

Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 4 Remembrance

11:00 am **July 3, 2011**

Healing Intentions:	Michelle Mallory	Lu Luch
	Martha Shuman	Diane Spina
	Lois Bogacki	Ray Bordynski
	Jon Hall	Joseph Komuda

and all those in need of healing in our parish community

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Zechariah 9: 9-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Zechariah

See how humbly your king comes to you!

Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior he is, meek and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; the warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145: 1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

R: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

I will extol you, O my God and King, and I will bless your name forever and ever. Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.

R: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

R: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of our might.

R: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works. The Lord lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

R: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

Reading II

Romans 8: 9, 11-13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

If by the spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

You are not in the flesh; you are in the spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then he who raised Christ from the dead will bring your mortal bodies to life also through his Spirit dwelling in you.

We are debtors, then, my brothers – but not to the flesh, so that we should live according to the flesh. If you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the spirit you put to death the evil deeds of the body, you will live

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 11: 25-30

A reading of the holy gospel according to Matthew

I am gentle and humble of heart.

On one occasion Jesus spoke thus: *"Father, Lord of heaven and earth, to you I offer praise; for what you have hidden from the learned and the clever you have revealed to the merest children. Father, it is true. You have graciously willed it so. Everything has been given over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son but the Father, and no one knows the Father but the Son – and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.*

"Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit Fullness of life in the Spirit

We hear today the loveliest words in the Gospel: "Come to me, all who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest." It is a very personal invitation. In coming to the person of Jesus Christ, it reveals the fulfillment of human destiny. When we come to Jesus, and we come to him sincerely, we discover that far from being burdened, we are liberated, refreshed, spirited, lifted and have unbelievable energy to live, to do things, to love and to act.

Jesus invites us to take his yoke upon our shoulders. The yoke was the fitted wood collar placed on the back of an ox pulling a plow. It was custom-fitted so it wouldn't bruise the neck of the much-needed and very precious animal. This metaphor comes from the carpenter shop. Jesus the carpenter without any doubt made many yokes for his people in the village.

Jesus wants us to know that the gift of life comes with a package of burdens that the human being has to encounter on the way. But living in God's Spirit, as we are invited to, gives us the advantage of the fullness of life. Living in the Spirit of God makes us capable of having extra strength, which is called LOVE. That extra strength will make all human burdens light. Love makes every burden light.

Let us not turn down Christ's invitation to take his yoke upon our shoulders, for if we choose of taking our own preferred yokes, it would be for our downfall.

Amen!

Announcements

We welcome Father Marian to the altar this morning. Father Senior Walter is in Baltimore, helping Eva and Jake move to their new home.

Our summer schedule begins this morning. Coffee hours and Bible Study classes for youth and adults will resume after Labor Day. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings throughout the summer. Please remember, even if you and your family are on vacation, the expenses of our church are not. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

We wish to extend our thanks to Carol Rightnour and Sue and Mike Bednarek for donating the costs of a new blower and weed eater for the upkeep of our cemetery grounds. Mike and Sue also generously donated and planted a new dwarf Alberta spruce tree for the corner of the front entryway to replace a rhododendron that was not thriving. Thank you, Carol, Sue and Mike!

We will once again be participating in the Solvay Field Days on Th-Sat, August 18-20. We will be making pierogi and golapki for the event in great quantities. Watch the announcements in the bulletin for times and dates. We will also need a large number of volunteers for those three days. Please think now about your ability to help out with this fundraiser for our mortgage fund. Thank you!!

Mass intentions are open for the weeks of *July 10 and 31 and August 7*. If you have a request, see Pat.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY Happy Birthday to Martha Shuman...STO LAT!!!
Wednesday, July 6	4:00 pm Choir practice
Sunday, July 10	Ordinary 15 No intention scheduled 11:00 Holy Mass

Parish Committee Meets Sunday, July 24

Solvay Field Days
August 18-19-20