

*An Evening*  
**FOR THE SEPARATED & DIVORCED**  
SUPPORT & HEALING

Are you or someone you know struggling with the pain of separation or divorce?

You are not alone. We invite you to *An Evening for the Separated & Divorced*, a free event offering hope, healing, and community for those facing separation or divorce.

**Date:** April 22 **Time:** 7 pm EDT **Location:** Virtual via Zoom

**Presenters:**  
• Carolyn Klika, Catholic Divorce Healing Coach, Abounding Joy Ministry  
• Bob Babecka, Witness to Marriage

**Topics Include:**  
✓ Coping with anger, guilt, shame, loneliness, fear, identity & more  
✓ Healing spiritually & emotionally

**REGISTER TODAY**  
Sign up at: [www.aboundingjoyministry.com/events](http://www.aboundingjoyministry.com/events)  
→ You will receive the Zoom link or access recording afterward

For questions, contact [Carolyn@AboundingJoyMinistry.com](mailto:Carolyn@AboundingJoyMinistry.com)  
Co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Witness to Marriage & Abounding Joy Ministry

The **CHOSEN**  
Movie Night



**2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
**7-8:30 PM**  
**FREE MOVIE, POPCORN AND SNACKS.**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
**SPONSORED BY: HOLY CROSS CHURCH**  
**101 S. WALNUT STREET**



# Holy Cross Parish

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

**Weekday Mass Schedule:**  
Mass: Monday and Tuesday 9:00a  
Adoration: Monday 9:30a  
**Weekend Schedule:**  
Confession: Sunday 3:30-4:15p or by appointment  
Mass: Sunday Mass 4:30p  
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30a to 12:00p

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**WOMEN OF HOLY CROSS**

**PRAYER MEETING**

Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:30pm  
Meet downstairs in one of the classrooms  
Coffee, tea & snacks will be offered.

**WE'LL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSION:**  
What are your expectations?  
What do you want from a prayer meeting?  
What are your favorite prayer devotions?  
Do you have any prayer requests?



QUILTING LADIES  
2ND ANNUAL

**BABY BASKET DRIVE**


COLLECTION  
SUNDAYS  
APRIL 6-27

The Quilting Ladies are creating Baby Gift Baskets for expecting mothers and new mothers in our community. The gift baskets will be filled with essential baby and mother needs as well as fun items for the babies. Please donate only the items listed below.

**NEW ITEMS ONLY.**  
A collection box marked "Baby Basket Drive" is in the narthex during the month of April. Sunday April 28 is the last Sunday for collecting items for the baskets.  
We will present the Baby Baskets on Mother's Day.

**ITEMS WE'RE COLLECTING ARE:**  
(New items only)

BABY BOTTLES	BABY SPOONS
SIPPY CUPS	BIBS
BABY WIPES	BABY HAND SANITIZER
PETROLEUM JELLY	NAIL CLIPPERS
BABY BOARD BOOKS	SAFETY OUTLET PLUGS
CHILDREN'S BOOK	BABY BODY WASH
BABY BATH TOYS	BABY SHAMPOO
RUBBER DUCK	BABY BATH TOWELS
PACIFIER	THERMOMETER
DIAPER RASH CREAM	TEETHING RINGS
INFANT SOCKS	ONESIES
BAB WASHCLOTHS	BURP CLOTHS
BABY DISH SET	HOODED TOWEL PONCHO
BABY LOTION	FOLDABLE BABY PLAY MAT
BABY BLANKET	NASAL ASPIRATOR
NIGHT LIGHT	SOUND MACHINE

Confirmation  
Sunday, May 4th 3:00 pm  
Cathedral of Saint Helena

Holy Cross Youth getting confirmed:

- Alex Bakken
- Anders Bakken
- Janeth Garcia
- Kaden Richtmyer



Happy Easter!

The Gospel passage for Easter Sunday feels odd to me. Mary and the disciples come to the tomb doubting that Jesus rose from the dead. After looking in the tomb and seeing the body of Jesus missing and the burial cloths rolled up and set in different places, they leave the tomb lacking understanding and confused. Although I would have wanted a happier experience of the first Easter read on Easter Sunday, this passage reflects how many of us feel. Did Jesus really rise from the dead? Where is the new life that he has given us? What does the Resurrection mean?

The lack of a clear joyful ending to our Gospel passage for Easter reminds us that the mysteries we celebrate on Easter need time to unfold and unpack in our lives. Often we think of Easter as a day of the year; an event that once we have celebrated it, we move on to the next event. But Easter is a mystery: a concrete reality that gives us an experience of God. This concrete reality takes time to explore and understand. Throughout the 55 days that surround Easter are the celebrations that unpack this great mystery. Without his passion, suffering, and death, his Resurrection on Easter Sunday could not have happened. Without rising from the dead, his ascension into Heaven and his sending of the Holy Spirit upon us could not have happened. Each of these events give us more details into the importance of Easter and its effect on our lives.

Our challenge is to continue to explore and unpack this mystery: the concrete reality that Jesus rose from the dead and revealed for us the mystery of God. To unpack this mystery requires work on our part. Each of the Sacraments proclaims this mystery that Jesus suffered, died, and rose from the dead so that we can have new life abundantly. By praying with these events that explain Easter, they permeate into our lives and we experience their effects. By keeping in mind the effects of these events – new life, an avenue to encounter God, opening Heaven for us, freedom from sin and everlasting death – our lives change simply by remembering these events. So, let these events unfold! Let the power of the Resurrection change your life! Let Jesus into your life that these mysteries may become concrete realities in your life! Let the joy of this day change your year!

Fr. Cody Williams

## Scripture Readings



Second Sunday of Easter

04-27-2025

Reading 1: Acts 5:34, 12-16  
 Psalm: 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
 Reading 2: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19  
 Gospel: John 20:19-31

**Easter Party!!!**

**Monday, April 28th**  
**6-7:30 pm**

**Festive Food, Easter themed games, trivia...**

**Fun for the whole family!**  
**Come celebrate Easter with us!**

## Spring BAZAAR

**Saturday, April 26 4-7 PM**

Ham dinner with scalloped potatoes and green beans, relish tray and dessert!

Cost: \$30.00 for immediate family

\$15.00 for single adult

\$10.00 for students

Under 4 Free

**Raffle Tickets \$5 Each or 5 for \$20:**

**Raffle Prizes:** 26" Heyride E-Bike, Airhead Airhead Towable Wake Shocker, Blast Towable Tube, Fiji Float Non-Towable,

River Otter River Tube

Silent Auction,

Gift Certificate Table,

Activity area for children

**Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex or contact the parish office!**

Please join us in praying the  
**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**  
**9 - DAYS NOVENA**

Begins on Good Friday, April 18,  
 &  
 Concludes on Saturday, April 26

Start each day at 3pm

In private revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy be preceded by a novena praying for nine intentions with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The novena can be accessed online at:  
[www.thedivine Mercy.org/message/devotions/novena.php](http://www.thedivine Mercy.org/message/devotions/novena.php)



JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

## Please join us for the Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday

**Sunday, April 27, 2025**



Jesus, I trust in You

**Veneration of the Divine Mercy image**

**3:30-4:20pm - Reconciliation**

**4:00 - Rosary**

**4:30 pm - Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday Mass**

**Following concluding of the mass:**

**Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**Veneration of the Relic True Cross in the reliquary**

**5:35pm - Reception downstairs**

Mass	Schedule
Monday April 21	Mass 9:00a Monte Armstrong Adoration 9:30a Catholicism 201 6:30p
Tuesday April 22	Mass 9:00a Homebound Parishioners
Wednesday April 23	
Thursday April 24	
Friday April 25	
Saturday April 26	Spring Bazaar 4:00—7:00p
Sunday April 27	Confession 3:30p Mass 4:30p Parish Family

### Pray for our Seminarians

Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and love. Give them courage and perseverance and be their constant companion as they prepare to serve you and your people with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are holy. Amen.

Dcn. Dillon Armstrong, John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, and Jake Smith.

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

### Prayer Chain

Unless otherwise requested, after one month prayer request names will be removed from the prayer chain

John Clark, Martin and Margy Clark, Marilyn Lane, Shanna Montonario, Kadence Saxton,, Brian Roher and family, Isaac Hyde, Bob Masolo, Marj Kohn, Kris Sullivan, Kammy Law

### Ministry Schedule

Sunday April 27, 2025

4:30pm

Greet:

Fisette Family

Lector:

Mary Ellen Schnur

Gifts:

Mike Gagen and Karen Susag

EM:

Emmalin Fischer and Niki Weiss

Money Counters:

Tacy Swanton and Bernadette Swenson