

# *Holy Cross Catholic Church*

144 Wears Valley Road † Pigeon Forge, TN 37863

November 16, 2025



Nicolas Poussin, *Capture of Jerusalem by Titus*

## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday/Martes - 12:00 pm**

**Wednesday/Miércoles - 12:00 pm**

**Thursdays/Jueves - 12:00 pm**

**Friday/Viernes - 12:00 pm**

**Saturday - 5:00 pm English / 7:00 pm Spanish**

**Sunday - 8:00 am English / 10:30 am English**

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**  
**Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 pm or by appointment**

**SACRAMENTO DE LA CONFESIÓN**  
**Sábado 6:30-6:55 pm—o por cita**

## Mass Intentions Intenciones de Misas

**Saturday/Sabado, November 15**

**5:00pm** Emma Pilgrim

**7:00pm** Vilma Duarte+

**Sunday/Domingo, November 16**

**8:00am** Russell Gifford+

**10:30am** DellaSantina Family

**Tuesday/Martes, November 18**

**12:00pm** Elias & Genoveva Ventura

**Wednesday/Miercoles, November 19**

**12:00pm** Ronald Driessche+

**Thursday/Jueves, November 20**

**12:00pm** Armando Estrada+ &

Benjamin Herrera+

**Friday/Viernes, November 21**

**12:00pm** Willa Avino

**Saturday/Sabado, November 22**

**5:00pm** Cecilia Pamintuan+

**7:00pm** For the People of Holy Cross Parish

**Sunday/Domingo, November 23**

**8:00am** Russell Gifford+

**10:30am** Mercy Trivino

**If you would like to request a Mass Intention, please visit the office between 9am-2pm.**

### Office Hours:

**Monday—Friday**

**9am-2pm**

**Saturday & Sunday**

**Closed**

### Gift Shop Hours:

**Monday—Friday**

**9am-2pm**

**Saturday**

**After 5pm & 7pm Mass**

**Sunday**

**After 8am & 10:30am**

Stewardship is an important concept for our spiritual growth as Catholics. It is a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning to Him a portion of the time, talent and treasures we have received.

### November 8/9

**Regular Collection** \$ 9,961.40

**Second Collection** \$ 2,110.00

**Special Collection** \$ 1,240.00

**Building Fund** \$ 0.00

**Other Revenues** \$ 137.00

### Monthly Expenses

Dear Parishioners/Visitors because of the purchase of the new building this is our monthly expenses. **\$25,000**

**Please consider Holy Cross's Expenses in your donations.**

### Donation Envelopes for 2026

Donation envelopes for 2026 are in and ready for you to pickup in the narthex! If your family would like to sign up to receive envelopes, please contact our parish office. Thank you!

### Please Pray for the Sick—Por favor oren por los enfermos

**Parishioners:** Jessie Baach, Bill Bohaczek, Thomas Broadbent, Tommy & Barbara Bye, Belva Cundy, Stephanie Curtis, Katherine Daily, Lucille Dunn, Joe Fricano, Phyllis Gerth, Rosita Juan, Peg Kaatz, Annette Kahl, Tom Kane, Mickey Langan, Clarissa and Juan Palcone, Joe Poland, Norman & Paulette Schultz, Carolyn Stecher, Teresita Jenkins, Hal & Sheila Johns, Martha Schelski, Kathy Kane, Bruce Analie, Rosa Perez, Frank Bailey, Cathy Peto, Josie Lemmings.

**Other Family & Friends:** Will Aldridge, Dorothy Bone, Ronda Ceechin, Carolyn Chatlos & family, Cheyenne & Javier Chicas, Kena Darby, Luigi DeBono, John Devane, Mark Decorte, Antoinette & Johan Dinkelmann, Sharon Durm, Judy Duvall, Evans family, Kelsie Lee Ann Epperson, Don Eversman, Daniel Festa & family, Teresita Fajardo, Flavia and Noah, Greg Frerking, , Sally Grady, Scott Hansen, Mary Hartnett & family, John Hedrick, Jane Hinkly, Anna Johnson, James Johnston, The Jost family, Jack & Thomas Ketterer, Kody Klimek, Calvin Lane, Kennedie Margarida, Jessy Martinez, Nikki May, Jennifer McCarter, Ciel McCormack, Jerry McGarvey, Mackenzie M. McGowan, Randy McKinney, Eloise Morrison, Geneva Ogle, Mike Ogle, Mr. Proper, Mary Raasch, Paul Rogers, Ollie Sexton, Lisa Schulte, Amy Smith, Joseph Smith, James Speiser, Olivia Sweeney, Chuck & Vicky Thomas, Craig & Stacey Toenjes, John Tolliver, Kim Webb, Mary J Whaley, Hayden Whaley, Dorothy Wienick & family, Charles Jones, Natalie Freeman, Heather Roth, Catolina Cerna-Aldridge, Robert Seeley, Anna Barrera, Bruce Cantrell, Nicolas Hernandez, Adrian Hernandez, Nancy, William Walker, Jonathan Shultz, Cathy Price, Naomi Gupka, Calvin Lane, Belva Cundy, Diane Rucker, Maria Perez, Millie Walsh, Phill & Marie labbe, Willy Downs, Christine Dytrych, Judy Leatherman, Crissy Fisher, Brenda Diane Poland, Eva Gabriel, Melissa Gabriel, Emily Opalka, Mark Kurisko, Chris & Judy Hazlett, Jim White, Eden Moses Ben Barrett+, Claire and Michael Schmelzer, Kendra Gould, Brett Laird, Kathy and Edward Donahue, Joan Fricano, Greg Witkemper.

### ***May they be touched by the healing hand of the Lord.***

*If you are ill or know of someone who is ill and should be included in our prayers, please contact the office.*

### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

All parishioners of all language groups are invited to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, 2025!

The festivities will begin with a **procession at 5pm**, followed by a play re-enacting the beautiful story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. **Holy Mass** will follow, beginning around **6:30pm**. All are welcome to join us for a **reception** after Mass. We will enjoy delicious food and continue the festivities at **Sun Outdoors: 1004 Parkway, Sevierville, TN 37862**.

¡Todos los feligreses de todos los grupos lingüísticos están invitados a celebrar la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el 12 de diciembre de 2025!

Las festividades comenzarán con una **procesión a las 5 p. m.**, seguida de una obra de teatro que recrea la hermosa historia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. A continuación se celebrará la **Santa Misa**, que comenzará alrededor de las **6:30 horas**. Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a nosotros para una recepción después de la Misa. Disfrutaremos de comida deliciosa y continuaremos las festividades en **Sun Outdoors: 1004 Parkway, Sevierville, TN 37862**.

### Advent Penance Service

We will be having an Advent penance service on **December 9, 2025 from 7:00pm-8:30pm**.

Tendremos un servicio de penitencia de Adviento el **9 de Diciembre de 2025 de 7:00pm a 8:30pm**

### Christmas Mass times

**December 24, 2025, Christmas Eve:**  
8am English Mass

**December 25, 2025, Christmas Day:**  
**Midnight** Bilingual Mass  
8:00am English Mass  
10:30am English Mass

### A Note from the Pastor: Parish Office Restructuring

We are grateful to God for our two new staff members who, together with me, are working to divide and distinguish responsibilities to effectively serve the needs of our parish. Before the new hires, there was one Office Manager position, which has now been divided into two positions: Secretary and Resource Manager.

Our parish secretary, Rebekah Snyder, serves as receptionist to receive general questions about Mass times and intentions, parish events, sacramental records and blessings, parish registration, and meetings with me, as well as bulletin and pulpit announcements. If you would like an announcement in the bulletin or from the pulpit, please submit the text of the announcement to her via **email by 12 PM on Wednesdays** to be included in the Sunday bulletin or pulpit announcements.

Our resource manager, Michael Landree, serves to organize maintenance, security, personnel including volunteers, and gift shop needs. He handles purchasing of materials and supplies, invoices, contracts, projects, policies, reimbursements, Safe Environment and insurance paperwork. All three of us (myself included) are learning our roles together as we attend diocesan meetings or read diocesan policies and guidelines. Please be patient with us as we learn and grow together to serve you better. What a grace to be a humble coworker in the vineyard of Christ, and a servant of all!

**FAITH & FRIENDSGIVING**

Join Us for Our First Young Adults Friendsgiving!  
Come and celebrate friendship, faith, and gratitude with the Young Adults Ministry at our very first Friendsgiving! We'll share good food, laughter, and fellowship together.

We'll provide some delicious dishes, but if you'd like to bring something to share, it would be greatly appreciated.  
We're also blessed to have Father Hendershott with us, who will share a special talk on "The Three Ages of the Spiritual Life."  
We can't wait to see you there — come hungry for food, friendship, and spiritual growth!

November 16, 2025    At Family Life Room 3:00  
Holy Cross, Pigeon Forge



### Readings For the Week:

#### November 15– November 22

**Saturday 11/15-** Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9 ,  
Luke 18:1-8

**Sunday 11/16-** Malachi 3:19-20a , 2 Thessaloni-  
nians 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19

**Monday 11/17-** 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43,  
54-57, 62-63, Luke 18:35-43

**Tuesday 11/18-** 2 Maccabees 6:18-31 , Luke  
19:1-10

**Wednesday 11/19-** 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31 ,  
Luke 19:11-28

**Thursday 11/20-** 1 Maccabees 2:15-29 , Luke  
19:41-44

**Friday 11/21-** 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59,  
Luke 19:45-48

**Saturday 11/22-** 1 Maccabees 6:1-13 , Luke  
20:27-40

**Sunday 11/23-** 2 Samuel 5:1-3 , Colossians  
1:12-20, Luke 23:35-43

### Thanksgiving Mass times

**November 27, 2025, Thanksgiving:**  
10am English Mass

**November 28, 2025, Friday after Thanksgiving:**  
No Mass

### Our Lady of Guadalupe food sales

We will have food sales after the 7pm Saturday Mass to raise funds for the feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe, we will be in the family life room, please support with your consumption and donation.

Tendremos venta de alimentos después de la Misa del sábado de las 7pm para recaudar fondos para la fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe, estaremos en el salón de vida familiar, por favor apoye con su consumo y donación.

### Rosary for the Holy Souls

Every Monday at 7 p.m. We gather to pray the holy rosary to ask for the souls in purgatory. It is suggested that you bring the names of your faithful deceased written down on a piece of paper so that we can all join in prayer for their eternal rest

Todos los lunes a las 7 p.m. nos reunimos a rezar el santo rosario para pedir por las almas del purgatorio, los esperamos a todos, se les sugiere traer los nombres de sus fieles difuntos anotados en un papel para que todos nos unamos en oración por su eterno descanso.

### Bible Study

**Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.** Family Life Room. For more information contact Tom Kane at (865) 908 1968.

**NO BIBLE STUDY** on Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 27.

### High School Youth Group Escuela Secundaria Para Grupo Junevil

**Grades 9-12 meeting on Tuesdays from 6pm-8pm.** 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.

Holy Cross El grupo de jóvenes de secundaria, **de los grados 9 -12 se reúnen los martes de 6:00 p. m. a 8:00 p. m.** Siempre va ver comida y diversion. Alentamos a todos nuestros estudiantes de escuela secundaria y futuros estudiantes de escuela secundaria que asistan.

### Sacraments

#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

The parish requires parents and godparents to attend Baptism preparation classes. All paperwork must be completed at least **6 weeks** before the proposed baptismal date.

#### **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY/ MATRIMONIOS**

Couples must contact the parish office to make arrangements for their wedding at least **four months** in advance of the desired date of marriage.

### Bautizos en Español

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.