

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

First Friday 1:00pm until

7:00am Saturday

Mass Intentions

† Denotes deceased

Saturday, May 2	10am †Rosamarie Perez 5pm Anet Perez 7pm People of Holy Cross
Sunday, May 3	8am † Cecilia Pamintuan 10:30am † Paulina Arango
Monday, May 4	No Mass
Tuesday, May 5	12pm Jack Anthony
Wednesday, May 6	12pm † Rev. Joseph Mary Hammond, CHS
Thursday, May 7	12pm † Jim Dale
Friday, May 8	12pm Anet Perez
Saturday, May 9	5pm People of Holy Cross 7pm Frandy Pelaez
Sunday, May 10	8am Anet Perez 10:30am † Helen Kobiec

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, Rory DuPont

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

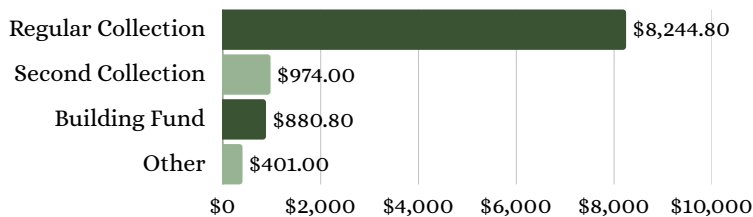
If you would like to submit the name of a loved one to be prayed for, please contact the parish office.

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



Stewardship

April 25/26



National Collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Please be generous in supporting the Catholic Home Missions Appeal on April 26. This collection helps to strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States in its 87 mission territories. As the Diocese of Knoxville is one of the smallest dioceses in the nation, it is a direct beneficiary of Catholic Home Missions assistance. Your generosity in support of this appeal is greatly appreciated for the additional blessings it brings to our Diocese. Thank you.

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!



May, The Month of Mary



Month of May, month of Mary! The heart of every Christian turns spontaneously toward his heavenly Mother, with a desire to live in closer intimacy with her and to strengthen the sweet ties which bind him to her.

It is a great comfort on our spiritual way, which is often fatiguing and bristling with difficulties, to meet the gentle presence of a mother. One is so at ease near one's mother. With her, everything becomes easier; the weary, discouraged heart, disturbed by storms, finds new hope and strength, and continues the journey with fresh courage. "If the winds of temptation arise," sings St. Bernard, "if you run into the reefs of trials, look to the star, call upon Mary." There are times when the hard road of the "nothing" frightens us, miserable as we are; and then, more than ever, we need her help, the help of our Mother.

The Blessed Virgin Mary has, before us, trodden the straight and narrow path which leads to sanctity; before us she has carried the cross, before us she has known the ascents of the spirit through suffering. Sometimes, perhaps, we do not dare to look at Jesus the God-Man, who because of His divinity seems too far above us; but near Him is Mary, His Mother and our Mother, a privileged creature surely, yet a creature like ourselves, and therefore a model more accessible for our weakness. Mary comes to meet us during this month, to take us by the hand, to initiate us into the secret of her interior life, which must become the model and norm of our own."

-Excerpt from *Divine Intimacy*, Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.

Announcements & Events

Third Order of St. Francis Information Meeting

Have you ever wondered what it means to live a life of simplicity, joy and service in the spirit of St. Francis? Come & See! You are warmly invited to a Franciscan "Come & See" Gathering at the St. John Neumann Catholic school library on **Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 12 noon**. For more information contact **Terry Paradis at (931) 265-4028**.

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 Exodus and meditate on the Providence of God through salvation history.

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.

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.





DIOCESE OF KNOXVILLE

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March 9, 2026

Dear Brothers in Christ,

As we continue this Lenten Season and prepare for the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord in a few weeks, I want to bring you up-to-date on an item of importance for our Church.

As part of the next step to embrace the call of Pope Leo to continue our synodal mission, I am asking that your parish please select two delegates to attend two synodal gatherings planned by the diocese for Fall 2026.

The delegates can be designated by you, elected by your parish, or come forward as volunteers with your approval. Your delegates can be from among the lay faithful, deacons, staff members, or parish ministry leaders— and should reflect the character of your parish, taking into account, if possible, different viewpoints, gender, age, and ethnicity.

Therefore, I am asking that a “Call for Delegates” be held in your parish from Tuesday, April 7 to Monday, May 4. A diocesan awareness campaign will also begin on April 7.

Once your two selections are made, your parish delegates will be able to register with the diocese beginning May 4. Formation materials will also be made available online to help them prepare for two synodal day-long events— tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 19 (Local/Deanery) and Saturday, November 14 (Knoxville/Diocesan).

In addition to your delegates— pastors and priests are also invited to participate in the synodal events.

As you know, Pope Leo XIV has asked dioceses to move forward deliberately in this phase of the synod. This call has recently been reinforced by Archbishop Paul Coakley, president of the USCCB, and Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt, SEMV, who has been appointed as the USCCB Bishop Liaison for the Synod. Our goal during this phase is not to place additional burdens on pastors, but to provide workable methods that allow all of us to carry forward with our synodal mission.

Thank you for all the good work you are doing for the People of God in your parish.

In Christ,

Most Rev. Mark Beckman
Bishop of Knoxville