

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, January 31, 2010  
11:00 am**

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**The Liturgy of the Word**

**Reading I**

Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19

**A reading from the book of Jeremiah**

I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah the word of the Lord came to me thus:

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born I dedicated you,  
a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

But do you gird your loins; stand up and tell them all that I command you. Be not crushed on their account, as though I would leave you crushed before them; For it is I this day who have made you a fortified city, a pillar of iron, a wall of brass, against the whole land; Against Judah's kings and priests, against his priests and people. They will fight against you, but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 71: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17

R: I will sing of your salvation.

**In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, and deliver me; include your ear to me, and save me.**

R: I will sing of your salvation.

**Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety, for you are my rock and my fortress. O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked.**

R: I will sing of your salvation.

**For you are my hope, O Lord; my trust, O God, from my youth. On you I depend from birth; from my mother's womb you are my strength.**

R: I will sing of your salvation.

**My mouth shall declare your justice, day by day your salvation. O God, you have taught me from my youth, and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds.**

R: I will sing of your salvation.

## **Reading II**

I Corinthians 12: 31 – 13; 13

### **A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

There are three things that last: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Set your hearts on the greater gifts.

Now I will show you the way which surpasses all the others. If I speak with human tongues and angelic as well, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophesy and, with full knowledge, comprehend all mysteries, if I have faith great enough to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give everything I have to feed the poor and hand over my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, it is not snobbish. Love is never rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not prone to anger; neither does it brood over injuries. Love does not rejoice in what is wrong but rejoices with the truth. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure.

Love never fails. Prophecies will cease, tongues will be silent, knowledge will pass away. Our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect. When the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child I used to talk like a child, think like a child, reason like a child. When I became a man I put childish ways aside. Now we see indistinctly, as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. My knowledge is imperfect now; then I shall know even as I am known. There are in the end three things that last: faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Alleluia      Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life,  
you have the words of everlasting life.**

## **Gospel**

Luke 4: 21-30

### **A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke**

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue: *"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."* All who were present spoke favorably of him; they marveled at the appealing discourse which came from his lips. They also asked, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

He said to them, *"You will doubtless quote me the proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself,' and say, 'Do here in our own country the things we have heard you have done in Capernaum.' But in fact,"* he went on, *"no prophet gains acceptance in his native place. Indeed, let me remind you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the heavens remained closed for three and a half years and a great famine spread over the land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but to a widow of Zaraphath near Sidon. Recall, too, the many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one was cured except Naaman the Syrian."*

At these words the whole audience in the synagogue was filled with indignation. They rose up and expelled him from the town, leading him to the brow of the hill on which it was built, and intending to hurl him over the edge. But he went straight through their midst and walked away.

**This is the gospel of the Lord.**

**Thoughts from the Pulpit**  
**Accepting or Rejecting the Messiah?**

Luke 4: 21-30

The Good News was rejected in the synagogue at Nazareth. Therefore God's favors will be offered to the Gentiles instead. The people of Nazareth in envy rise up and attempt to do away with the Messiah. The Gospel today shows the rejection of God's Grace.

God's Favors (Graces) flow whenever and wherever there is human need, and the faith to receive them, regardless of nationalistic attributes.

Why did the people of Nazareth reject Jesus Christ, and did it so angrily? Why do the people of the world today reject God's Grace that comes through the Messiah, the Son of God? Why do so many people of our local community reject God's Graces?

Every time people turn down Baptismal Promises and choose to break God's Commandments and live a Godless life, they reject God's Graces and follow their own gods and their own religion. Religion, if not connected with God, makes people narrow, more bigoted, and more apt to hate and kill. Nowadays we see an ugly example of this.

Jesus Christ our Savior and Messiah brings to this world God's Graces in his Church and invites all peoples to live in the true religion that is able to bring out the best in people, provided that the people don't reject God's Favors and have faith to embrace them. It can make them one Family of God, loving more, carrying more, sharing more, and forgiving more.

True religion, that Our Savior brings with his Good News, is only capable of liberating the hearts and minds of people for the fullest life and is able to flower into the harmonious relationship in the Human Family. True Religion is beautiful because it was brought straight from Heaven by God Himself!

"God so loved the world that he gave His only Son..."

"The Word became Flesh and made His dwelling among us..."

But, "He came to His own, and His own did not accept Him..."

"But any who did accept Him He empowered to become children of God. These are they who believe in His Name..."

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 January 31, 2010***

Please join us for coffee hour in the parish hall. Thanks to Jeannie for providing us with refreshment.

*The annual meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, February 28 following Holy Mass and coffee hour. In preparation for the meeting, a slate of candidates for the officers, trustees, and auditors of the parish must be assembled. According to the parish by-laws, candidates must be nominated by another active member of the parish.*

*The nominating committee for this year is made up of Father Madej, Mary Ann Greenfield, Maureen Navatka, and Richard Zalewski. Any active adult member of Holy Cross parish may nominate a candidate for any of the officer positions [parish chairman, parish vice chairman, recording secretary, financial secretary, treasurer], for trustees, for auditors (3 needed), for parish tribunal (2 needed) and for next year's nominating committee. See or call any of the nominating committee members at your earliest convenience to submit your nominations. Thank you.*

"Kolenda" visits (pastoral visits & blessing of homes) continue through the end of this week. 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.

### **Weekly Calendar**

Wednesday, February 3	6:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday, February 4	5:30 pm	Weight Watchers meeting
Saturday, February 6	4:30 – 7:00 pm	Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, February 7	ORDINARY 5	
Intention: +Isadora Sullivan		Requested by Rick and Maureen Navatka
10:30		Bible Study for children
11:00		Holy Mass
12:15		YMS of R Breakfast

### **Sunday, February 14 Monthly Pickup of Pierogi/Kielbasa Orders**

### **Sunday, February 28 Annual Meeting following Holy Mass**

### **Saturday, March 20 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner 4:30 – 7:00 pm**

## Monthly Financial Summary

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Weekly Income</b>	<b>Weekly Income Needed</b>	<b>Balance</b>
January 3	No services	\$642	-\$642
January 10	\$1140	\$642	-\$108
January 17	\$617	\$642	-\$25
January 24	\$450	\$642	-\$192
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2207</b>	<b>\$2568</b>	<b>-\$361</b>