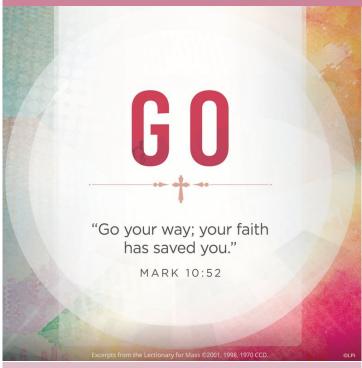
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Dear Parishioners.

The next-to-last Sunday in October is annually celebrated as World Mission Sunday since 1926 when it was instituted by Pope Pius XI. It is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movement overseen by the Vatican's Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith. This international association coordinates assistance for Catholic missionary priests, brothers, and nuns in mission areas of the Church. The following is an excerpt from a letter by Pope Francis on the missionary aspect of living the Gospel.

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Once we experience the power of God's love and recognize his fatherly presence in our personal and community life, we cannot help but proclaim and share *what we have seen and heard*. Everything about Christ reminds us that he knows well our world and its need for redemption and calls us to become actively engaged in this mission: "Go therefore to the highways and byways and invite everyone you find" (*Mt* 22:9). No one is excluded, no one need feel distant or removed from this compassionate love.

The history of evangelization began with the Lord's own passionate desire to call and enter into friendly dialogue with everyone, just as they are (cf. *Jn* 15:12-17). With Jesus, we too have seen, heard and experienced that things can be different. Even now, he has inaugurated future times, reminding us of an often forgotten dimension of our humanity, namely, that "we were created for a fulfilment that can only be found in love" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 68).

Even so, things were not always easy. The first Christians began the life of faith amid hostility and hardship. Experiences of marginalization and imprisonment combined with internal and external struggles that seemed to contradict and even negate what they had seen and heard. Limitations and obstacles became a privileged occasion for anointing everything and everyone with the Spirit of the Lord. Nothing and no one was to be excluded from the message of liberation.

The same holds true for us: our own times are not easy. The pandemic has brought to the fore and amplified the pain, the solitude, the poverty, and the injustices experienced by so many people. It has unmasked our false sense of security and revealed the brokenness and polarization quietly growing in our midst. We have experienced discouragement, disillusionment, and fatigue; nor have we been immune from a growing negativity that stifles hope. In these days of pandemic, when there is a temptation to disguise and justify indifference and apathy in the name of healthy social distancing, there is urgent need for *the mission of compassion*, which can make that necessary distancing an opportunity for encounter, care, and promotion.

The theme of this year's World Mission Day – "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (*Acts* 4:20), is a summons to each of us to "own" and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts. This mission has always been the hallmark of the Church, for "she exists to evangelize" (SAINT PAUL VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 14). Our life of faith grows weak, loses its prophetic power and its ability to awaken amazement and gratitude when we become isolated and withdraw into little groups. The first Christians, far from yielding to the temptation to become an elite group, were inspired by the Lord and his offer of new life to go out among the nations and to bear witness to what they had seen and heard: the good news that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

We know that the call to mission is not a thing of the past, or a romantic leftover from earlier times. We can think of the peripheries all around us, in the heart of our cities or our own families. Universal openness to love has a dimension that is not geographical but existential. Always, but especially in these times of pandemic, it is important to grow in our daily ability to widen our circle, to reach out to others who, albeit physically close to us, are not immediately part of our "circle of interests" (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 97). To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. May his compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples. *Franciscus*

Congratulations to Immaculate Conception Parish celebrating its $150^{\rm th}$ anniversary this weekend. Many of our parish families have roots in that first Catholic church in Easton. Remember to congratulate any family or friends who are ICC parishioners on this impressive milestone as the founding parish of the Catholic Community of Easton. Thank you for reaching out to your friends here and throughout the world on this World Mission Sunday.

God Bless, Fr. Brad



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saint of the Month St. Thérése 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 23

4:00pm John J. Beatty

Requested from The Parish

†Sunday, October 24

8:30am

10:00am Paul Brophy 35th Anniversary

Requested by Family

5:30pm

†Monday, October 25

9:00am John Russo

†Tuesday, October 26

9:00am

†Wednesday, October 27

9:00am Connor Harding

Requested by Corinne Thompson

†Thursday, October 28

9:00am

#Friday, October 29

9:00am For the Members of Holy Cross Parish

†Saturday, October 30

4:00pm

\$Sunday, October 31

8:30am

10:00am Charlmer Groves 9th Anniversary

Requested by The Cunha Family

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:

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Thankyou

OCTOBER 17, 2021

READING I Jer 31:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The LORD has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the north; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble. For I am a father to Israel, Ephraim is my first-born.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

READING II Heb 5:1-6

Brothers and sisters:

Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you; just as he says in another place: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL Mk 10:46-52

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

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 the world to come. Amen.

Distraction During Prayer

Question: I get annoyed with myself when I am distracted while I pray. Is it a sin? How can I be more attentive?

Answer: The mind is a marvelous and complex thing, producing amazing thoughts, images, wisdom and inspiration. Yet at times it is like a two-year-old: it does not follow directions, does what it wants and loves to tell us "no!" This is probably the oldest and most common problem in the spiritual life-dealing with distraction. It comes in all forms: good intentions forgotten, wandering thoughts at Mass, daydreaming, etc. A little poem says it all: When the soul begins to pray, the brain always wants to play!

There are many ways to handle distractions. If we are distracted by thoughts about our families or friends, we should pray for them. If we lose our focus, we need just "re-collect" ourselves. If some worry or concern just won't leave our mind, then we deal with it and come back to prayer or make it part of our prayer. And when words just won't come, the only prayer we might offer is our presence, our suffering, and our desire to be close to the Lord. Most importantly, we need to be patient with ourselves. These things are not sinful, but reminders of our human frailty. Our weaknesses and good efforts are all acceptable to God, who reads the love in our hearts and the good intentions of our minds.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU!



Thank you for your overwhelming generosity of birthday bag supplies during the Outreach Drive.

We put together 20 birthday bags for the children of Louison Shelter.

There will be many happier birthdays to come thanks to Holy Cross



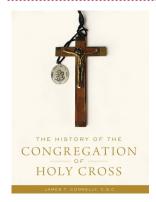
If anyone has 8 oz. canning jars they are not using and would like to donate, please drop them off at the parish center for Pat's Jams and Jellies. Thank you!



On behalf of the RLC and Birthright of Taunton we have deep gratitude for the baby shower gifts.

The love and thought put into the gifts were as beautiful as any gifts selected for a beloved family member, proving that, yes, we are one family in Christ.

Thank you on behalf or the Respect Life Committee and Birthright of Taunton



Father James Connelly, CSC's new book, The History of the Congregation of Holy Cross, chronicles the Holy Cross community from its inception to today.

Available for purchase on Amazon.

"In 1837, Basile Moreau, C.S.C., founded the Congregation of Holy Cross (C.S.C.), a community of Catholic priests and brothers to minister to and educate the people of France devastated by the French Revolution. During the centuries that followed, the Congregation expanded its mission around the globe to educate and evangelize, including the establishment in 1842 of the Congregation's first educational institution in America—the University of Notre Dame. This sweeping book, written by the skilled historian and archivist James T. Connelly, C.S.C., offers the first complete history of the Congregation, covering nearly two centuries from 1820 to 2018.

Throughout this volume, Connelly focuses on the ministry of the Congregation rather than on its ministers, although some important individuals are discussed, including Jacques-François Dujarié; Sr. Mary of the Seven Dolors, M.S.C.; André Bessette, C.S.C.; and Edward Sorin, C.S.C. Within a few short years of founding the Congregation, Moreau sent the priests, brothers, and sisters from France to Algeria, the United States, Canada, Italy, and East Bengal. Connelly chronicles in great detail the suppression of all religious orders in France in 1903 and demonstrates how the Congregation shifted its subsequent expansion efforts to North America. Numerous educational institutions, parishes, and other ministries were founded in the United States and Canada during these decades. In 1943, Holy Cross again extended its work to South America. With the most recent establishment of a religious presence in the Philippines in 2008, Holy Cross today serves in sixteen different countries on five continents. The book describes the beatification of Basil Moreau, C.S.C, on September 15, 2007, and the canonization of André Bessette, C.S.C. on October 17, 2010. The book will interest C.S.C. members and historians of Catholic history. Anyone who wants to learn about the origins of the University of Notre Dame will want to read this definitive history of the Congregation."



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



2021 Holly Fair

As you have heard, this year's Holly Fair will be live on December 11 & 12, with extended hours on Saturday. Giving cards will be available in the church vestibule the following weekends: October 30 & 31, November 6 & 7 and November 13 & 14. Additionally, we will expand the definition of a "cookie stroll."

Per the observation of Mother Teresa, we still need a team of people to make the event a success. Consider joining the committee and/or working the setup shift (Friday) or a shift on the final day (Sunday). We are nearly fully staffed on Saturday from many volunteers who participate annually, as well as many teenagers in the Confirmation class. Hats off to these volunteers.

Interested? Contact Kerry Vieira via email at kerryvieira@hotmail.com with subject line – Holy Cross or Holly Fair or speak with me following the Sunday masses this weekend.

There will NOT be a 5:30 Mass on Halloween 10/31/2021

This notice appears in French churches:

En entrant dans cette église, il est possible que vous entendiez l'appel de Dieu. Par contre, il n'est pas susceptible de vous contacter par téléphone. Merci d'avoir éteint votre téléphone. Si vous souhaitez parler à Dieu, entrez, choisissez un endroit tranquille et parlez lui. Si vous souhaitez le voir, envoyez-lui un SMS en conduisant.

Translation: It is possible that on entering this church, you may hear the Call of God. On the other hand, it is not likely that He will contact you by phone. Thank you for turning off your phone. If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, and talk to Him. If you would like to see Him, send Him a text while driving.

Confirmation I Class CANCELLED ON 10/31/2021



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

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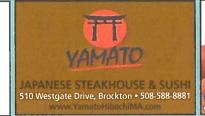


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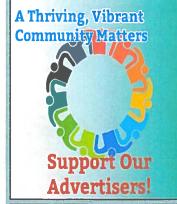


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