

Holy Cross Catholic Church

The Ascension of the Lord
May 17, 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 16	5pm People of Holy Cross 7pm Anet Perez
Sunday, May 17	8am Jim & Therese Shannon 10:30am † Russel Gifford
Monday, May 18	No Mass
Tuesday, May 19	12pm † Mary Voisin
Wednesday, May 20	12pm Eusebio Cadena & Family
Thursday, May 21	12pm May Pamintuan
Friday, May 22	12pm Israel Herrera
Saturday, May 23	5pm † John & Charlene Mingora 7pm Israel Herrera
Sunday, May 24	8am † Daniel Brochu 10:30am People of Holy Cross

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

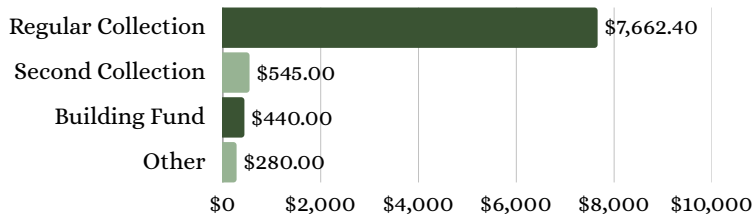
Rory DuPont, Cristin Pamintuan, Mel Clabough, Charles Jones

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

May 9/10



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.

National Collection for Catholic Communication

A second collection will be taken up on May 17 for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) in its work of evangelization. Working to keep the Gospel message in the world, CCC provides Catholic content for radio, the Internet, television, and print publications. CCC focuses on finding new ways to bring the Gospel message to you by working to be wherever the faithful and those seeking the faith are. CCC provides content the way you need it—on the Internet to strengthen marriage, in podcasts for daily readings, on television for Christmas Mass, and on Facebook for news, discussions, and sharing of the faith. Please be generous in the Collection and support this important work. Fifty percent of the funds collected will also assist the Diocese of Knoxville’s Communications Office in our local projects.

Donate Online

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



Announcements & Events

Note from Deacon Stephan May


Deacon Stephen May thanks everyone for their prayers and support at this time.

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 10am 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.



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Ordination to the Priesthood

The Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, June 6, 2026, 10:30am



Deacon Daniel Cooper

A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall.



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Bring your friends and come discover why Mary still inspires generations.

Mary Social

Dress for Mary

A Young Adult Marian-Themed Event

Ever wondered what it would look like to live with the courage, peace, and confidence of Mary today? Come experience a night where faith meets creativity, community, and fun. Wear blue and white, a modest modern look inspired by Mary, a veil, a Marian hoodie, saint-inspired streetwear, or any Marian-themed outfit or accessory. Whether you go all out or keep it simple, come ready to celebrate together.

Expect:
Music & community vibes
Pray the Rosary
Marian-inspired outfits and objects
A night centered on faith, beauty, and joy
No pressure. No perfect costume needed. Just come as you are and bring your creativity.

Family Life Room @ Holy Cross, Pigeon Forge
May 24, 2026
3:00 pm

Want to contribute? You're welcome to bring food or drinks to share, though your presence is more important than bringing anything.



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.



Sacraments

Baptism

Congratulations on your newborn! For English-speaking families, please visit the Holy Cross website where you can 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 will open up on our website August 15, 2026.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Holy Mother Church welcomes you! Registration for the 2026-27 academic year will open up on our website August 15, 2026. 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.