



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

February 28, 2021

2nd Sunday of Lent

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Spanish
No choirs at the Masses at the present time; a cantor will be available for the 5 pm and the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am
During Lent, Monday and Friday, 12:10 pm
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 8:30 am—10:00 am,
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am-Midnight (temporarily closed)

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Friday 9 am-noon, closed Wednesday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

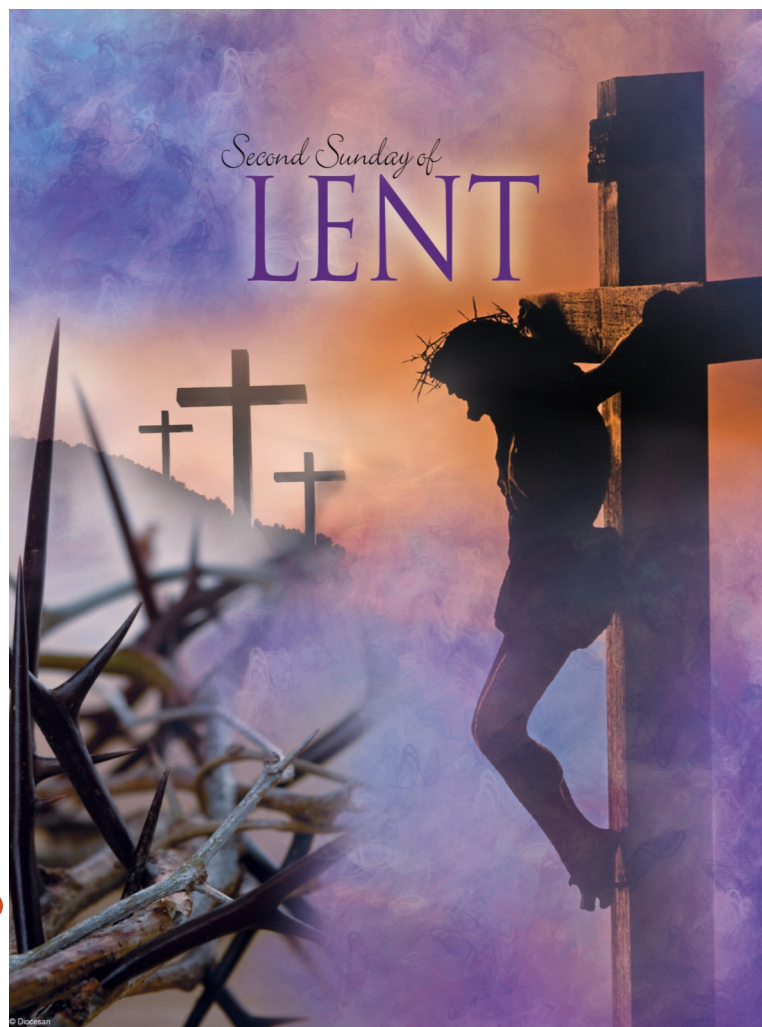
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish
Saturday, 9 am, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, after 9:00 am Mass
Thursday, 6:30 pm



HOLY DAY SCHEDULE (HC AND ICC)

Mary, Mother of God, January 1
Assumption, August 15
All Saints' Day, November 1
Immaculate Conception, December 8
Christmas, December 25

Mass schedules for Holy Days of Obligation and other special days will be printed in the bulletin as each one draws near

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

The seven Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ to confer grace.

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the parish office to register for Parent Pre-Baptismal Instruction. For adults seeking to enter the Church and be Baptized, contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for Confession at age seven as part of First Communion preparation.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for First Communion at age seven. Adults seeking First Communion should contact our Religious Education Office. To request a visitation for Holy Communion to the Sick, contact our parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people in our parish are prepared for reception of Confirmation in the ninth grade (age 14). Adults seeking Confirmation should contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Marriage. Couples planning for Marriage are to contact a parish priest or deacon one year in advance to set the wedding date and plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

Anointing of the Sick. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which is administered by a Priest, a person or an immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day.

THIS WEEK (HC OR ICC)

Check out our websites

holycrossdover.org
iccmarylidel.org

Holy Cross Church will be open from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday, and 7 am to 7 pm on Sunday.

Immaculate Conception will be open daily 9 am to 7 pm.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, parishes must continue to adhere to all health and safety regulations without exception. Policies including wearing face masks, maintaining proper six-foot social distancing and proper hand hygiene remain nonnegotiable and are fundamentally rooted in protecting all people in our parishes and maintaining the health and safety of our community. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Masses on holy days remains suspended at this time.

We are limiting access to the parish offices, so you can buzz when you stop by, or call and leave messages and we will get back to you; or, you can email us. Stay safe and stay healthy.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

February 14, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$18,594	\$27,800	(\$9,206)
YTD	\$800,547	\$919,000	(\$118,453)
Needs	\$920	\$1,550	(\$630)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending February 14, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$3,151
2nd	\$67

Tax letters are ready at ICC. Please call the Parish Office at ICC and they will be mailed to you.

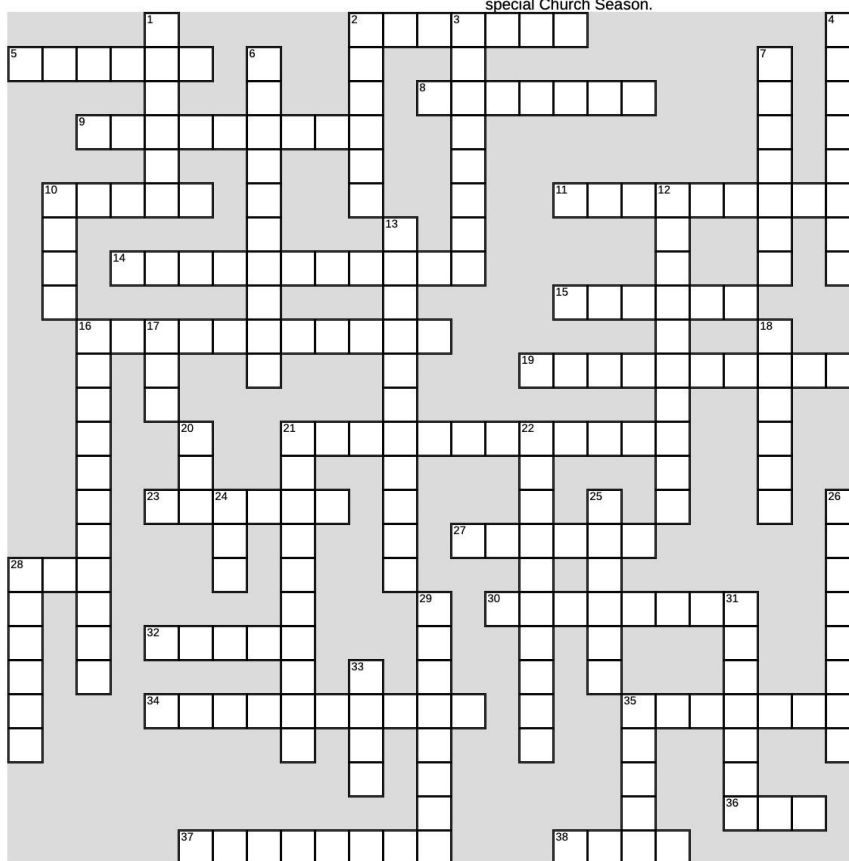
Tax Statement for Holy Cross

The HC Parish Office is preparing tax letters for everyone who contributed during the 2020 year. If we have your email in our records, this information was emailed to you at the end of January. If we do not have your email or you want a hard copy sent to you, please email mdornberger@holycrossdover.org. Thank you.

Please continue to mail in your contributions during this time. Many are still not attending Mass but we still need your support. You can also Sign up for Faith Direct or call the office to leave your name and phone number if you wish to make your contribution by a credit card.

Season of Lent Puzzle

As we observe the Season of Lent, try your hand at this crossword puzzle all about this special Church Season.



ACROSS

2 The days leading to Christ's crucifixion are referred to as the _____ of the Lord.

5 This prayer of the Mass is not prayed during the Season of Lent.

8 The traditional name for the Fourth Sunday of Lent: "_____ Sunday."

9 The four best attended Mass days of the year are Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Easter and Palm Sunday. Ash Wednesday is the only day of these four that not ranked as a _____ on the Church calendar.

10 In most Romance languages, the word used to described the period of Lent is a word that means _____.

11 Giving up something.

14 The Devil gave these to Jesus during his time in the desert.

15 Saint honored during Lent on March 19.

16 Traditional name given to the period from the 5th Sunday of Lent until Holy Thursday.

19 Special ceremonies for those preparing for Baptism, usually held during Masses on several Sundays during Lent.

21 This solemn holy day occurs exactly nine months before Christmas, and always lands in Lent.

23 The name of the Mass traditionally held on Holy Thursday morning: The _____ Mass.

27 The Season of Lent is followed by the Season of _____.

28 The day before Lent begins is sometimes called "_____ Tuesday"

30 Traditional, Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services that helps raise mon-

ey for the poor.

32 The color of the vestments worn on Holy Thursday.

34 One who is preparing for Baptism at Easter is a _____.

35 Sacrament that is very connected to the Season of Lent.

36 The Wednesday after Palm Sunday is traditionally called "_____ Wednesday"

37 The Spanish word for Lent.

DOWN

1 The color that the Church uses for Lent.

2 One of the three pillars of Lent.

3 Devotional practice of Lent: The _____ of the Cross.

4 The special period of spiritual reflection that begins on Palm Sunday. (2 words)

6 When one kisses the cross of Christ, this is an act of _____.

7 Saint commemorated during Lent on

HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F. Pastor
Msgr. Daniel McGlynn Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Mano Salla Parochial Vicar

HC CLERGY

Msgr. Daniel McGlynn Pastor Emeritus
Mr. Philip Belt Deacon
Mr. John Harvey Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano Deacon

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell Deacon

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Linda Pollitt Principal, ext. 111

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LEAVING ITEMS IN CHURCH

Please **do not** leave cards, religious items, clothing, or other such items in the lobby area of the Gathering Space. We cannot accept any of these items at this time.

RECENT DEATHS (HC)

Our condolences to the families of:

- Angelo LePore
- Joseph Gehringer
- James Ward

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to our newly baptized members:

- Callen John Alexander

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our newly registered parishioners::

- Michael and Mary Ann Jacobs
- Patrick and Maureen Bates
- Loretta Aligo
- Nelson, Melissa, Cecilia and Lucia Alvaredo
- John and Mary Biasiello
- Lucia Saarabia and Ivan Vasquez

POST ABORTION SUPPORT

If you or someone you know has struggled with feelings of guilt, pain, sorrow, or regret after an abortion, please know that you are not alone. Join us for our monthly support group! We will have a time of optional sharing, prayer, and a book or bible study. No registration needed...just show up! 2nd Tuesday of the Month 630PM to 8PM
New Day Pregnancy Care Center
811 South Governors Ave Dover, DE

READINGS FOR MARCH 7

3RD SUNDAY LENT

FIRST READING: EXODUS 20:1-17

God does not let sin continue for ever. The commandments are also statements of fact.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25

Until we see God, god's wisdom will always look like foolishness to us.

GOSPEL: JOHN 2:13-25

The cleansing of the Temple by Christ warns us that he will continually cleanse the new temple of the Holy spirit, which is his Church.

K OF C FISH FRY

Every Friday in Lent from 4 pm to 7 pm the Knight will offer Lenten Dinners at the Columbian Hall. Proceeds will go to Holy Cross and Immaculate conception Churches at the discretion of Fr. Lentini.

All meals are take out and can be picked up at the Columbian Home, 219 Vepco Blvd, Camden.

Menu is subject to change.

Mar 5—3 pcs cod, french fries cole slaw \$10

Mar 12—6 large shrimp, tator tots, cole slaw \$10

Mar 19—2 crab cakes on HB bun, mac & cheese, cole slaw \$10

Mar 26—Shrimp or cod, mac & cheese or tater tots, cole slaw \$10

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

Even though we are not opening the Adoration Chapel at this time, anyone who was on the normal adoration schedule is encouraged to come into the church to pray during your assigned hour. The church is unlocked from 7 am to 7 pm and Our Lord is waiting for you to come spend time with Him. Our Lord is present in the tabernacle all day long and would love for you to spend time praying. It's a great way to get back into the routine of praying during your scheduled hour.

VOCATIONS

Whether you are in eighth grade, high school or college, this is "decision time." This year is not just another year in school, but a special time in your life. This is a great opportunity to develop your gifts and talents.

So, work hard, do and be your best. Shape your own dreams and goals by using the rich talent with which the Lord has blessed you.

As you look at your future, consider a life of service in the Church. Think seriously about taking at least a part of your life and giving it to other people in the name of our Lord and through the Church. Even more than that, consider priesthood, sisterhood and the religious life. What a great contribution you could make to the world and God's people!

Have a great year in school. Do your best. Make your education have such a positive effect on you that other people in this world will benefit from you and your talent.

In the meantime, in your daily prayers, pray for your vocation. *Serra for priestly and religious vocations.*

MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH

1 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am Rachele Neely

HC 12:10 pm

2 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Ben & Helene Wegemer

3 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am Steven Peer

4 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Louis V. Jara

ICC 6 pm For the People

5 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Elpidio Lescano

HC 12:10 pm

6 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Martin Mulderring

HC 5 pm DM Feigh Family

7 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Hans Crews

ICC 8:30 am Barbara Thompson

HC 9:30 am Antonio Granitto

HC 11:30 am Mayla Feliu

ICC 11 am Marge Messner

ICC 1 pm Sidney Albert Sinclair

(LI = LIVING INTENTION

DM = DECEASED MEMBERS)



JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY MASS LIVE-STREAM
FROM THE
CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER
IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

WATCH LIVE SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:30
OR WATCH THE REPLAY ANYTIME

www.YouTube.com/DIOCESEOfWILM

LENT
PRAYER FASTING ALMS GIVING



MASS MINISTERS

PLEASE COME
FORWARD TO HELP
DISTRIBUTE

HOLY COMMUNION AT THE MASS
YOU ATTEND. THE PRIEST WILL INDICATE HOW MANY EXTRA-ORDINARY
MINISTERS ARE NEEDED.

Lector Schedule for February/March 2021

At Holy Cross:

5 pm Mass

Feb 27 Judi Coffield
Mar 6 Fran Urick
Mar 13 Lori Christiansen
Mar 20 Donna Kilby
Mar 27 Hazel Showell

7:30 am Mass

Feb 28 Rose Pritchett
Mar 7 Christina Cuffee
Mar 14 John Davis
Mar 21 Rose Pritchett
Mar 28 Rose Pritchett

9:30 am Mass

Feb 28 Chris Petka
Mar 7 Mary Sherlock
Mar 14 Tamra Baurys
Mar 21 Judy Coffield
Mar 28 Mary Louise Sossich

At Immaculate Conception

8:30 am Mass

Feb 28 Theresa Thompson
Mar 7 Karen Cairns

11 am Mass

Feb 28 Donna King
Mar 7 Sharon Tucker

If you wish to be considered to lector at Holy Cross, email Diane at dbelt@holycrossdover.org so we can add you to the names of those who have already volunteered to lector.

At ICC, please get in touch with Marilyn Dixon at mdixon@iccmmarydel.org Thank you.

DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories are in the Parish Office. If you would like to stop by the office to pick up your copy, please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it for you to pick up. Please do not just show up without calling first.

RETURNING TO MASS

- Attendees must **wear a face covering (mask)** (when inside the Church ; **masks are to be worn over the nose and mouth and must be kept on during the entire Mass.**
- Pews have been marked off to accommodate social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer is available as you enter the church.
- When receiving Holy Communion, please remember to stay socially distanced.** We encourage you to receive Holy Communion in your hand, but **if you wish to receive on the tongue, you are asked to be at the end of the Communion line.** There will be no Cup distributed at this time.
- As you leave the church, please **do not gather in the Gathering Space** or parking lot.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

God's covenant with Noah was to never again destroy all living creatures by a flood, your marriage covenant is likewise a life-giving promise. Choose a symbol (like a rainbow) to be a reminder of your promise to each other.

PARENTING POINTERS

Talk with your child (ren) today about what it means to make a promise. Is it ever OK to break a promise?

LENTEN IDEAS

Need a little help as you journey through Lent? Visit the Diocese of Wilmington's Lent web page at cdow.org/Lent for a calendar of Lenten activities, videos, resources, and more.



- Mensaje del Santo Padre Francisco en la Cuaresma 2021: "Fe, esperanza y caridad para nuestra conversión", alienta a los cristianos a prepararse para la celebración de la Pascua, recorriendo un camino de conversión basado en tres puntos clave: La fe, la esperanza y la caridad, expresadas en tres gestos concretos: El ayuno, la oración y la limosna. El Santo Padre invita a los fieles a vivir plenamente este tiempo de conversión, «renovando nuestra fe, saciando nuestra sed con el "agua viva" de la esperanza y recibiendo con el corazón abierto el amor de Dios que nos convierte en hermanos y hermanas en Cristo». En este camino de preparación para la noche de Pascua, en la que renovaremos las promesas de nuestro Bautismo, "para renacer como nuevos hombres y mujeres "; resulta fundamental consolidar tres pilares que nos ayudan en nuestra conversión: El ayuno, la oración y la limosna, tal como los presenta Jesús en su predicación (cf. Mt 6,1-18).
- Si hay algún adulto que no ha recibido su sacramento de la Confirmación y desea información sobre las clases por favor anótese con la Sra. Arline Dosman. adosman@holycrossover.org
- Hoy domingo 28 habrá una reunión de padres de familia para los candidatos a la Confirmación, será a las 7 de la noche en el salón de eventos, se compartirá instrucciones finales para la Confirmación si no puede asistir el domingo la misma reunión se repetirá el lunes 1 de marzo a las 7 en el salón de eventos. Un solo padre de familia por favor.

ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA ¡Traiga sus mochilas Azul con libros a clase!

Grupo 2- grados 1, 2, en el salón, 4,5 en los salones del Basement (sótano) y **RCIA** para estar en el salón de computadoras- presencial hoy 28 de febrero.

Grupo 1- grados 3,6, en el salón, 7,8 en el sótano (basement), y RCIA estará en el salón de computadoras - presencial el 7 de marzo.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o prefiere que sus hijos continúen haciendo Educación Religiosa en casa, hágaselo saber a la Sra. Alicia Poppiti, Directora de Educación Religiosa al 410-482-8939 o envíele un correo electrónico a dre@iccmaryl.org

¡Cuaresma! Los libros con material de la Cuaresma para los niños, todavía se siguen entregando.

2021 PREPARACIÓN PARA LA PRIMERA COMUNIÓN -ICC

Nuestra próxima sesión de preparación es el martes 9 de marzo a las 6:30 en el Salón Parroquial.

PREPARACIÓN PARA LA CONFIRMACION 2020-2021 -ICC

El Retiro de Confirmación será el sábado, 13 de marzo de 12-5pm en el salón parroquial de la Inmaculada Concepción.

Esto es para los jóvenes de octavo grado y de secundaria que están inscritos para comenzar la preparación para la Confirmación. Esto es solo para los jóvenes, no para padres ni padrinos en esta sesión.

2021 CLASES DE PREPARACIÓN PARA LA PRIMERA COMUNIÓN.

La próxima sesión: martes, 23 de febrero, a las 6:30 en el salón.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Regular Class

March 7th 3:30-5:30 pm

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

LAFF (LIVING AS A FAMILY OF FAITH)

March 14th 10:30-12:30 in the Matthew/Mark Room

Next session April 11th

CONFIRMATION CLASSES (HC)

Confirmation class will take place on Sunday, March 7 at 2 and 4 pm and Wednesday, March 10 at 6 pm .

CONFIRMATION MAKEUP CLASS (HC)

For those teens who missed January 17 or January 27 class, makeup will be Saturday, March 13 at 10 am .

PARENT MEETING FOR CANDIDATES:

Sunday, February 28 OR Monday, March 1, at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Please have one parent attend - candidates welcome to join the meeting. Final instructions for Confirmation will be shared.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

Bring your Blue Book Bags with books to class!

Group 2- grades 1, 2, in the hall, 4, 5 in the basement and RCIA in the computer center- on site today February 28th.

Group 1- grades 3, 6, in the hall, 7, 8 in the basement, and RCIA in the computer center -on site March 7th

Alicia Poppiti, Director of Religious Education at 410-482-8939 or dre@iccmarydel.org

LENT: Lenten booklets for the children are still being given out.

2021 FIRST COMMUNION PREP-ICC

Next session: Tuesday, February 23rd at 6:30pm in the Hall.

CONFIRMATION PREP 2020-2021-ICC

Our next Prep session is the Confirmation Retreat: will take place on **Saturday, March 13th from 12-5pm in the hall at Immaculate Conception the Parish Hall. This is for the youth only, no parents or Sponsors at this session.

LENT

- During Lent Holy Cross will offer the daily 8 am Mass, Monday thru Saturday. They will also offer a 12:10 pm Mass on Mondays and Fridays only.
- **Confessions** at Holy Cross will be at 5:30 pm on Fridays during Lent in addition to the normal Saturday morning time of 8:30—10 am.
- **Stations of the Cross** will take place at HC and ICC at 7 pm on Fridays during Lent.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION ON-LINE OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Offering

<https://www.morningoffering.com/>

A Catholic daily devotional email delivering daily wisdom and inspiration to help you grow in faith

Popes in a Year

<http://flocknote.com/popes>

We know the current pope traces his authority all the way back to the first pope (St. Peter). But do you know much about all the popes in between? Join us (and thousands of your closest friends!) on a journey from St. Peter all the way to Pope Francis. Each weekday morning, we'll send you a short, engaging 2-minute something about one pope. By the end of the year, you'll know something about every single one!

Daily Reflections

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/daily-reflections.html>

Start each day with an inspiring quote sent directly to your inbox. These simple yet powerful messages will help you to live each day with passion and purpose.

Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you. Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes starting January 1st, 2021. Each 20-25 minute episode includes: two to three scripture readings, a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz, and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.

Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast for Catholics follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure Bible Timeline® learning system, a groundbreaking approach to understanding Salvation History developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins. Tune in and live your daily life through the lens of God's word!

*Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens
Bright copper kettles and warm woolen mittens
Brown paper packages tied up with strings
These are a few of my favorite things....*

It's the simple things in life that mean the most. More honest words have never been said, and most would agree with that simple statement about simple things.

There is beauty in simplicity. Again, there's another viewpoint on the unpretentious life with which most would probably concur.

So, with all that being said, why do you suppose that the simplicity in life has been replaced with the need for *more*? An appetite for more can never be satisfied. Let's take for example a topic with which we can all identify. **Food.**

It was in my preparation for writing my Crusader communiqué that I launched a brief study on the history of some of our favorite foods and beverages, to explore their humble beginnings. My first investigation began with **coffee**. Throughout our small school community, it's no secret of my personal disdain for the beverage. There are legends about its unassuming beginnings; its red beans have been traced back to 15th century Ethiopia. It wasn't until 18th century Colonial Americans discovered the black liquid silk after having foolishly tossed all the tea into the Boston Harbor. Forming a fast friendship with the only hot brew available, I would imagine it wasn't long before the sophisticated tea parlors were replaced with mundane coffee houses. Today, the once simple beverage has taken on a multitude of varieties, flavors, colors, with the list of ingredients quite copious. I took a brief gander at the online menu from a globally acclaimed coffee establishment. I finally stopped counting at thirty seven different menu offerings for Hot Coffee. An appetite for more can never be satisfied.

Let's shift gears a little bit. How about the circular formation prepared on a sizzling hot surface composed of nothing more than milk, flour, and an egg. Once the bubbles pop on the one side the artful chef takes his spatula and flips it over to brown the other side. Remove it from the sizzly hot surface, put it on a plate and you have breakfast. Pancakes, griddle cakes, flapjacks, an uncomplicated recipe enjoyed by many for hundreds of years. Perhaps a little syrup and a pad of butter might make it more appealing, but other than that, what more could you need or possibly want? Have you had a look at the menu of the internationally celebrated restaurant where the pancake has taken on such varieties to include none other than whipped cream, cheese, and....get ready for it, cupcake icing.

I grew up eating one of the most simply made (when it comes to ingredients) foodstuffs on the food market shelves. Quite literally, the ingredients are flour and water. Many are familiar with the historic root of this crunchy, odd looking cracker that remains a staple for Jewish households throughout the year, but is most essential during their Passover. Centuries old, matzo is the unleavened bread that was baked by the Jewish people as they prepared to flee the dictatorial rule of the Pharaoh. In flight, they had zero time to allow the bread to rise. To the eye, it doesn't appear to be very appealing, or attractive as food items go. But it does have a certain something about it that just makes it tasty. Hundred and hundreds of years later, it is still baked under the strict eye of the Rabbi using the same recipe used in the Egyptian Jewish households---however, even this simple recipe has been jazzed up with such items as egg, chocolate, various and sundry flavorings, and sun-dried tomatoes. Even without the fancy, our students have demonstrated their likeness for matzo, frequently asking for seconds after one of our classroom Seder meals.

This is Lent. Forty days. Forty short days of the three hundred sixty five. Roughly 11% of the calendar year. Is it so much to ask that we dispense with the decadence? Is it so much to ask that we find solace with simplicity? I don't know where I heard it, or who it was who told me; but I remember the message. God doesn't expect us to sacrifice something that we find so very hard to live without that we cannot wait to return to. I suppose the gist is this-let's just say you really enjoy your before bedtime snack, and you have decided to deny yourself this little ritual for Lent. And then you find you can't fall asleep or sleep peacefully because you miss your small bowl of ice cream or the couple of cookies you so enjoy with a glass of warm milk before placing your head on the pillow. You count the days until Good Friday instead of counting sheep. Does God want that for us?

I remind myself that Christ carried His cross to Calvary and the road to the hill of his crucifixion must have seemed as long as the east is from the west. But because He loves us so much, he forgives us for our weakness. He doesn't want us to suffer in our sacrifice. But we should try to cleanse our hearts, our minds, and to calm our spirits. I would suggest that one way of doing that would be to ask God to strengthen us in curbing our need for the *more* in life. It's just 40 days. Ask him to strengthen us in finding comfort and an inner peace with *less*.

There is beauty in simplicity....

March 17.

10 On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the faithful are required to ____.

12 During Lent we are called to ____.

13 Celebrated on the evening of Holy Thursday: Mass of the _____. (2 words)

16 What type of season is Lent?

17 How many Sundays are there within the Season of Lent.

18 Roman Governor referenced in the First Station of the Cross.

20 Imposed on foreheads at the start of Lent.

21 The practice of not eating meat on Fridays.

22 The call to generosity during Lent is referred to as ____.

24 The color of the vestments worn on Palm Sunday at Mass.

25 Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the ____.

26 How many Stations of the Cross are there?

28 Traditionally, this is the meatless day of the week (especially during Lent).

29 This words is not uttered at Masses during the Season of Lent.

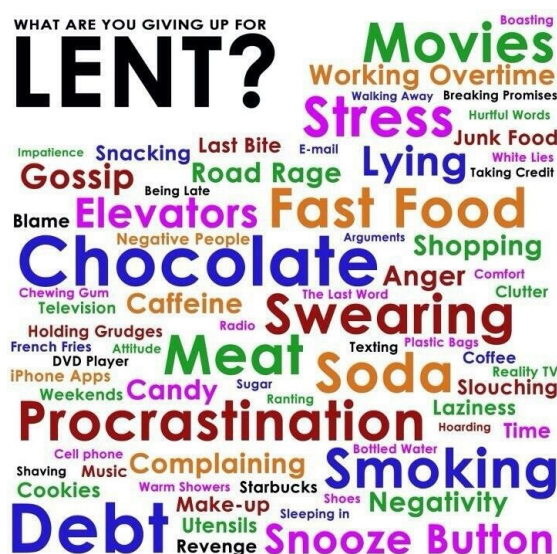
31 Christ raised him from the dead shortly before Palm Sunday.

33 Reminder on Ash Wednesday: "Remember you are ____"

35 Sources of the ashes used on Ash Wednesday.

WANT TO DO THE LENTEN CROSSWORD PUZZLE ONLINE

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