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15th September 2024 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Responsorial Psalm Ps 116
Response: I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living.

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."

Communion Reflections

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." Mark 8:34-35

Reflect, today, upon that which you desire throughout your day. What occupies your thoughts the most? What are you drawn to the most? Do you spend most of your day thinking about how you can better serve God and His holy will? Or do you spend most of your day thinking about yourself? Do the eyes of your soul most often turn to the selfless service of others? Or do they more often think about what you want in a selfish way? Reflect upon these difficult questions and seek to eradicate everything within you that is selfish. Doing so will enable you to make a spiritual U-turn so that you can carry the glorious and transforming Cross of Christ.

My sacrificial Lord, You lived a selfless life in which Your only concerns were the glory of the Father in Heaven and the salvation of the world. Please free me from all selfishness so that I will be more able to deny myself in every way, run toward every cross in life, and follow You into the beautiful life of selfless and sacrificial love. Jesus, I trust in You.

CAPUCHIN FRIARS
Fr. Ranjit Ekka OFM Cap.—Parish Administrator
Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap—Assistant Parish Priest
Fr Praful Kerketta OFM Cap— Assistant Parish Priest

Janice Borsos— School Principal

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

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 SCHEDULE
Saturday 10:30am—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 –10:00am
Every Sunday 10:30am –11:30am

FAITH SHARING
Every 4th Sunday of the month at 11.45am

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Every 4th Sunday of the month 2pm-3pm

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Sacrament of the sick Tuesday the 17th of September 11am, followed by a Shared lunch. All are welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th of September, 7:00pm at the Parish Pastoral Centre.

Faith Sharing Sunday

This month our FSS session will be held on Sun. 15th Sept. (3rd Sunday) at 11.45am after the 10.30am Mass. We will commence with a Talk on the Topic of the day followed by a shared lunch. **Speaker: Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap. Asst. Parish Priest – Holy Cross Church.**

Topic : 'Stigmata'. Come and listen to Fr. Daniel speak about this extraordinary phenomenon called the 'Stigmata' ...the wounds of Christ crucified. All are welcome! For further details please contact the Parish Office on 09 835 3355. (**A Secular Franciscan Order Initiative**)

Secular Franciscan— On 17th Sept.2024 Franciscans worldwide celebrate 800 years since St. Francis of Assisi received the gift of the Stigmata.

While St. Francis was in prayer on Mount La Verna, near to Assisi, he was rapt in ecstasy, after which he was marked with the wounds of the crucified Jesus on his hands, feet and side. This account of Francis' reception of the Stigmata is framed beside the statue of St. Francis along with a prayer. There is also a prayer card you are invited to take with you.

Secular Franciscans will celebrate this 800-year event with Holy Mass at 9.00am on Tues. 17th Sept. 2024 at Holy Cross Church, preceded by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 8.15am and the Franciscan Crown Rosary (7 Joys of Our Lady) at 8.25am. All are welcome! "

Sacramental Program—On **September 28th**, we will hold our Reconciliation from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm, followed by a Day of Prayer from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. All children candidates are required to attend these sessions before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parents are encouraged to join their children. Please bring your own lunch; afternoon tea will be provided.

Additionally, on **September 29th**, there will be a final practice for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will take place after the 10:30 am Holy Mass. Both the children candidates and their sponsors are required to attend.

Columban Art Calendar 2025—is now available in the Parish Office for \$13.00. It will be a blessed gift for someone you know. So please avail while stock last.

Planned Giving Envelopes—New sets of envelopes will be available in the foyer. If you have run out of envelopes or wish to donate online, please contact the parish office. Please take your planned giving envelope from the Foyer. If you cannot find yours, then please contact the Parish Office and will make a set for you.

Parish Registration Form—We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parishioners and encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the foyer for your convenience. Keeping accurate records of all parishioners is important for future reference, such as the signing of any necessary documents by the priest. Thank you for being a part of our parish community.

Preference Card—Preference cards will be signed only by appointment every Tuesday from 11am until 12:30pm. In order to complete a preference enrolment certificate you need to be a parishioner registered with Holy Cross Parish Henderson. You also must present a copy of your child's baptism certificate or in the event the child is not baptized in the Catholic Faith, baptism certificate of the parent/guardian/aunt/uncle or God parent requesting the child's baptism in the Catholic Faith is needed.

Health & Safety—Holy Cross Parish seeks volunteers, especially those in the medical field or with first aid training, to ensure compliance with health and safety regulations. Your expertise is vital for maintaining a safe environment. The volunteer will only be to the mass times they attend and only in case that there is an emergency during the mass. Kindly approach your mass coordinator.

Safeguarding- Parental Supervision: For the safety of all, please accompany your children in the church at all times. We prioritize everyone's well-being, especially the vulnerable. **Please refrain from using the sacristy toilet.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking Reminder-Please refrain from parking on the grass, yellow lines and **neighbours' drive-ways especially** . Additionally, double parking is strictly prohibited, and the staff parking area is reserved for priests, staff, and choir members needing to transport musical equipment for the Mass.

Hall Caretaker—The parish is seeking a caretaker for the Parish Hall. This is a casual, fixed-term position available until December of this year. If interested, please reach out to the Holy Cross Office Administrator.

Ecumenical Church Service—On Saturday 19th October Holy Cross Parish will host an ecumenical interfaith service with other Churches in our area. The purpose is to come together between 2pm and 4 pm to pray for peace in our world and in our lives. In preparation we invite anyone who is willing to join a combined choir practice at Holy Cross Church at 6.30pm on Thursday 12th September. Please support this important gathering.

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Saturday 19th October
Holy Cross Catholic Church
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1st Collection \$ 2,330.00
2nd Collection \$ 1,972.30
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Monthly parish Receipts and Disbursements Report is posted regularly on the church foyer board.
Thank you for your kind support and generosity.
All tax receipts have been sent via email. For those without email or those that haven't been collected from the parish office, they have been sent via post.

Readings This Sunday

First: Isaiah 50: 5-9a
Psalm: 116
Second: James 2: 14-18
Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35

Readings Next Sunday

First: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20
Psalm: 54
Second: James 3: 16 - 4: 3
Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

Scripture Readings for the week

Monday	Ps 40	1 Corinthians 11: 17-26, 33	Luke 7: 1-10
Tuesday	Ps 100	1 Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27-31a	Luke 7: 11-17
Wednesday	Ps 33	1 Corinthians 12: 31 - 13: 13	Luke 7: 31-35
Thursday	Ps 118	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11	Luke 7: 36-50
Friday	Ps 17	1 Corinthians 15: 12-20	Luke 8: 1-3
Saturday	Ps 19	Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13	Matthew 9: 9-1

Sunday Children's Liturgy is conducted during the Sunday 9am and 10:30am masses, specifically catering to children who have not yet received Holy Communion. We encourage children who have received their Holy Communion to participate in the Mass.

ROSTER FOR 14th & 15th SEPTEMBER 2024 TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm	
Leader :	Secular Franciscan Order	Jean Soniega	Madelene Warren	Tai Asiatia	Fijian Community	
Reader 1:		Savieta Lea	Mariafe Lobez	Maria Kumitau		
Reader 2:		Sabrina Veatupu	Yollando D'Rozario	Okesa Paea		
Ministers of Eucharist		Selesitina Levave	Adolf & Lucy Goldwyn	Maria Faleusu		Michael Eade
		Geraldine Sequera	Piet Bakker, Flor Skinner	Filimoni Faleusu		Sagato Matau
				Lena & Gerry Gabriel		
Collector:	Phyllis, Mark & Elridge	Jean Soniega	Men's fellowship	Celino Orquejo	Michael & Fijian Com.	
Altar Servers:	Joseph & Sephan	Titoa & Co	Ranessa & Caroline	Suzaine & Jordan	Neil & Feeba	
					Fijian (St Peter Chanel) Community	
Music Ministry:	Evelyn Pereira	Quiet Mass	Lesatele Family	Haley and Friends		
Offertory:						
		Cleaning Ahio & Veatupu Family Siemsen Family Missionary Families of Christ	Flowers Veatupu & Ahio Family	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity		

ROSTER FOR 21st & 22nd SEPTEMBER 2024 TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9am	Sun 10.30am	Sun 6pm
Leader:	Margie D'Rozario	Lydia Ah Kuoi		Filipino Community	Catherine Tanginoa
Reader 1:	Chris Mendes	Jean Soniega	Vakauta Family		Gavin Colaco
Reader 2:	Stephanie Alimagno	Savieta Lea			Sue Ivceovich
Minister of Eucharist:	Maria Alimagno	Geraldine Sequera			Valerie Pua
	Renante Alimagno	Selesitina Levave			Michael Eade
	Jessica D'Silva			Sagato Matau	
Collector	Phyllis, Mark & Elridge	Jean Soniega	Men's fellowship	Celino Orquejo	Flocy & Michael
Altar Servers:	Joseph and Sephan	Titoa & Co	Renessa & Carol	Suzaine & Jordan	Feeba & Neil
Music Ministry:	Indian Group	Quiet Mass	family	Filipino Community	
Offertory:					
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family Samoan Community	Flowers Fijian Community	Children's Liturgy Sisters of Charity	

PROLIFE FACTS In 2021, a healthy New Zealand infant born alive after an unsuccessful late term abortion was left gasping without medical assistance for two hours before dying. This incident was witnessed by a healthcare student who said that this is not an uncommon occurrence.

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