

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS SCHEDULE:

**SUNDAYS: 12:15 AM | INDOORS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES VARY DEPENDING ON PRIEST AVAILABILITY - SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION @HOLYCROSSBEAVERISLAND**

**WEEKLY ROSARY OFFERED TUESDAYS AT 9:30AM**



## MESSAGE FROM FR. PETER WIGTON: FEAST OF THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS: SEPT 14

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. You may remember the story when Simeon prophesied to Mary, when she presented Jesus in the temple, that a sword would pierce her heart. He was prophesying the moment of Christ's cross. The Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows is on September 15th, the day after the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. The Triumph of the Cross is, of course, our Parish Feast Day. **So Happy Feast Day!** We will be moving the celebration of this feast day to Sunday September 19th. This is so that we can celebrate with the whole church together.

The story of the origins of the feast day are pretty beautiful and very ancient. St. Helena was the first to discover the true cross of Christ on her journey to the Holy Land around the year 325 AD. When I was in the Holy Land back in 2016, our guide took us to the place where the cross was discovered. It was a deep cave below the place where Christ was crucified and used to be a trash dump. All over the walls of the cave were these little crosses that were etched into the stone by many pilgrims that visit the sight. She told us that when Helena came looking for the cross, that she took a bunch of gold coins and tossed them in the dump as an incentive for people to help her clean up the dump and to find the Cross. The true cross was discovered with two other crosses and was authenticated by a miraculous healing. There was a very deathly ill woman that was immediately cured upon touching it. Helena built a church over the place where the Cross was discovered and placed it there. Then later it was captured by Chosroas the king of Persia. In 629 it was brought back to Jerusalem by the Emperor Heraclius. The story goes that the emperor carried the cross back to Jerusalem on his own shoulders. He was dressed in costly garments adorned with many gems. As he entered the city of Jerusalem he was unable to carry the cross any further no matter how hard he tried. The bishop of Jerusalem told him that he should take off his fine garments and dress in the cloths of a penitent. It was then that he was able to continue his journey to bring the cross to its place. This return of the Cross to Jerusalem is what we celebrate on this Feast Day.

The beauty of this celebration helps us to remember the importance of embracing repentance but also thanksgiving in order to truly carry our cross as the Lord asks of us. As we enter into this month of September let us also ask for the intercession of Our Lady of Sorrows that she may remain close to us in all our trials and strengthen us as we take up our crosses and follow after Jesus.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER:

**9/5 Janet O'Donnell by Elenore McDonough**

**9/12 Edward Palmer by Elenore McDonough**

**9/19 John and Joyce Runburg by Cynthia Runburg**

**9/26 Glen McDonough by Elenore McDonough**

## IN NEED OF PRAYER

*This prayer list will be updated monthly. If you wish for a name to remain on this list, please call the parish office before the 25th of each month.*

Christine Barton  
Heather Cary  
Kevin Gillespie  
Susan Heller  
Kelton Hunter

Lester Jeske  
Erna Kriigel  
Kathy Maudrie  
Owen McDonough  
Carole Pease

Lawrence Pease Sr  
William Reed  
Kevin Allen



## NEW CHURCH ICONS

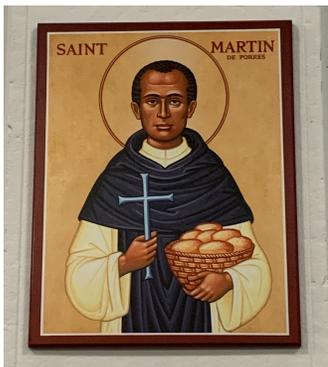
*Anonymously Donated-Thank You!*

### ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA



Canonized in 2012, feast day July 14th - patroness of ecology and the environment. The first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She contracted smallpox as a four-year-old leaving her with scars and diminished eyesight. Her entire family died during the outbreak. Then raised by her uncle, she was a skilled worker and refused to marry. At age 19, Kateri Tekakwitha converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. She was very devout, and often prayed for conversion of her fellow Mohawks. Just five years after her conversion, she passed away at the age of 24.

### ST. MARTIN DE TORRES



Canonized in 1962, feast day November 3rd - patron saint of social justice, racial harmony and Italian hairdressers and barbers. This Catholic saint was the son of a Spanish knight and a Panamanian woman of Indian or Negro descent. He was trained as a barber but became a Dominican monk at the age of 15. He was known for his tending of the poor and sick, especially Negro slaves, and abandoned dogs and cats.

## SUNDAY READINGS

### September 5th: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 35:4-7a  
Psalm: Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
2nd Reading: Jas 2:1-5  
Gospel: Mk 7:31-37

### September 12th: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 50:5-9a  
Psalm: Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9  
2nd Reading: Jas 2:14-18  
Gospel: Mk 8:27-35

### September 19th: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wis 2:12, 17-20  
Psalm: Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8  
2nd Reading: Jas 3:16-4:3  
Gospel: Mk 9:30-37

### September 26th: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Nm 11:25-29  
Psalm: Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14  
2nd Reading: Jas 5:1-6  
Gospel: Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

## BASKET OF JOY



Raffle tickets are now available! This Basket of Joy is worth over \$4,000 including a week rental at the Convent (off season), 6 Island Airways Tickets, the traditional Basket of Booze as well as gift certificates and island swag! Extra special thank you to Ed Wojan for organizing this raffle for the last 50 years and to the volunteers and sponsors of the basket this year!

## STEWARDSHIP

Totals from August 1- August 29

**General Offering:** \$7,407

**Mass Stipend:** \$185

**CSA GOAL \$14,216.00**

Total Pledged: \$6,145 - 43%

Total Received: \$5,815 - 40%

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