

Welcome to

† Holy Cross Church †

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Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on *February 22nd* with *Ash Wednesday*. Mass will be at **7:00pm**.



**Knights of
Columbus Pancake
Breakfast TODAY!
\$8/plate
ALL WELCOME!**



Mass Times

Holy Cross Church
Sunday - 9:30am
Monday – 9:00am
Tuesday - 9:00am
Ash Wednesday - 7:00pm
Thursday - 9:00am
Friday – Stations 6:30pm
Mass - 7:00pm
Saturday – 5:00pm

**Exposition of Blessed
Sacrament** – 1st Sat & Sun
of month 30 mins before
Mass **AND 9am to 12pm
Fridays during Lent**

Riondel Mission (MHR)
No Mass Until End March

Parish Website:
www.holycrosscreston.com



Sacraments

Reconciliation

- Before Mass Saturday & Sunday
- Weekdays after 9:00am Mass.
- By appointment.

Baptism or Marriage - Please make an appointment with Parish Priest.

Sacrament of the Sick - Call the office or Parish Priest.

Welcome

We are happy that your life's journey has brought you here today.

Palms Needed

Please bring your palms
in from last year.



To Our visitors, enjoy your visit with our parish family.
To our new parishioners, Welcome Home!

Registration

- New to the Parish?
- Change of address?

Please fill in the form below to register or change your present registration. Place in collection basket or return to the Parish Office.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Postal Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

New Parishioner

Envelopes needed

February 19th 2023, 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

“Whoever obeys the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.”

Word of Life for February

"You are the God who sees me" (Gen 16:13)

CWL

Next meeting, **Wed. March 8th 10:00am**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL LOVE & SUPPORT

For The Neighbourhood Friendship refugee group breakfast! Your love & friendship was truly pure and beautiful! The people presenting all felt so welcome & loved. They thank you all immensely.



We raised \$1995


THANK YOU!

Adoration During Lent

There will be Adoration every Friday from 9am to noon during Lent. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer, we need someone there at all time, please sign up if you can commit to a set half hour.



Please pray for the sick in our parish & their

families  Mary Ann Staples, Chris Watson, Max Shramm, Dorothy, Marty Sontag, Antonia Kananowicz, Katherine Lemieux, Julia Jones, Anne Long, Cathy Salviulo, Rose Pompu, Marianne Knopfler, Kahlia, Sylvia Manning, Pauline Brezden, Ed Kulicki, Dianne, Wendy Lansing, Yvonne Horne, Kelly McGovern.

Smile 

"Get in touch with God by knee mail."



Stations of the Cross EVERY FRIDAY at 6:30pm followed by Holy Mass



Thank you for your Support! From the Neighbourhood Refugee Committee!



Mass Schedule Feb 18th -Feb 25th

Sat	Feb 18 5:00pm	Repose Jeannette Gildemeester (Jill & Bryan)	Wed	Feb 22 7:00pm	Repose Chris v/d Merwe (All his family)
Sun	Feb 19 9:30am	Sp. Int. All Parishioners	Thurs	Feb 23 9:00am	Sp. Int. Lynette Collins-bday (Helen & Peter)
Mon	Feb 20 9:00am	Birthday Zach, Ben & Ireland (Leanne & Ron)	Fri	Feb 24 7:00pm	Health/recovery Ron Wastrodowski (Elmer & Irene) Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
Tues	Feb 21 9:00am	Sp. Int. Frances Strait (George & Vera)	Sat	Feb 25 5:00pm	Repose Maria & Francisco Herrera (Claudia)

My Dear Parishioners,

Greetings of joy and peace in the Lord!

It has been a mild winter so far with less snowpack this year and we do not know when the weather will suddenly turn the other way. I assume that you are all doing well and looking forward to spring.

When something is important to us, we are willing to put a lot of effort into getting it right. For example: with regards to tax, by now we have all received our tax receipts, or will be receiving them soon. In the next while we will be busy filing our taxes. We try to take extra time to check whether everything is entered correctly.. When I visited home after the pandemic last May, I was advised frequently to check the latest updates of travel guidelines and it is going to be like that for a few more years. When we buy a car or a house, do we just walk through before we finally decide to go for it? Or do we make a study, inquire about the expertise, browse through diligently, and check the options or deals possible and at last make a solid decision to own it? Important things deserve that much attention.

Lenten season for this year starts on February 22, with Ash Wednesday. This season Biblically speaking is the most significant one which leads us to the culmination of the life of our Lord and the salvation. Here comes a thought for all of us: ***What are we going to do for Lent?*** We, as Catholics, probably have a simple answer: personally speaking, I am going to give up coffee or abstain from meat on Fridays. I would say in my opinion that giving up coffee or something similar is an old tradition. I do not discourage those who think of giving up and practicing other spiritual practices. It has been traditionally followed and it's reminding us what Lent is all about. Remember, it's just a reminder not the end goal of Lent.

The most important characteristic that is mainly focused in Lent is repentance – a time to reflect on all the many ways I have failed to be the Christians we ought to be. Perhaps, I have failed to be a good pastor or a good catholic and it's time to self evaluate. I have hurt others probably by my comments or indifference even in the Church and it is time to correct myself and get connected with my neighbors. It is time to give up my ego, pride, selfishness, gluttony, sloth and fast from gossiping, being judgmental, the desires of flesh and the pleasures of the world etc.

Lenten season is also a time of preparation for the upcoming blessings especially during the Holy Week. The Church encourages its faithful to walk through this season more spiritually with daily Scripture readings, piously walking with our Lord on the way to Calvary – the Stations of the Cross pondering over the Lord's passion and the suffering, praying the Holy Rosary, and attending Holy Mass if possible, often and going frequently for confession and visiting the Blessed Sacrament (there is going to be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Lent on every Friday from 9am until 12pm).

I would suggest, my dear parishioners, to pray more for the sick, the suffering, the refugees, the marginalized, the poor, the exploited; for those addicted to drugs and those who are in real need of freedom from all sorts of chains of life.

May our gracious God bestow His blessings upon us all throughout this season!

Your servant in the Lord and Blessed Mother,

Fr. Lawrence.

Into the Breach

Brother Knights

'Into the Breach' study deepening a man's Catholic spirituality & formation to combat today's crisis of dwindling religious faith in our world, country, community, and families.

It will be held Every **Wednesday at 7:30pm** we have good attendance, it is very informative please remember to read next lesson prior Wednesday & be **sure to invite another man to our meeting**. You can drop in any week as each week has a separate topic. Please invite other [non-Knight] men in our parish to attend. All men welcome!

Revive mutual love

"Today, let's try to live the new commandment and, with this as our only basis, offer everything we do to Jesus, telling him, 'This is for you, Jesus.' Pray always, yes, but always grounded in mutual love."

Chiara Lubich



Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse find healing. The next retreat is **May 23 – 27, 2023 in Kelowna**. For more information please email griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast after Mass Today!

Join Knights of Columbus for a pancake breakfast! \$8 a plate.
ALL WELCOME!

Prayers and Condolences

Veronica Floer passed away

On Feb 5th, a funeral for Veronica & Harold will be held in the summer.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Rita Dickson passed away recently.

Please pray for the repose of their souls. Our prayers and condolences to all their family and friends.

May their souls rest in peace.

God gives rest to His loved ones.

Psalm 127:2B

Donations for Syria & Turkey

Use the following links if you would like to donate to Syria & Turkey:

Development and Peace: [Development and Peace – 55 years of solidarity. \(devp.org\)](http://DevelopmentandPeace.org)

Red Cross: [Helping To Strengthen Resiliency - Canadian Red Cross](http://HelpingToStrengthenResiliency.org)

Tax receipts are issued directly to the donor from these organizations. Also, any donations made through the Red Cross are matched by the Canadian Government.

Accept God's will with joy!

"Let's try to do with love what God wants from us in every moment of the day. This means setting aside whatever is not God's will for us in that moment. By living in this way and offering each action to God, Jesus will live in us and we will carry out works that will last forever."

Chiara Lubich