

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026

Parish Office

Monday-Friday

9:00am-2:00pm

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holycrosscatholicchurchtn.org

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday-Friday

12:00pm

Saturday

5:00pm English

7:00pm Español

Sunday

8:00am English

10:30am English

Confession

Saturday

3:00-4:00pm

6:30-6:55pm

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

First Friday 1:00pm until

7:00am Saturday



Mass Intentions

† Denotes deceased

Saturday, July 11

5pm People of Holy Cross
7pm Louis Cortes

Sunday, July 12

8am Diana Tarin
10:30am Sokolowski Family

Monday, July 13

No Mass

Tuesday, July 14

11:30am Funeral Mass † Rudolf Kadela

Wednesday, July 15

12pm † Carolyn Stecher

Thursday, July 16
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

12pm † Mary Ann Voisin
12:45pm Brown Scapular Enrollment

Friday, July 17

12pm Margaret Kniting

Saturday, July 18

5pm People of Holy Cross
7pm Louis Cortes

Sunday, July 19

8am Diana Tarin
10:30am Sokolowski Family

Pray for the Living & the Dead

Recalling that praying for the living and the dead is one of the seven spiritual works of mercy, let us pray for one another.

In your charity, please pray for: Clarissa Palcone, Juan Palcone, Teresita Jenkins, May Avera, Ada Avera

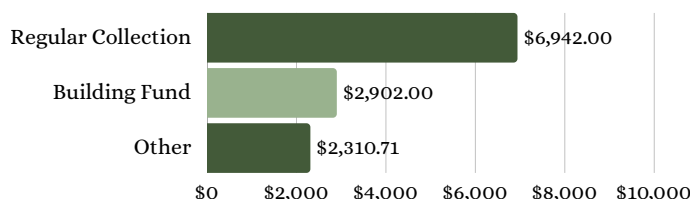
Joanne Harder, Jim Hourihane, Elisa DellaSantina, the DellaSantina Family, Rudolf Kadela

If you would like to submit the name of a loved one to be prayed for, please contact the parish office. Names will be included for one month, unless otherwise noted.



Stewardship

July 4/5



Since on average 3 out of 5 Mass attendees are visitors, we invite our guests to consider a "timeshare" stewardship with our parish. Our website has a donation link, and donations can be set to match *the time you share with us*.

As our monthly expenses are \$25,000, please consider Holy Cross in your donations and in your will.

Donate Online

You may scan this QR code to donate online. Thank you for your generosity!



Flocknote Newsletter

Holy Cross uses Flocknote to stay in touch with our parishioners and visitors. Important announcements and parish updates are sent out via email and text message. Scan the QR code or sign up on the front page of our website.



Announcements & Events

Brown Scapular Investiture

Thursday, July 16 is the feast of **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**. There will be a **brown scapular investiture after the 12pm Mass** that day. Please see **holycrosscatholicchurchtn.org/brownschapular** for more information about this devotion.

History

In the year 1251, in the town of Aylesford in England, Our Lady appeared to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite. She handed him a brown woolen scapular and said, "This shall be a privilege for you and all Carmelites, that anyone dying in this habit shall not suffer eternal fire." In time, the Church extended this magnificent privilege to all the laity who are willing to be invested in the Brown Scapular of the Carmelites and who perpetually wear it.

Enrollment in the Confraternity

To be eligible for the scapular promise, one must be enrolled in the Brown Scapular Confraternity. This is a simple ceremony which can be performed by any priest. The members of the Confraternity have the added benefit of sharing in all the spiritual benefits of the Carmelite Order. According to a statement made by the Carmelite Fathers at the National Scapular Center, every priest now has the right to invest the faithful in the Brown Scapular and to substitute the rosary in lieu of the Little Office.

The scapular must be 100% wool without plastic casing and should not be pinned or affixed to clothing. It is worn over the head, under one's clothes, with one square of wool hanging on the chest and the other on the back. Pictures are not necessary.

The Sabbatine Privilege

The Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel has promised to save those who wear the scapular from the fires of hell; She will also shorten their stay in purgatory if they should pass from this world still owing some debt of punishment.

This promise is found in a Bull of Pope John XXII. The Blessed Virgin appeared to him and, speaking of those who wear the Brown Scapular, said, "I, the Mother of Grace, shall descend on the Saturday after their death and whomsoever I shall find in purgatory I shall free so that I may lead them to the holy mountain of life everlasting."

The Blessed Virgin assigned certain conditions which must be fulfilled:

1. Wear the Brown Scapular continuously.
2. Observe chastity according to one's state in life (married/single).
3. Recite daily the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin OR Observe the fasts of the Church together with abstaining from meat on Wednesdays and Saturdays OR With permission of a priest, say five decades of Our Lady's Most Holy Rosary OR With permission of a priest, substitute some other good work.

Pope Benedict XV, the celebrated World War I Pontiff, granted 500 days indulgence for devoutly kissing your scapular.

Certificación Diocesana de Estudios Bíblicos: El Antiguo Testamento

Hacemos una invitación a todos quienes estén interesados en aprender más sobre la Biblia. Este curso está abierto a personas mayores de 18 años, padres de familia, como primeros educadores de la fe de sus hijos quienes necesitan una formación bíblica que les permita transmitir el Evangelio en el hogar; catequistas, agentes pastorales y líderes laicos (lectores, líderes de grupos de evangelización, miembros de grupos, ministros de liturgia, equipos de formación) y quienes se sientan llamados a estudiar la Biblia. El curso consiste en 30 clases por zoom, los lunes de 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm (hora del este, Miami). Comienza el lunes 3 de agosto, 2026. El costo es de \$155 por curso completo. Fecha límite para inscripciones: miércoles, 29 de julio de 2026. Regístrese escaneando el código QR en el volante. Para más información o preguntas, puede llamar al 865-637-4769.

Parking Update

Aviso de estacionamiento

Please do not park in the Coin Laundry parking lot. They requested that we not park there at the risk of being towed because their business is open 24 hours. Let's be good neighbors.

Por favor, no se estacionen en el estacionamiento de la lavandería de monedas. Nos han solicitado que no nos estacionemos allí —bajo riesgo de que nos remolquen—, ya que su negocio funciona las 24 horas. Seamos buenos vecinos.

Rosario por las Santas Almas del Purgatorio

El Grupo del Rosario se reúne todos los lunes a las 19 horas.

Bible Study on Summer Break

Weekly Bible Study is on break until late August or early September. Enjoy your summer!

Diocese of Knoxville Job Opportunity

The Diocese of Knoxville is seeking a **Software Implementation Coordinator** as the primary guide, partner, and champion for parishes transitioning to Ministry Platform. This role will build relationships, understand unique ministry goals, and guide parish staff through operational changes. The Software Implementation Coordinator will be a trusted advisor, helping ministries leverage technology to better shepherd their congregations and streamline daily operations. The role ensures delivery of a seamless experience for staff and users. This position is a **2-3-year contract position**. Please visit the Diocese of Knoxville website for a full job description. Submit resumes to **Maura Lentz**, HR Director at mlentz@dioknox.org.

Sacraments

Baptism

Congratulations on your newborn! For English-speaking families, please visit the Holy Cross website where you can find policies, procedures, and all necessary paperwork under the "Baptism" tab.



Si necesita información para bautizos en español, por favor comuníquese con el señor Alejandro Mondragón, El está encargado de la preparación para los bautizos. Su numero de teléfono es: 865-227-9380.



Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for your marriage at least four months before your desired wedding date.

Para bodas comunitarias, por favor llame a Alejandro Mondragón: 865-227-9380

Catholic Faith Formation Classes

Catholic Faith Formation classes are on Wednesday nights 6:30-7:30pm. Religious education teachers prepare children in grades K-12 to receive the sacraments. Registration for the 2026-27 academic year opens August 15, 2026.



Las clases de formación en la fe católica se imparten los miércoles por la noche, de 6:30 a 7:30 p. m. Los catequistas preparan a los niños y jóvenes (desde el kínder hasta el grado 12) para recibir los sacramentos. Las inscripciones para el año académico 2026-2027 se abrirán el 15 de agosto.



Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Holy Mother Church welcomes you! Registration for the 2026-27 academic year will open August 15, 2026. For more information, please email Patrick Cook at ocia@holycrossstn.org.

¡La Santa Madre Iglesia les da la bienvenida! Para más información, comuníquese con Alejandro Mondragón al 865-227-9380.

Catholic Faith Formation Classes Clases de Formación en la Fe Católica

Weekly Wednesday evening Catholic Faith Formation classes resume on Wednesday, September 9, 2026. Religious education teachers prepare children in grades K-12 to receive the sacraments. Registration for the 2026-27 academic year opens August 15, 2026.

Before your child's CFFC registration can be accepted, parents must first **register as parishioners** or **update their parish registration** by navigating to:

<https://register.holycrosscatholicchurchtn.org/>

ALL INFORMATION (ESPECIALLY SACRAMENTAL DETAILS) MUST BE ACCURATELY COMPLETED.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are already registered as parishioners and have forgotten your family ID number, or if the Parish of your child's sacraments is not listed from the drop-down menu. Proper Sacramental and Parish Registration information will be verified before attending classes.

Las clases semanales de Formación en la Fe Católica, que se imparten los miércoles por la tarde, se reanudan el miércoles 9 de septiembre de 2026. Los catequistas preparan a los niños y jóvenes (desde el jardín de infancia hasta el 12.º grado) para recibir los sacramentos. Las inscripciones para el año académico 2026-27 se abren el 15 de agosto de 2026. Para que se acepte la inscripción de su hijo en las clases de CFFC, los padres deben primero registrarse como feligreses o actualizar su registro parroquial ingresando a:

<https://register.holycrosscatholicchurchtn.org/>

TODA LA INFORMACIÓN (ESPECIALMENTE LOS DETALLES SACRAMENTALES) DEBE COMPLETARSE CON EXACTITUD.

Por favor, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial si ya está registrado como feligrés pero ha olvidado su número de identificación familiar, o si la parroquia donde su hijo recibió los sacramentos no aparece en el menú desplegable. Se verificará la información correcta sobre los sacramentos y el registro parroquial antes de asistir a las clases de CFFC.