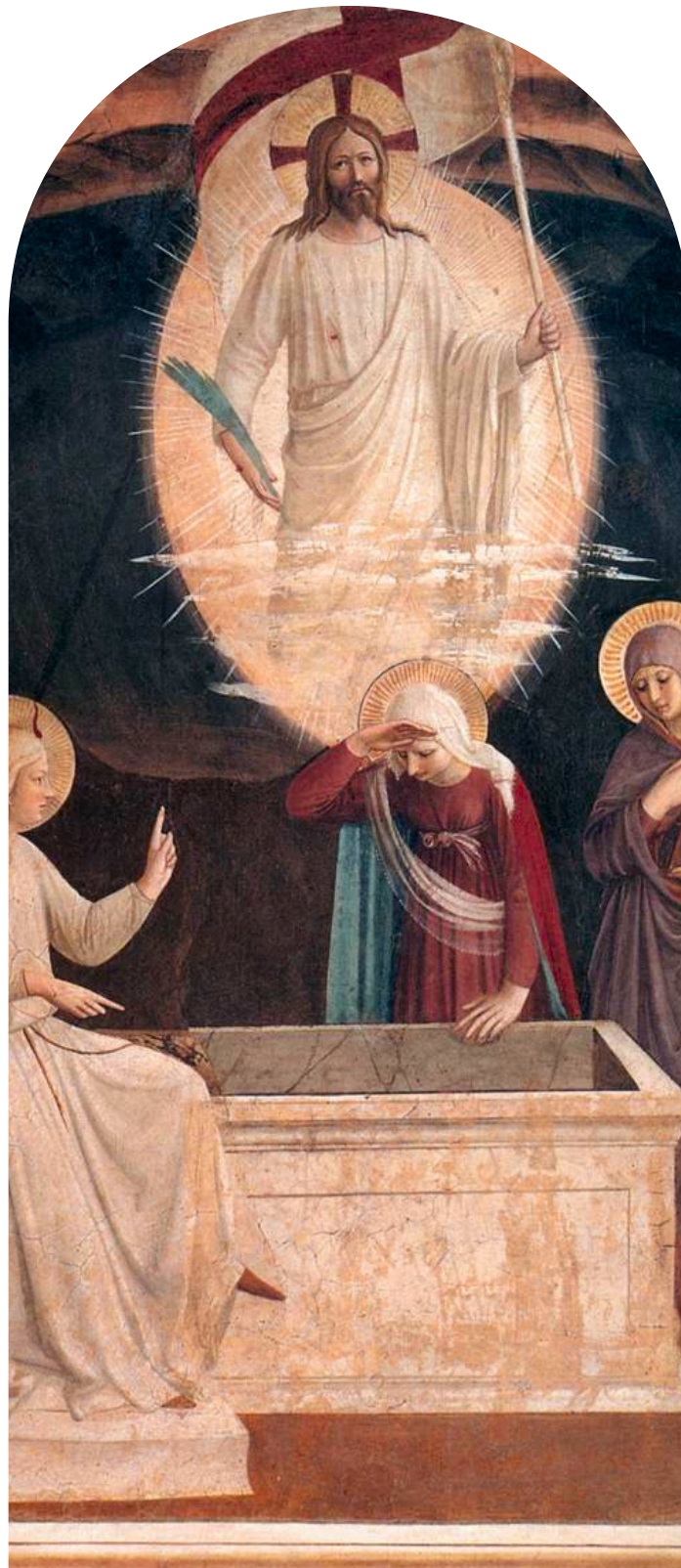


# Holy Cross Catholic Church

Easter Sunday  
*April 5, 2026*



## Parish Office

### Monday-Friday

9:00am-2:00pm

865-429-5587

[holycrosscatholicchurchtn.org](http://holycrosscatholicchurchtn.org)

### Pastor

*Fr. Michael Hendershott, STL*

### Pastoral Care of the Sick

*Deacon Stephen May*

865-221-1076

### Parish Secretary

*Rebekah Snyder*

[office@holycrosscatholicchurchtn.org](mailto:office@holycrosscatholicchurchtn.org)

### Resource Manager

*Michael Landree*

[resources@holycrosscatholicchurchtn.org](mailto:resources@holycrosscatholicchurchtn.org)

## 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

**Holy Saturday, April 4 8:15pm** Horacio de Jesus

7:30am † Bob Dale  
9:00am People of Holy Cross  
11:00am † Elbia Ricardo G.

**Monday, April 6 No Mass**

**Tuesday, April 7 No Mass**

**Wednesday, April 8 No Mass**

**Thursday, April 9 No Mass**

**Friday, April 10 No Mass**

**Saturday, April 11 5pm** Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**7pm** Francisca Salinas

**Sunday, April 12 8am** People of Holy Cross  
**10:30am** Presley



*Easter Sunday*

# 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

Stewardship for Easter Weekend will be available in next week's bulletin.

*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.

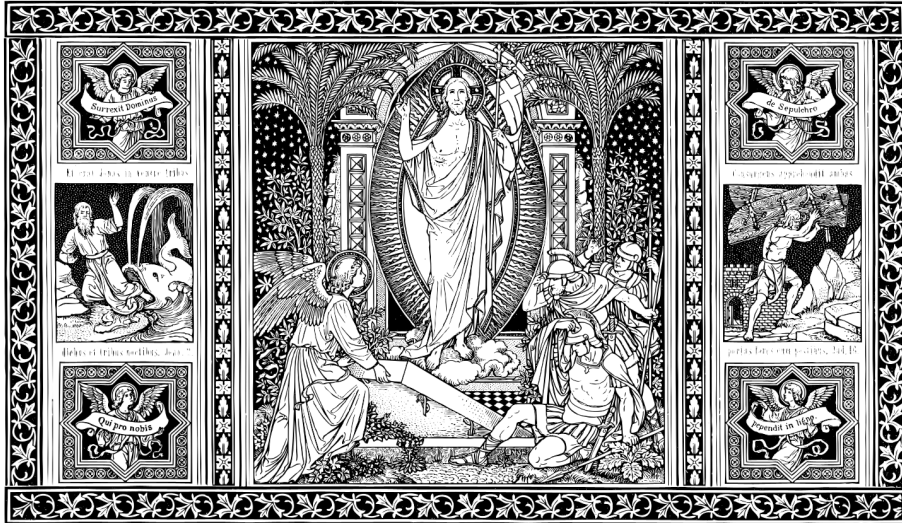
### Help Support Seminarian Education

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.

# Easter Reflection

## *Homily of St Gregory Nazianzus (Excerpt)*

This is to us the festival of all festivals and the celebration of all celebrations, not only among the feasts that pertain to men and are established upon earth, but even among those that belong to Christ himself, and are celebrated to His glory, for this feast outshines all others, even as the sun out shines the stars. Yesterday the Lamb was slain and the door posts anointed, while Egypt bewailed her first born, but the Angel of death has passed us by, (for the sign was even to him a thing of terror and awe,) for we were protected by the Precious Blood. Today we leave Egypt utterly behind us, and Pharaoh our cruel master, and his harsh officers; for we are delivered from the clay and the making of bricks. Nor is there any to forbid us to celebrate it not with the leaven of our former malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, bringing with us nothing of the unholy leaven of Egypt. Yesterday I shared his death, today I am made alive again with him, today with him I arise.



## Announcements & Weekly Events

### **No Mass**

There will be no daily Mass April 6-10. The office will remain open as usual.

### **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@wvlaw.net](mailto:nlsisto@wvlaw.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.*

### **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.

### **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.*

## **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. You can find more information and all of the necessary paperwork on our wesbite.



*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. Visit our website for more information and the request form.



## **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. 2026-27 registration will open on our website August 15, 2026. Classes begin September 3. For more information, please contact the Director of Religious Education (DRE) Gianfranco at [gdellasantina@yahoo.com](mailto: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.*