relation to case numbers now as compared to the beginning months of the pandemic. I concur with Bishop da Cunha's ongoing strong suggestion to continue wearing masks and do the best we can to keep ourselves and others safe without succumbing to paralyzing fear.

I am personally grateful to you offering my Mom such classic Holy Cross hospitality during her visit here this year for Christmas. She had another prayerful and fun experience being with me both leading up to and recuperating from the preparations, planning, and praying for and through the Christmas Masses. We then had the opportunity to relax at our CSC little get away in Hyannis with an afternoon visiting the lighthouse and beach in Chatham and then doing some post-Christmas bargain shopping along its Main Street. I am very grateful to many parishioners who thought of me and Fr. John with goodies, monetary gifts, and specifically for myself, my first pair of downhill skis, and from another, two passes for a fishing charter this summer! I love living out here with so many things to do each season. Start the prayers now that I always return on my own two feet without any crutches and that Sts. Peter, Andrew, James, and John guide the big one to my line.

This weekend in our country we also honor a man who both believed in the Gospel and put Jesus' command to love one another at the heart of his ministry and preaching both as pastor and social activist. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. paid the ultimate price by trusting that God's love and eternal life always reach farther and penetrate deeper than any of this world's ignorance, bigotry, and hate. I always remember the fourth-grade teacher across the hall from my classroom, Mrs. Briggins, was a living history lesson as she shared with her vivid memories of marching in the crowd those days in Selma singing "We Shall Over Come" and "Kumbaya, My Lord," which she in turn taught us as we learned about why we got the day off school. Those memories are juxtaposed by others of my maternal grandfather, whom I loved very much, but was a deeply racist man. We could never watch *Different Strokes* or *the Jeffersons*, but *Archie* and *Edith* were mainstays. It didn't surprise me at all that racial tensions still exist in the United States, but what did surprise me during the blossoming of the Black Lives Matter and anti-Asian discrimination movements was that many, many more Americans are willing to support, march, and learn with and from one another than deride and hate the other. I believe if Jesus wept over the hardness of people's hearts in Jerusalem, he would do so today over hard hearts in our Capitol and country. His words matter today as much as they did then when he first uttered them: "Love one another." I pray that in our pews everyone who walks through our doors always feel welcome as Deacon Gary mentioned last week in his homily. We all have different shades of skin but are the same beneath those few surface cells: we are all beloved children of God. Let us do what we can here and in our daily living to be the best sisters and brothers we can to one another.

God Bless,
Fr. Brad



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From the Health Ministry and Parish Nurses Tips for a Healthy and Safe New Year

Adapted from CDC recommendations

Reduce the spread of COVID-19 this New Year

- Get your COVID-19 and Flu Shots ASAP if not already vaccinated and COVID-19 booster
- Wear a mask regardless of vaccination status indoors in areas with substantial or high COVID-19 transmission.
- Also wear a mask indoors in public if you have a weakened immune system or are not fully vaccinated.
- Wash your hands for 20 seconds frequently. 5 Handwashing steps are to wet, lather, scrub, rinse and dry.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 25th at 9:30 a.m. after Morning Mass



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www.StMaryMansSchool.org

Applications for the 2022-2023 school year are now available!

If you are interested in Catholic education for your child, please visit our website and complete an application!

There will be an **Open House** for prospective families on **Sunday, January 30 10:30am-12:00pm**

Please join us for the 9:30am Mass and visit our school after Mass to begin our celebration of Catholic Schools Week!

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

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Healing Mass

Date: Thursday *January 20th*

Holy Rosary: 6:00 p.m.

At this time the Sacrament of Confession will be available.

Holy Mass: 6:30 p.m.

Followed by healing prayers and concludes with benediction.

At Sunset, all who had people sick with various diseases brought them to him, he laid his hands on each of them and cured them.

Luke 4:40

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THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**

NEXT DATE : This Saturday JANUARY 15, 2022

Let us know what you're bringing a few days ahead. This will help us prepare to serve about 130 guests.

Cathy Downes: 508-742-5957

cathy.downes@verizon.net or Trish Murphy: 508-813-1880 triciamurph@gmail.com

Deliver cooked food items to the lower kitchen behind the Parish Center from 1:00 to 2:45 PM.

Meal Suggestions:

Cooked, sliced chicken	Cooked, sliced ham
Potatoes	Fresh fruit
Pasta dishes w/meat & sauce	Macaroni and Cheese
Cooked vegetables	Stuffing & Gravy
Cranberry sauce	Tossed Salad & Dressing
Bread or Rolls	Desserts

Servers are not needed at this time

To Receive Flocknotes for Mainspring Meals or to sign up for Holy Cross Flocknotes at

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**From the Health Ministry and Parish Nurses
Tips for a Healthy and Safe New Year (continued)**

Adapted from CDC recommendations

Strategies to prevent chronic disease:

- Make time to unwind and connect with others
- Sleep at least 7 hours per night and be consistent in bedtime and rising time
- Eat healthy, more fruits and vegetables and less sugar and salt
- Move more, sit less (150 minutes aerobic activity per week and muscle strengthening 2 x per week)
- Substitute water for sugary or alcoholic drinks to reduce calories
- Don't use tobacco
- Stay sun safe (UV rays harm skin regardless of temperature)
- Brush your teeth 2 x per day with fluoride toothpaste

MASS INTENTIONS

✠Saturday, January 15

4:00pm Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Tarantino
Requested by Jean Tarantino and Family

✠Sunday, January 16

8:30am
10:00am Kenneth E. Denham, Birthday Remembrance
Requested by Family

✠Monday, January 17

9:00am

✠Tuesday, January 18

9:00am

✠Wednesday, January 19

9:00am

✠Thursday, January 20

9:00am

✠Friday, January 21

9:00am Kenneth Denham, Birthday Remembrance
Requested by Family

✠Saturday, January 22

4:00pm Br. Robert V. Fontaine, C.S.C.
Requested by Janet and Mike Shurtleff

✠Sunday, January 23

8:30am
10:00am Margot White 10th Anniversary
Requested by Robert White
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.



Daughters of Isabella – February Meeting

Please join us on Wednesday, February 9th at Holy Cross Church, 225 Prospect Street, for our Baby Shower and Valentine's Meeting. Please bring a baby item to be donated and your Valentine cards to be distributed to residents at Southeast Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing in Easton. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Coose at scoose5@verizon.net or 508-944-2235 Please bring a friend to join us and learn more about Daughters of Isabella. Refreshments will be served.

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READING I Is 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

READING II 1 Cor 12:4-11

Brothers and sisters:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

GOSPEL Jn 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

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.

Easter and the Moveable Feasts for 2022

March 2nd Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent into April 14-17 Triduum of Easter

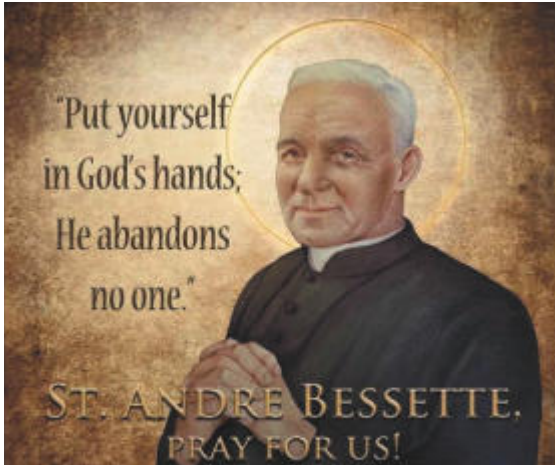
Thursday, May 26 the Ascension of the Lord followed by June 5 Pentecost

June 19 the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

November 27 First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord

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St. Andre Bessette, C.S.C.
06 January



Brother André, a lay brother of the Congregation of Holy Cross, was born Alfred Bessette on 09 August 1845 in Mont-Saint-Grégoire, Canada. His father, Isaac, was a carpenter and lumberman, while his mother, Clothilde was a stay-at-home mother who cared for and educated her children.

Br. André was the eighth of 12 children, with four of his siblings dying in infancy. A frail child himself Br. André was baptized just after birth for fear that he wasn't going to survive.

The Bessette family lived in poverty due to a lack of jobs in Canada during the mid-1800's. Br. André's father finally found employment as a lumberman but was tragically killed by a falling tree. His mother succumbed to tuberculosis when Br. André was twelve years of age.

As a young man Br. André moved to Moosup, CT to live with relatives. He worked in textile mills in Connecticut and Rhode Island before returning in 1867 to Canada. It was there that he joined the Congregation of Holy Cross and on 02 February 1875 professed his final vows.

Br. André spent his ministerial life as a porter at the Collège Notre Dame in Quebec. He had great devotion to St. Joseph and when caring for the sick would recommend them in prayer to the foster father of Jesus.

In 1924 the construction of the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal began 20 years after St. André began a campaign for a chapel to be built honoring St. Joseph. In 1937 Br. André died and a million people paid him respect before he was buried in a tomb below the main chapel of the Oratory.

Br. André was beatified on 23 May 1982 by Pope John Paul II and canonized on 19 December 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI.

Reflection Question: St. André said: "People worry over nothing. When they need it, help will come at the right time from the good Lord." What does trust in the will of God mean to you as a person of faith?

Liturgical Ministers

January 15 & 16

<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Communion Ministers</u>
4 p.m. Kevin Kinch Doreene Gonick		Joanne Kelly Marty Reynolds
8:30 a.m. Virginia Polanski Brian Sheehan		Joyce Isiminger John McLaughlin Stephen Torgeson
10:00 a.m. Joe Kennedy Nancy Donahue		Fran Long Pat Brophy-Signori

January 22 & 23

<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Communion Ministers</u>
4 p.m. Penny Brennan Leslie Van Laarhoven		Diane Cheevers Teresa Connor
8:30 a.m. Mike Farrell Nancy Breef-Pilz		Stephanie Coose Robin Durgin-King Magela Justin
10:00 a.m. Roy Owens Tom Murray		Denise Urquhart Bill Urquhart
5:30p.m. Joyce Isiminger		Sean Kane



We are trying to bring back the ministry of altar server. A few months ago, we reached out to our young parishioners in grades 3-5 to consider becoming an altar server and we'd like to reach out to them once again as well as those in grades 6-8.

This is an important parish ministry and we'd very much like to have our young parishioners being involved in the life of our parish. If you were an altar server prior to the pandemic we'd love to have you back assisting our new servers in this ministry at the altar.

Please contact the parish office @ info@holycrosseaston.org or 508 238 2235 and we'll schedule a training session with Fr. John before a schedule is put in place.

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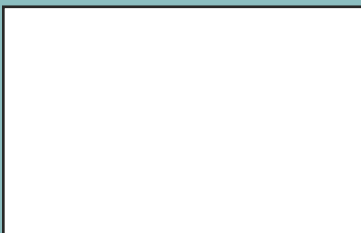


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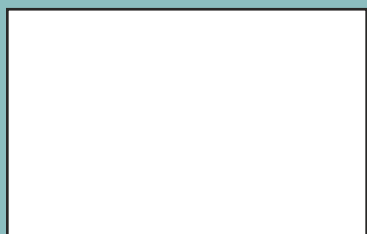
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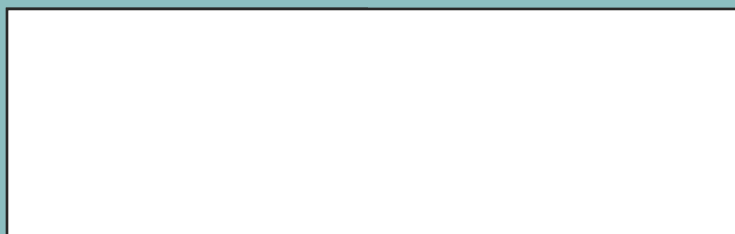
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