

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Heritage Sunday**

**Sunday, October 17, 2010
11:00 am**

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and all those in need of healing in our parish community

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Exodus 17: 8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

Amalek came and waged war against Israel. Moses, therefore, said to Joshua, "Pick out certain men, and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle. I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him: he engaged Amalek in battle after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur. As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset. And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R: Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me? My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

R: Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

May he not suffer your foot to slip; may he slumber not who guards you: Indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps, the guardian of Israel.

R: Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

The Lord is your guardian; the Lord is your shade; he is beside you at your right hand. The sun shall not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

R: Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will guard you from all evil; he will guard your life. The Lord will guard your coming and your going, both now and forever.

R: Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Reading II

II Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 2

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

This is how the man of God becomes equipped and ready for every good work.

You must remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know who your teachers were. Likewise, from your infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, the source of the wisdom which through faith in Jesus Christ leads to salvation. All Scripture is inspired of God and is useful for teaching – for reproof, correction, and training in holiness so that the man of God may be fully competent and equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is coming to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power, I charge you to preach the word, to stay with this task whether convenient or inconvenient – correcting, reproving, appealing – constantly teaching and never losing patience.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Alleluia Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.**

Gospel

Luke 18: 1-8

A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable on the necessity of praying always and not losing heart: *"Once there was a judge in a certain city who respected neither God nor man. A widow in that city kept coming to him saying, 'Give me my rights against my opponent.' For a time he refused, but finally he thought, 'I care little for God or man, but this widow is wearing me out. I am going to settle in her favor or she will end by doing me violence.' The Lord said, 'Listen to what the corrupt judge has to say. Will not God then do justice to his chosen who call out to him day and night? Will he delay long over them, do you suppose? I tell you, he will give them swift justice. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on the earth?"*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit **Pray without Ceasing**

[Luke 18: 1-8]

The Word of God for this Sunday is about prayer. "Pray continually and never lose heart", Jesus says in today's Gospel.

Prayer and faith are very closely connected. It's because we have faith that we pray. At the same time prayer sustains our faith. We need to pray not just when we are in trouble, we need to pray continually!

Prayer with outstretched hands... - through the great symbolism of the upstretched hands of Moses during the battle, the Word of God calls us to pray with our whole body. At Holy Mass the priest opens his hands and stretches them out high to God. And the congregation needs to help those hands to be always open and lifted in prayer for the battle to be won.

In Catechism Classes, children are being taught how to pray in body and soul, how to behave in church, how to approach Holy Communion with their hands in praying mode. And we carry that pattern through our whole life when we are in church during the Holy Mass. But sometimes it can be seen how some approach Holy Communion with the hands in their pockets or careless behavior. It is a disgrace!

The gesture of praying, also with hands open or folded, or with making the sign of the cross, makes a powerful statement. We show our empty hands to God as beggars. We are saying to God: "Lord, before you I am as poor as a beggar, I need you to fill my emptiness."

God hears our prayers. And he answers every single prayer. A prayer is answered not when we get what we are asking for, but when we are granted a sense of God's nearness. The prayer of a sick person is answered, not necessarily by having his disease disappear, but by his gaining a sense of God's nearness, that God has not abandoned him but gives him a powerful strength.

Prayer may not change the world for us, but it can give us the courage and strength to face the world. Therefore, "Pray continually and never lose heart." Amen!

Announcements for October 17, 2010

This morning after Holy Mass, join us in the parish hall for October's YMS of R Breakfast. The parish committee will meet after breakfast.

Our first community dinner of the fall season is scheduled for **next Saturday, October 23 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm**. Anyone who will be unable to attend the dinner on Saturday evening can preorder a dinner for takeout/pickup on Sunday morning. Please complete the takeout order form found on the table in the church foyer and give it to Pat **before you leave this morning**. Your dinners will be prepared and ready for you to pick up during coffee hour next Sunday, the 24th.

Presently, there is no mass intention scheduled for **Sunday, October 31**. If you would like to request a mass, please see Pat today.

Request sheets for the reading of names for All Soul's Day are available on the table in the church foyer. Please complete your requests and return them in the collection plate or to Pat Zalewski **no later than Sunday, October 31**. Reading of names will take place at the end of Holy Mass on **November 7**. Thank you!

The semi-annual meeting originally scheduled for Sunday, October 31 has been postponed until early in January. A letter outlining the new plan will be forthcoming in the next week or so. Thank you for your patience.

Our next community event is a pancake breakfast, sponsored by the YMS of R, on **Saturday, November 13**. Please mark your calendars.

Weekly Calendar

No choir rehearsal this week!

Monday, October 18

FEAST – ST. LUKE, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Thursday, October 21

6:00 pm Polish language class

Saturday, October 23

4:30 – 6:30 pm **Community Polish Dinner**

Sunday, October 24

ORDINARY 30

Intention: +Dorothy Haberer

Requested by Steve and Pat Zalewski

11:00 Holy Mass

12:00 Coffee Hour

Takeout for Polish Dinner Ready for Pickup

Financial Corner

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
October 3	\$783	\$642	\$141
October 10	\$434	\$642	-\$208
TOTALS	\$1217	\$1284	-\$67