

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SOLEMNITY – CHRISTIAN FAMILY**

**Sunday, October 11, 2009
11:00 am**

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and all others in need of healing in our parish community

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Genesis 1: 26-28, 31a

A reading from the book of Genesis

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the Lord, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

See, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, to deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield. May our kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Reading II

Ephesians 6: 1-9

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Slaves, be obedient to those who are your earthly masters, with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as to Christ; not only while being watched, and in order to please them, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that whatever good any one does, he will receive the same again from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. Masters, do the same to them, and forbear threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel

Luke 2: 42-52

A reading of the holy gospel according to St. Luke

And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem seeking him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him, they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously."

And he said to them, "*How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?*" And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them.

And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit **Solemnity - Christian Family**

[Luke 2: 42-52]

Today, Jesus Christ proclaims the Gospel on marriage, family, and children. These three are the builders of the Kingdom of God – the Family of Christ's Followers.

Marriage is the gift from God. God created a man and a woman and called them to compose the marriage, an equal unity, based on love, for the fulfillment of human happiness and God's dream of bringing all mankind to the everlasting kingdom.

The world, stained by sin, makes a perverting drive in disrespecting God's universal Law on marriage and family. More than ever the world today promotes alternate unions that claim to compete with the sacred institution of marriage and family composed by God, that is, by a man, a woman, and children.

The world today is the arena of sin co-existing with the grace of God. Selfish sinfulness and hard hearts have made the undivided love of a man and a woman an almost impossible dream. Christians are called to stand firm and must see that the Christian marriage and Christian Family is a PROCLAMATION of the beauty and fruitfulness of God's original design for women and men!

Today's Gospel proclaims what it was "from the beginning". What God created for the Family is for the eternal good for all mankind. What God has united, human must not divide (v 9).

God's kingdom is not for the proud and the powerful who disrespect God's eternal Law and who seek always to have their own way. It is for those who approach the mysteries of life and love with the profound receptivity of a child, wide-eyed and open to all that happens and to all that God offers. Amen.

The Communion

Welcome to participation in the Holy Eucharist. By receiving Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we fully participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should be baptized, should not be conscious of grave sin, and normally should fast for one to two hours. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive Communion without prior Sacramental Confession.

We always welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Communion. We pray that our common Baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions separating us.

Announcements for October 11, 2009

After Holy Mass, please join us for coffee hour. We will set up our work assignments for next week's spaghetti dinner during coffee hour. Please consider how you can help.

Our sincere thanks go to Dave, Bobbi, Richard, Maureen, Steve, and Pat for their help during Fall Cleanup yesterday. The parish complex has been debugged, dewebbed, scrubbed, and reorganized, preparing us well for the fall and winter ahead.

The YMS of R will hold its annual picnic on Saturday, October 17 at the parish hall, starting at 3:00 pm. Please sign up to bring a dish to pass and let Joe know your meat choice. Thank you!

The PNU Special Offer of 10 Paid Life Insurance has been extended until November 30. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, see Joe.

The Weight Watchers meeting last Thursday evening solicited many positive remarks about our parish hall facility. People who attended seemed comfortable and eager to return. Felt good to see and hear it!

Tell everyone you can – next Sunday is our outreach spaghetti dinner to the community. Bring a Food Bank item for a free dinner. Our plan is to feed our congregation immediately after mass, then get set for what we hope is a strong community attendance. Don't forget your donation to the Food Bank!

If you have names of individuals in need of our prayers and support as they heal, please let Pat know by Thursday of each calendar week. Thank you.

Weekly Calendar is on the next page.

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, October 13	6:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday, October 15	5:30 pm	Weight Watchers Meeting
Saturday, October 17	11:00 am	Set Up for Spaghetti Dinner
	3:00 pm	YMS of R Picnic in Parish Hall

Sunday, October 18 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: +Christine Kolonko
Requested by Joe and Angela Kolonko

10:30 am	Bible Study for Children
11:00 am	Holy Mass
12:00 pm	Spaghetti Dinner for our congregation
1:00 – 4:00	Community Spaghetti Dinner

ALL SAINT'S MEMORIAL REQUESTS DUE BY OCTOBER 25!

Monthly Financial Summary

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
October 4	\$437	\$642	-\$205
TOTAL	\$437	\$642	-\$205