

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Palm Sunday/Holy Week
March 29, 2026



Parish Office

Monday-Friday

9:00am-2:00pm

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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

First Saturday

8:30-9:30am

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

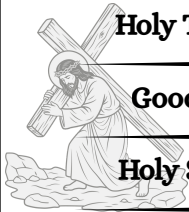
First Friday 1:00pm until

10:00am Saturday

Mass Intentions

† Denotes deceased

Saturday, March 28	5pm † Leo Shields 7pm † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, March 29	8am People of Holy Cross 10:30am John Christopher Abueg
Monday, March 30	No Mass
Tuesday, March 31	No Mass (4pm Cathedral Chrism Mass)
Wednesday, April 1	12pm † Luis Pamintuan
Holy Thursday, April 2	6:30pm † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Good Friday, April 3	3pm Good Friday Service
Holy Saturday, April 4	8:15pm Horacio de Jesus
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	7:30am † Bob Dale 9:00am People of Holy Cross 11:00am † Elbia Ricardo G.



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

Diane Poland, Carolyn Stecher, Dwight Michael Peters, Tom Kane, Harold Heiner, Anthony, Chilo Montoya

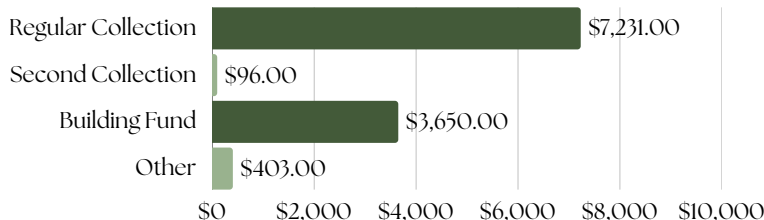
If you would like to submit the name of a loved one to be prayed for, please contact the parish office.

Names will be included for one month, unless otherwise noted.



Stewardship

March 21/22



You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God, for the administration of this public service is not only supplying the needs of the holy ones but is also overflowing in many acts of thanksgiving to God...

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 11-12, 15

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!



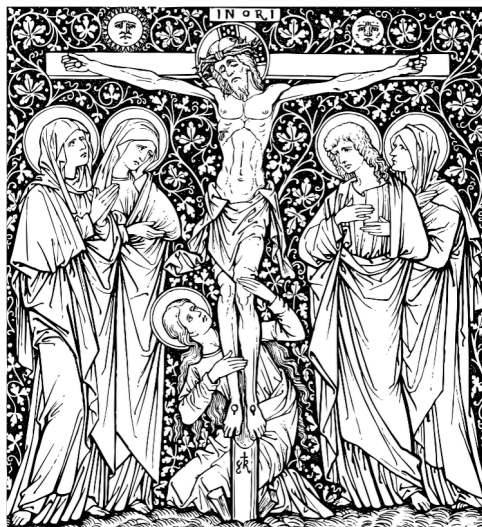
Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

A second collection will be taken up on Good Friday, April 3, in support of the Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land. This collection, in the words of Paul VI is "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities." You generosity also assists those such as the Franciscans who have been in the Holy Land since 1209 caring for the poor, protecting the Holy shrines, and keeping the light of Christianity alive.

Help Support Seminarian Education

On Easter Sunday, a second collection will be taken up in support of Diocesan Seminarian Education. Though we are one of the smallest dioceses in the U.S., we are blessed with a rich harvest of vocations to the priesthood. Presently, we have 9 seminarians enrolled in studies—one who, God willing, will be ordained to the priesthood shortly. And it is our hope that we will have 11 seminarians for the 2026-27 academic year. But with this wonderful blessing comes a financial challenge. The cost of educating just one seminarian is over \$50,000. Your investment in the future of the priesthood is greatly needed to help guarantee the growth of the Catholic faith in East Tennessee. Please be generous in supporting our Diocesan Seminarians in their formation as they endeavor through the grace of God to become your future priests.

Holy Week



Palm Sunday
Saturday, March 28
5pm Mass
7pm Mass
Sunday, March 29
8:00am Mass
10:30am Mass

Holy Thursday
April 2
6:30pm Mass

Good Friday
April 3
11:00am Confessions until 12pm
1:30pm Living Stations of the Cross
2:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:00pm Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday
April 4
8:15pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday
April 5
7:30am Mass
9:00am Mass
11:00am Mass

Announcements & Events

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated **Tuesday, March 31, at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Knoxville.** At the annual Chrism Mass, diocesan priests renew their priestly vows. Bishop Mark Beckman will bless the sacred chrism, the oil of catechumens, and the oil of the sick that will be used in parishes of the diocese for the next year.

The Mass will be live-streamed on the cathedral's YouTube page.

High School Youth Group

Escuela Secundaria Para Grupo Juvenil

Grades 9-12 meeting on Tuesdays from 6-8pm in the Family Life Room. All high school and soon to be high school students are welcomed to attend. There will always be food provided and fun activities to do. For more information, contact Nick Sisto at:

nlsisto@wlvlaw.net

El grupo de jóvenes de secundaria, de los grados 9 -12 se reúnen los martes de 6pm a 8:00pm Siempre va a ver comida y diversión. Alentamos a todos nuestros estudiantes de escuela secundaria y futuros estudiantes de escuela secundaria que asisten. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Nick Sisto.

Legion of Mary at Holy Family

Our Loving Mother Praesidium, the Legion of Mary in Seymour, holds the meetings **every Monday at 9:15AM** in the Family Life Center of **Holy Family Catholic Church, 201 Black Oak Ridge Rd, Seymour TN 37865.**

Rosary for Holy Souls in Purgatory

Rosario por las Santas Almas del Purgatorio

The Rosary Group meets every Monday at 7pm.
El Grupo del Rosario se reúne todos los lunes a las 19 horas.

Bible Study

Join our Pastor in a contemplative study of the Word of God in Sacred Scripture on Thursdays at 9:30am in the Family Life Room. Father Hendershott provides scriptural commentary as we read through Genesis and meditate on the Providence of God through salvation history.

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 número de teléfono es: 865-227-9380.

Confirmation for Catholics

Father Hendershott will administer the sacrament of Confirmation for practicing Catholics over the age of 18 on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 8am. Please contact the Parish Office at least 2 months ahead of time if you would like to be confirmed this year.

El padre Hendershott administrará el sacramento de la Confirmación a los católicos practicantes mayores de 18 años el domingo 26 de abril de 2026 a las 8:00 a. m. Si desea recibir la Confirmación este año, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial con al menos dos meses de anticipación.

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.

Catholic Faith Formation Classes

Faith Formation classes are on Wednesday nights 6:30-7:30pm. Religious education teachers prepare children in grades K-12 to receive the sacraments. For more information, please contact the Director of Religious Education (DRE) Gianfranco at gdellasantina@yahoo.com.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Holy Mother Church welcomes you! For more information, please contact the Parish Office. *¡La Santa Madre Iglesia les da la bienvenida! Para más información, comuníquese con Alejandro Mondragón al 865-227-9380.*

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday
during Lent

Ages 14+

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit uscgb.org.



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Lent

What is Lent? Lent is the 40 days (not including Sundays) of prayer and penance leading to Easter.



What are the pillars of Lent?

PRAYER, listening and responding to God's call, deepens our relationship to God and draws the heart closer to His will.

FASTING is a means of self-discipline, chastity, and the restraining of the appetites. Though it is refraining from food, fasting also includes refraining from sin and reflecting on one's dependence on God.

ALMSGIVING involves donating money or goods to the poor and performing acts of charity. According to the catechism, almsgiving is "a work of justice pleasing to God" (CCC 2462).

Lent is a time of prolonged penance for committing ourselves to fulfill our baptismal call to holiness, service, and community. At the heart of all penance is the call to conversion. In the words of Christ: "Repent, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:15).

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.

