

Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 am January 23, 2011

Intention: +Joseph Kolonko Requested by the Joe Kolonko and Temple families
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Healing Intentions: Michelle Mallory Lu Luch
 Martha Shuman Diane Spina
 Lois Bogacki Bill Moran
 Father John Fetcho Jean Horan
 Erika Zalewski Mike Corn
 Rosemarie Piazza Jon Hall

and all those in need of healing in our parish community

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Isaiah 8: 23 – 9: 3

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

First he degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles.

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing. As they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as men make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 27: 1, 4, 13-14

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek, to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, that I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord and contemplate his temple.

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Reading II

I Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, my brothers, make up the difference between you.

I beg you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to agree in what you say. Let there be no factions; rather, be united in mind and judgment. I have been informed, my brothers, by certain members of Chloe's household that you are quarreling among yourselves. This is what I mean: One of you will say, "I belong to Paul," another, "I belong to Apollos," still another, "Cephas has my allegiance," and the fourth, "I belong to Christ." Has Christ, then, been divided into parts? Was it Paul who was crucified for you? Was it in Paul's name that you were baptized? Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel – not with wordy "wisdom," however, lest the cross of Christ be rendered void of its meaning!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Alleluia Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son. [12]**

Gospel

Matthew 4: 12-23

A reading of the holy gospel according to Matthew

He went to Capernaum, so that the prophesy of Isaiah would be fulfilled.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went down to live in Capernaum by the sea near the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, to fulfill what had been said through Isaiah the prophet:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali along the sea beyond the Jordan, heathen Galilee: a people living in darkness has seen a great light. On those who inhabit a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen."

From that time on Jesus began to proclaim this theme: "Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As he was walking along the Sea of Galilee he watched two brothers, Simon now known as Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea. They were fishermen. He said to them, "*Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.*" They immediately abandoned their nets and became his followers. He walked along farther and caught sight of two other brothers, James, Zebedee's son, and his brother John. They too were in their boat, getting their nets in order with their father, Zebedee. He called them, and immediately they abandoned boat and father to follow him. Jesus toured all of Galilee. He taught in their synagogues, proclaimed the good news of the kingdom, and cured the people of every disease and illness.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit: Jesus Christ, the Light to the World

"The people that lived in darkness have seen a great light" – This is how the Gospel of St. Matthew unveils the impact of Jesus' ministry.

Jesus Christ, after the prayers and fasting in the wilderness, begins his ministry of bringing the Gospel to the world by going into the darkest corners of the region, the most northerly part of

Israel – the territories of Zebulun and Nephtali, the territories considered by the righteous Jews as a corner of pagans living in darkness.

He begins his ministry by calling all the world to “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.” To repent means to acknowledge our darkness, and to open ourselves to the light.

Only those who truly accept Jesus Christ with his Gospel are able to understand the meaning of the Scripture words: Jesus is the Light of my life! Jesus is the Light of the world!

Is Jesus Christ the Light of the world allowed to enter our darkness?

The house even with many windows could be dark inside when the windows are dirty or shut in.

Let’s remember, the Light of Christ comes as a friend, and not as an enemy! His Light brings healing not hurt! Freedom not oppression! Life not death!

Those who truly follow Jesus will always have the light of life. And not only that, they will become sources of light to others! Like a lamp giving the light around!

Amen!

Announcements for January 23, 2011

Financial Corner

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
January 2	\$590	\$673	-\$83
January 9	\$575	\$673	-\$78
January 16	Mass cancelled	due to	weather
TOTALS	\$1165	\$1346	-\$181

“Kolenda” visits (pastoral visits & blessing of homes) have begun and will continue until February 6. Please call Father Madej to arrange his visit to your home.

To prepare the house for blessing, please dress the table with a white cloth. A cross and Bible or prayer book should be on the table, a candle next to the cross should be lit. The priest will bring Holy Water and chalk to bless and mark your home. This is a visitation by Our Lord. The priest is just the humble instrument of the Lord’s action.

Please join us **today** after Holy Mass for the SPOJNIA breakfast.

Today, a special congregational meeting will be held for the purpose of approving revisions to the constitution and by-laws of Holy Cross Parish and to the Cemetery by-laws. Packets containing both proposed documents was mailed to you early in the week. We encourage all of you to stay and participate in this most important democratic responsibility of our parish life. ***All adult members who have met their general and cemetery stewardship for 2010 will be able to cast their vote on the revisions to these documents.***

We learned at the spaghetti dinner at *Our Lady of Peace RCC* that Father John Fetcho will be retiring from the priesthood and celebrating his last mass on **Sunday, January 30**. The parish is planning a small cookie reception for him on that Sunday. To allow those of you who wish to

