

Welcome to  
**† Holy Cross Church †**

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**Parish Fundraiser Luncheon**

The Parish is putting on a Luncheon next weekend on **Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>**, after **9:30am Mass**.

It will be **“By Donation”**.

All funds received will go to the costs of improving the acoustics in the church!

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer **PLEASE sign up TODAY! ALL Welcome!**



**Mass Times**

**Holy Cross Church**

Sunday - 9:30am

Monday – 9:00am

Tuesday - 9:00am

Wednesday – 9:00am

Thursday - 9:00am

Friday – 9:00am

Saturday – 5:00pm

***Exposition of Blessed Sacrament***

First weekend of month & Friday’s  
30 mins before Mass.

**Riondel Mission (MHR)**

Sunday 2:00pm

Parish Website:

[www.holycrosscreston.com](http://www.holycrosscreston.com)



**Sacraments**

***Reconciliation***

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



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

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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Envelopes:** Would you like a box of envelopes? Numbered boxes identify the donor for income tax purposes. A tax receipt will be issued each year and sent to the address registered with the Parish.

Envelopes needed:  Yes  No

**Welcome Home**

*Welcome*



To Our visitors, enjoy your visit with our parish family.

To our new parishioners,  
Welcome Home!

**Hampers!**

Hamper registration is now open until Nov 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please make sure that the person nominated is aware of it, and hasn't already registered at another church or agency in town. Call the parish office with the name and other information required.

We will be accepting donations of Peanut Butter, Hot chocolate & Candy as well as cash donation for the Hamper program.

**November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Abide in me as I in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit!”*



**Most Holy  
Redeemer  
Riondel**



**Contacts: Christa Nagel: (250) 227-9355  
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**Book of the Deceased**



Throughout the month of November, Fr. Lawrence will **pray for all the deceased** whose names are in the book at Daily Mass.

**Free Pastoral Care Sessions**

Yvonne Harland continues to present the pastoral care sessions in the hall EVERY SATURDAY. They run **until Nov 25<sup>th</sup>** from **9:30am to 12:00pm**. ALL Welcome!

There will be information coming soon on how to sign up for these sessions via Zoom in January, as they are going to be running again.

**2024 Missals**

The 2024 Missals are in the foyer, suggested donation is \$7. Please place the money in the envelope provided and put it in the collection basket. Thank you!

Nov 19	<b>Knights Pancake Breakfast</b>
Nov 26	Parish Fall Meal After Mass
Dec 3	<b>Parish Pot Luck Coffee</b>

**Memorial Flowers**



~ **Envelopes for memorial Flower donations** are in the vestibule.

Place your donation in the envelope along with the names of your loved ones who you want remembered.

**Help NEEDED to Clean and Decorate!**



Help needed to clean and decorate our Church for Christmas!

If you can help please join us on **Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> after Mass**.

Thank you!

**First Sunday of Advent is December 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

**May God's Healing Love Enfold Those Who Are Sick: Please Pray for the Sick in Our Parish :**



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, Kelly McGovern, David Robinson, Cameron, Lorne Lalliberte, Demetre.



**Pilgrimage of Faith 2023**

**We HAVE REACHED our Diocesan goal!**

**Congratulations and THANK YOU to all!** Since we have reached it **ALL money that comes in now for Pilgrimage of Faith goes DIRECTLY to OUR PARISH until December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023**. Let's see if we can reach our parish goal!!

How to Donate? Put the money (Cheques to be made out to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Nelson") into an envelope marked Pilgrimage of Faith & place it in the collection basket or e-transfer to: [etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org)  
**THANK YOU!**

**The Giving Tree:**



Do you want to "Action" Christ's mission bringing joy, comfort, and hope, to sisters and brothers who need, by Christ's example... Take a tag off the tree today! Please ensure ALL gifts are placed by the tree, any Sunday, but all **must be received by Sunday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Thank You!

**... Thank You for your Gift**

**Total Offerings: \$1595.85 \$911.58-Direct deposit**  
*(Weekly amount needed to meet our Parish operational expenses: \$2650- 2019 budget) Thank You!*

**Reconciliation Services**

- December 7- Cranbrook 7pm
- December 12- Creston 7pm**
- December 14- Invermere 7pm
- December 15- Golden 7pm
- December 19- Kimberley 7pm
- December 20- Fernie 12pm
- December 20- Sparwood 7pm





**CWLF - 2024** Call for Candidates for the Catholic Women's Leadership Program

We are pleased to announce that we are accepting applications for the 2024 cohort of our Leadership Program, scheduled to begin in June 2024 at the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa.

The program is open to all Canadian Catholic women, from all walks of life who have a genuine interest in making a difference in their communities and places of work.

A candidate must be a Catholic woman, at least 21 years of age, demonstrate oral and written English language competencies, have a genuine desire to cultivate her gifts of leadership, and have made a previous contribution to her community in some capacity.

The Program is a 11-month Certificate program with an ongoing mentorship once the course work is completed. Throughout the Program, participants will be guided by professional facilitators from Saint Paul University. The Program is specifically designed to integrate faith and life, personal and professional leadership development. Spirituality and a Catholic faith perspective are the foundation of all activities; prayer and reflective practice are core elements integrated throughout the program.

At present the plan for 2024 of the Program will have an introductory get-to-know-you online module in June 2024; and a five-day intensive component in June 2024. This is scheduled to be through ZOOM, and you will be expected to be present. All other modules are online and consist of videos, readings, personal reflections, and discussion forums. The final face-to-face residency component is scheduled for June 2025 in Ottawa.

Details of the content of the different components and timelines can be found on the website at [www.cwlfcanada.ca](http://www.cwlfcanada.ca)

If you are or know of a Catholic woman who wishes to be a transformational and influential leader, we invite you to complete the application process by January 15th, 2024 which can be found at [www.cwlfcanada.ca/participate](http://www.cwlfcanada.ca/participate)

## Treat others kindly

“we know that the will of a father is primarily that his children treat each other as brothers and sisters, by concerning themselves for each other’s welfare and loving one another. They must understand and practice what can be called the art of loving.”

Chiara Lubich

### Mass Schedule November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Sat	Nov 18 5:00pm	Repose Tracy Pickett (Mike & Kit)	Wed	Nov 22 9:00am	Healing of Demetre
Sun	Nov 19 9:30am	Sp. Int. All Parishioners	Thurs	Nov 23 9:00am	For Ciraj & Martina
Mon	Nov 20 9:00am	Repose Tommy Hogan (A friend)	Fri	Nov 24 9:00am	Sp. Int. Marie-Ange Allard (Jeanne D’Arc)
Tues	Nov 21 9:00am	All volunteers for Parish feast	Sat	Nov 25 5:00pm	Pro-Life Intentions (CWL)

Dear Friends,

In two weeks, we would be in another season liturgically - the Advent and a new year - Year B.

Over the past few weeks, if we had keenly paid your attention to the readings, we might have noticed one theme constantly and repeatedly mentioned that is the second coming of our Lord and our preparedness to welcome Him. On this thirty third Sunday too the readings come with the theme of waiting diligently for His arrival and while waiting we are encouraged to make use of God given blessings generously such as potentials and talents at the service of others.

The first reading carries a set of proverbs: proverbs reflect the culture, the tradition and the ordinary life of the people. At the end it acknowledges a woman who fears the Lord.

The second reading continues to exhort the Thessalonians to be the children of light and to keep awake for the Lord's coming.

The Gospel reading speaks about the use of God given talents. Our gracious God has lavishly bestowed upon us many blessings: good health, a wonderful family, enough resources for livelihood, a peaceful life, a healthy friendship, good produce and so on. Are we able to recognize those talents received? And do we use them to serve God and our neighbors? God will come in an unexpected time, and He will expect of us only one thing - our accountability.



Let us not get tired of doing good and serving others even with unnoticed or unrecognized service. Let us listen to the voice of our Lord which will enable us to serve Him in others.

God bless!  
Fr. Lawrence

**Stay Awake!**  
**Be Ready!**