Welcome:
If you are a new parishioner or visiting for the first time, welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Church! We are glad that you are here and hope that you find our parish home to be a warm and welcoming community. If you would like to become a member of our parish please check with the parish office or give us a call.

Homebound: To arrange Communion for the sick or the homebound, please call the parish office.

St. Vincent De Paul: Food Pantry hours are Tuesday and Friday 10am-noon and Thursday evenings 5:30-7pm.

Funerals: To ensure the availability of a priest and the church, please call the office before you make arrangements with the funeral director.

Baptism Preparation: Class offered on the third Saturday of the month at 10am. Se ofrece una clase cada tercer sábado del mes a las 10 de la mañana.

Infant Baptisms: Scheduled with the pastoral staff. Bautizos 1er sábado y último domingo del mes.

Senior Luncheon: Lunch is served once a month at 11:30am in the school hall for Seniors and Friends October through May.

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May 12-13, 2018
The Ascension of the Lord
The Church Teaches ...

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

There are age-old questions that have been with us since the days of the very first disciples of the Lord: what are we to do? are we to sit around and wait for something to happen... or do we go and do something?

How does Jesus respond to these questions? In Acts 1:8 He says, “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Clearly, we are not to sit back and just let the society and the culture around us shape our future. We are called to make both of them holy and we are to do it by faithfully following Christ’s example.

Pope Francis has written: “I hope that all communities will devote the effort necessary to advance along the path of a pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are. ‘Mere administration’ can no longer be enough. Let us be in a permanent state of mission—throughout the world. There are Church structures which can hamper this effort and even good structures are only helpful when there is a life constantly driving, sustaining, and assessing them. I dream of a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, our way of doing things, our times and schedules, our languages and structures, all can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world—in rather than for our own self-preservation.”

As we take the Holy Father’s words to heart today, let there be no doubt that the Spirit of God is breathing in and through each of us.

St. Vincent de Paul: Early next month, our neighborhood New Seasons Market will once again extend an amazing opportunity to benefit the Holy Cross SVdP food pantry. As a designated “Hunger Partner,” New Seasons will match up to $1,000 in donations received at the checkout registers. No purchase is required and all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Our Hunger Partner Match Weekend is:

Saturday and Sunday, June 2nd & 3rd
from noon to 4pm

The goal, obviously, is to raise as much as possible during the weekend Hunger Match to qualify for the $1,000 match from New Seasons. Volunteers from SVdP will be in the store to greet customers and to explain how the pantry serves the North Portland community. Thank you for your support.

Bulletin Announcements

Phase III: Stewardship of Giving

Please give your prayerful and careful attention to the letter in this week’s bulletin from our parish Administrative Council. Next weekend, we will mark our annual Commitment Sunday as part of Offertory Giving here at Holy Cross.

Community of Hope: Welcome (back) to Linda Jo Devlaeminck of the Community of Hope. Linda Jo is presenting the good news and recent developments at COH at all of our Masses this weekend. Make plans now to attend the 3rd annual Raise Hope Gala benefitting the shelter for single Moms and their families. The event will take place on Saturday, June 2nd at UP’s Bauccio Commons. A social hour, raffle, dinner, and a presentation on “making ‘home’ happen” for families will be highlights! Holy Cross is again a co-sponsor of this event. Tickets are still available.

Shroud of Turin: Have you heard of the Shroud? It is a 14-foot length of linen cloth bearing the negative image of a man who is asserted to be Jesus of Nazareth. The cloth itself is believed by some to be the burial shroud Jesus was wrapped in when he was buried after His crucifixion. The Shroud is kept in the Royal Chapel of the Cathedral of Saint John in Turin, Northern Italy. Holy Cross is blessed to have a life-size replica image of the Shroud of Turin loaned to us by Robert Salter. The reproduced image was taken by a camera owned by NASA in the 1970’s and is identical to the actual Shroud, with the exception of back lighting. Viewing of the Shroud will be available here in the church this week on May 17-18.

Memorial Day Masses will be offered at the Catholic Cemeteries (Mt. Calvary & Gethsemani) on Monday, May 28 at 10am. These Masses will help us honor those who have died and offer support to their families. We will also offer our regularly scheduled Mass at Holy Cross at 8:30am.

God’s Girls Group

All women are welcome to join the God’s Girls from 7-8:30pm on the first and third Mondays of the month in the parish center. Meetings include songs of praise and worship, plus discussions surrounding religious themes, books, or films. Each meeting ends with time for personal prayer and intentions. Next gathering is May 7th.
**Adult Faith Formation**

**Adult Confirmations**
Every year, parishes prepare and send adult candidates to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland to celebrate their Confirmation with Archbishop Sample. This year, our parish presents two young men who will be Confirmed on Wednesday, May 23rd:

_Eric Giovani Ferrusca Tellez_
_Julio Cesar Ferrusca Tellez_

Please pray for them in their continuing faith journey!

**Special Announcement**

Beginning on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Masses (June 2nd/3rd) this year, Archbishop Sample has asked that during the celebration of the Mass, after the Lamb of God, the faithful will kneel. Archbishop Sample has determined that a more reverent celebration of the Eucharist will be aided by a change in this posture. Kneeling is a posture of adoration and has been part of the Communion Rite for many centuries. Those who cannot kneel due to infirmity or other impediment should be seated so as to not impede the view of those who kneel. This change will unite us with the majority of the Dioceses in the United States.

More importantly, Archbishop Sample believes it will enhance the reverent participation of the faithful at Mass and increase their devotion to the Eucharist.

**WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE ASCENSION?**

If Jesus really did “go up,” where did He go? To heaven? And where is heaven? Fundamentally, heaven is not a place at all. It is our _definitive_ relationship with God. ‘Heaven’ is where God is; and to be with God is to be ‘in heaven.’ And that is what the Ascension says: Jesus is totally and forever reunited with the Father. The actual words in Acts are that “a cloud took Him from their sight.” A cloud in Scripture is very often a symbol for God, so the expression means that God the Father took His incarnate Son back to Himself. And that is also the meaning in today’s Gospel that the “Lord Jesus…was taken up into heaven.”

In our day, beyond the wildest dreams of those early disciples, the Church can today proclaim the Gospel through satellite to every television set or radio in the world, but that does not let each of us off the hook! There is the duty each of us has to evangelize, that is, to communicate the life vision that is contained in the Catholic Tradition and especially the Gospels. It must be stressed that this is not simply the responsibility of the clergy or of Religious men and women. It is the duty of every single Christian, arising from the very nature of being a disciple.

Let’s also remember that the Church does not do any of this alone. “I will be with you always, to the very end of time,” is the promise of Jesus. He is Emmanuel, God-with-us. Through His Spirit, Jesus continues to work with and through His people. And so we firmly believe that He is to be found in every one of us. This lovely feast of Jesus’ Ascension reminds us that we, too, will have our resurrection, when God “will raise our mortal bodies and make them like His own in glory”…and we shall see God as He is.

**The Knights of Columbus**
request your signature on a ballot measure petition to prevent the use of state funds to provide abortions or health benefit plans to cover abortions. The Knights will be posted outside of the church for the next two weekends to collect signatures. Thank you.

**Pulsera Project--Handwoven Bracelet Sales ($5 each)**
This project is sponsored by the Holy Cross School Spanish Club to empower Nicaraguan Artisans through Fair Trade

**When:** Monday, May 14th-Wednesday, May 23rd  
**Where:** Purchase either in the school or parish office. Bracelets cost only $5 and all proceeds will go directly to the artisans.  
For more information, visit www.pulseraproject.org
**Family Page**

**Calling All Teens!**
Remember that we have High School Youth Group each Sunday at 6:30pm, even **through the summer**! High school students, please join us to “stay connected” and to continue building your faith!

We also have Jr. High Youth Group on Sundays at 6:30pm through the middle of June. Seventh and eighth graders – please join us for all of your Youth Group nights!

**Vacation Bible School 2018**
Summer is just around the corner, which means that Vacation Bible School will be coming soon!

**Vacation Bible School Week:**
July 9 to 13, 2018

**Who Participates?**
Children from PreK through 6th

**Leaders?**
7th to 12th graders and adult helpers, too

We are looking for children to join us on “our quest for Jesus.”

**Interested?** Contact Andrea Swanson at 503-206-8069 or aswanson@archdpdx.org

**Holy Cross School News:**
**Dinner with Bishop Peter Smith**
Date: Saturday, June 16, 2018
Time: 5:30pm - 9pm
Place: The patio of Jim Mehrens & Frances Portillo on North Willamette
Cost: $50

Please join us for a summer evening of delicious food and drinks with a South African twist! Dinner will be held on the elegant & intimate garden patio of Holy Cross parishioners, Jim and Frances. Our guest of honor will be Bishop Smith who will regale us with colorful stories of his life in South Africa. Menu will include pre-dinner aperitif and after-dinner sampling of South African spirits. More details will be sent to guests prior to the event!

Contact the school or parish office to purchase.

**Congratulations**
Recently, some of the children in our community made their First Communion.

-Natalia Astorga Cuesta
-Evan Robert Brotherton
-Mary Grace Connolly
-Empy Claire Cools
-Timothy John Culligan
-Hana Doyle
-Jeannemarie Cristine Ederer
-Henry Vincent Haupt
-Britney Hernandez Romero
-Frances Leigh McCullar
-Cindy Medina Hernandez
-Johnny Moreno Hernandez
-Daniel James Noethe
-Daniel James Dean Rogers
-Ricardo Romero Miranda
-Aiden Saribout
-Stella Marie White

May God continue to bless these children and their families as they join us for Communion at Mass!

**To Young People:** “Do not allow the spark of youth to be extinguished in the darkness of a closed room in which the only window to the outside world is a computer and smartphone. Open wide the doors of your life!”
*Pope Francis*

**This Week for Families**

**Sunday, May 13th:**
- MOTHER’S DAY!!
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 10am
- No English Religious Education today
- No Youth Groups today

**Sunday, May 20th:**
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 10am
- Final English Religious Education class
- Jr. High and High School Youth Groups, 6:30pm
Mass Int. for the Week of May 14th-20th
Intenciones de las Misas

Monday +Dan Evans by Sister Mary Ryan
Tuesday Ann. Int. of Tony and Inez Rodrigues
Wednesday +Ed Greisen by Kaiel Family
Thursday Int. of John Bachmeier by Jim Wilson
Friday +Dolores Durnal by Ripley Family
Sat. (5pm) +Cлерesia Nambo by Family
Sun.(8am) +Peter Bachmeier by Family
(10am) People of the Parish
(12pm) Int. of the Dooney Family

To arrange for a Mass intention, please contact the parish office.
Plan ahead if you are requesting a specific date.

In our prayers let us remember
…all those who have died, including
Ann Goldberg, Agnes Keel, Jeff Shutte, and Ivy Welsh
...all those who are ill or homebound including,
Darlene Thayer, Joe and Carol Kent, Shayna Ramirez,
Claire Matson, Joyce McNichols, Sue Boettcher, Baudelio
Barroso, Josephine Miolla, Ed Doell, Diane Leonard,
Rita Shanahan, Mary McNamara, Millie Simkins, Shirley
Cole, George Ferguson, Luise Ritter, and Regan Briggs

Next Week’s Readings and Liturgical Schedule

1st Reading: Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm: 104:1-2,24,35,27,29,30
2nd Reading: Romans 8:22-27 Gospel: John 7: 37-39

Saturday—5pm
Reader: Eva Varga
E/M: Maritza Brown, Moises Barajas, Beth Preciso
Sacerdote: Vince Ripley
Altar Servers: Omar Barajas, Erika Campbell

Sunday—8am
Reader: Connie Davis
E/M: Steve Spitulski, Julie Johnson, Sally Papadimas
Sacerdote: Steve Thomas
Altar Servers: Brady Kiddos

Sunday—10am
Reader: Frances Portillo
E/M: Debbie Myers, Mary Medley, Gary and Meridee Kaiel,
Michelle Dumas, Jim Wilson
Sacerdote: Jim Wilson
Altar Servers: Isaac Briare and Cielo Barroso

Stewardship

Giving time and talent does not excuse us from giving treasure. We know that throughout the Gospels, Jesus challenged us to give as He has given to us. Recognizing the financial blessings that abound in our lives, we strive to give at least 10% of our resources back to God. Although this level of giving may not be immediately possible, we are encouraged to “give back” and regularly strive to increase the amount, taking small incremental steps toward giving a full tithe.

Thank you for supporting the Parish and her ministries through your generous stewardship!

May 6, 2018 (total): $5,7063
May 6, 2018 Online: $1,514

Online giving available now at
www.holycrosspdx.org

**Holy Cross School News will now be located on the Family Page**
Este domingo celebramos la **Ascensión del Señor**. Jesús ascendió al Cielo con su Padre, después de haber cumplido su misión en la tierra.

En el Evangelio de San Lucas 24, 50-53 se narra cómo, después de dar las últimas instrucciones a los Apóstoles, los llevó cerca de Betania y mientras los bendecía, alzando las manos, subió al Cielo. Con su Ascensión al Cielo, Jesús nos abre las puertas para que podamos seguirle. **La Ascensión es para todos los cristianos un símbolo de esperanza**, pues sabemos que Cristo está sentado a la derecha del Padre, intercediendo por nosotros y que un día podremos llegar con Él a gozar de la felicidad eterna.

Debemos luchar por ser perfectos y buenos para poder ir al Cielo con Jesús. Él vivió como todos nosotros su proyecto y lo fue perfeccionando día a día. Su proyecto no terminó con la Muerte, sino que siguió con su Resurrección y su Ascensión.

Con la Ascensión, Jesús alcanza la meta final y es exaltado; se hace Señor y primogénito de sus hermanos. La plenitud sólo se alcanza al final y es un don de Dios. Jesús ha ascendido al Cielo y nos espera en la meta. Hay que vivir como Él, amar como Él, y buscar el Reino de Dios. Debemos anunciar el Evangelio con la palabra y con la vida.

**Oremos:**

Concédenos, Dios todopoderoso, rebosar de santa alegría y, gozosos, elevar a ti fervorosas gracias ya que la ascensión de Cristo, tu Hijo, es también nuestra victoria, pues a donde llegó Él, que es nuestra cabeza, esperamos llegar también nosotros, que somos su cuerpo. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que vive y reina contigo por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Quizás alguna veces ha escuchado hablar acerca del Sudario o Manto de Turin. El Sudario de Turín es una tela de lino de 14 pies que lleva la imagen negativa de un hombre que se afirma que es Jesús de Nazaret. Algunos creen que la tela es el sudario en el que Jesús fue envuelto cuando fue sepultado después de su crucifixión. La Sábana Santa se guarda en la Capilla Real de la Catedral de San Juan Bautista en Turin, en el norte de Italia.

Holy Cross tiene la bendición de tener una réplica a tamaño real de la imagen del Sudario de Turín que Robert Salter nos prestó. La imagen reproducida fue tomada por una cámara propiedad de la NASA en la década de 1970 y es idéntica a la Sábana Santa real, con la excepción de la iluminación de fondo.

La visualización de la Sábana Santa estará disponible aquí en la iglesia. ¡Este atento por mas detalles!

Comenzando en las Misas de la Solemnidad de la Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo (2-3 de junio de este año), el Arzobispo Alejandro Sample ha pedido que durante la celebración de la Misa, después del Cordero de Dios, todos los fieles se hincarán. El Arzobispo Sample ha determinado que una celebración más reverente de la Eucaristía se vera favorecida con un cambio en esta postura.

Hincarnos es una postura de adoración y ha sido parte del Rito de Comunión por muchos siglos. La personas que no puedan hincarse a causa de alguna enfermedad o cualquier otro impedimento deberá de sentarse para que no impida la vista a los que están hincados.

Estos cambios nos unificarán con la mayoría de las diócesis en los Estados Unidos. Más importante aun, el Arzobispo Sample cree que se engrandecerá la participación reverente de los fieles en la Misa e incrementarán su devoción a la Santa Eucaristía.
En nuestras oraciones recordemos:

...a todos los que están enfermos, incluyendo:
Darlene Thayer, Joe and Carol Kent, Shayna Ramírez, Claire Matson, Joyce McNichols, Sue Anne Boettcher, Josephine Miolla, Ed Doell, Diane Leonard, Rita Shanahan, Baudelio Barroso, Luise Ritter, Shirley Cole, Millie Simkins, Mary McNamara, y George Ferguson

...a todos los que han muerto, especialmente:
Ann Goldberg, Ivy Welsh, Agnes Keel, y Jeff Shutte

**CALENDARIO PARROQUIAL**

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**TESORO DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD**

TESORO DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD $5,7063
¡Gracias por su generosidad!

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LECTURAS PARA EL DOMINGO 13 DE MAYO DOMINGO DE PENTECOSTÉ

Primera Lectura: Génesis 11, 1-9
Salmo Resp: 103
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 8, 22-27
Evangelio: Juan 7, 37-39

**CORRESPONSABILIDAD**

Dar nuestro tiempo y talentos no nos excluye de compartir también nuestro Tesoro. Sabemos que a través del Evangelio, Jesús nos reta a darle ÉL así como ÉL nos ha dado. Al reconocer las bendiciones financieras que abundan en nuestras vidas, debemos de esmerarnos por devolver al menos el 5% de nuestros recursos a Dios. Aunque quizás esto no sea posible inmediatamente, le invitamos a incrementar un poco lo que le damos a Dios.

¡Dios nos bendecirá y proveerá por nosotros cada día de nuestra vida!

**FELICIDADES**

Felicidades a todos nuestros niños y niñas que han recibido la Primera Comunión estos sábados pasados.
Que Dios viva en sus corazones siempre y que nosotros como padres y amigos seamos un ejemplo para ellos que los lleve a estar cada día más cerca de Dios.

Invitamos a todos los niños y niñas que quieran servir a Dios como Servidores del Altar a venir a un entrenamiento el día 19 de mayo a las 9am. Papas por favor comuníquense a la oficina lo mas pronto posible.