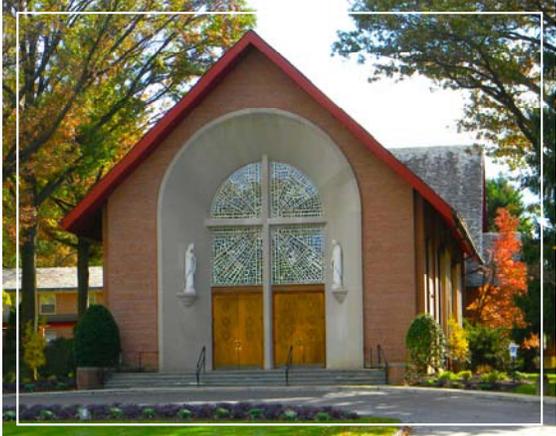


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Fifth Sunday of Lent



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm
Sunday.....7:30 am, 9:30 am & Noon
Monday-Saturday8:30 am
Holy Days.....As Announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:00 am - 10:00 am
or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday in Church from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
Thursday in Quinn Hall Chapel from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

*Contact the office at 301-942-1020
if you would like to be a regular adorer.*

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm



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**It is when a person walks
at night that they stumble,
for they have no light.**

JOHN 11:10

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Parish Registration:

New parishioners are welcome! Registration forms are in the back of the church and on the parish website: <https://hcrosschurch.org/registration-form>

Baptism:

Please call the office to request a date for baptism. The parish offers baptismal preparation as part of the process.

Weddings:

You must meet with the Pastor at least 6 months prior to your requested wedding date.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA): If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the faith, contact the office at 301-942-1020.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound: Deacon Ron Hansen, rhansen@hcrosschurch.org, 408-390-6496

Social Concerns: For information, contact socialconcerns.hc@gmail.com.

Pastoral Council: Contact Cindy Kratz, at parishcouncil@hcrosschurch.org for opportunities to share your gifts in our parish community.

Parish Bulletin Deadline: Submission for the inclusion in the bulletin are due to the Rectory by noon on Friday--10 days before the weekend you want your article to appear. Contact the Parish Secretary parishsecretary@hcrosschurch.org, 301-942-1020 if you have any questions.

Parish Devotions

Monday-Saturday:

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet after the daily Mass.

Wednesday & Thursday:

Eucharistic Adoration (Wednesdays in church from 9am-7pm, Thursdays in Quinn Hall 9am-8pm)

Thursdays:

Gospel Sharing (Bible Study) in Quinn Hall Meeting Room from 9:00am-10:15am.

First Friday:

Prayer to the Sacred Heart and Benediction after the daily Mass.

Sundays:

Sunday Gospel Group meet after the 9:30 am Mass in Lewis Hall. (during the SOR school year)

Please keep the sick and elderly of our parish in your prayers, especially...

Melinda Alde, Carmen Aliaga, Andy Bagnall, Carolina Gianna Baker, Teresa Basso, Msgr. Joaquin Bazan, Jerry Behnke, James Behrend, Albena Borisnova-Petkova, Paula Brady, Raymond Brito, Paula Caldwell, Michael Chettle, Joyce Choi, Tom Choi, Young Choi, Chris Claudy, Luis Alejandro Guevara Coello, Jennifer Colmus, David Davies, John Paul Durkin, Karen Dwyer, Casey FaJohn, Gorgonia Ferrer, Joe Gagnon, Kathleen Gagnon, John Garlington, Demos Georganas, Myriam Gonzalez, Dennis Gorden, Michael Gouzoulis, Susan Grisby, Eileen Haggart, Carlos Hernandez, Evan Hilburn, Stephanie Hipsley, Dan Johnson, Jamie Kaufmann, John Laske, Mary Lee Leonard, Stephen Martin, Palmer Jane McNeill, Angelica Miragorod, Markie Mlynarczyk, Richard Moellering, Jr., Meghan Morin, Nelson de Melo Dias Neto, Estelle Nguyen, Noreen Nosel, Sue Numrich, Vivian Porro, Silvia Pugliese, Dan Reinwall, Jessica Ringler, David Roberts, David Skola, Rebecca Shepherd, Monica Tinker, Annamarie Vincent, and Philip Wright.

Please contact the Parish Secretary to add or remove someone's name from our list.

Monday	8:30 am	✠ Rosaria Falcone	
Tuesday	8:30 am	✠ Samuel Peter Memmo	
Wednesday	8:30 am	✠ Lucia Ramirez	
Thursday	8:30 am	✠ Jim Scanlon	
Friday	8:30 am	✠ Heidi Brennan	
Saturday	8:30 am	✠ Jason Devine	
	5:00 pm	✠ Isidra Narvacan	Fr. Park
Sunday March 28	7:30 am	✠ Sumaya Davila	Fr. Charles
	9:30 am	✠ People of Holy Cross	Fr. Wyble
	12:00 pm	✠ Peter F. Kratz, MD	Fr. Wyble

✠ = Deceased

MASS INTENTIONS. To schedule, email parishsecretary@hcrosschurch.org or call 301-942-1020. Mass Celebrants subject to change.



Join us in praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:30 pm.

Confession Schedule This Weekend

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 9:00 am – 10:00 am.

Special opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent will be available on March 21 and 22 after all Sunday Masses.

Multiple priests will be available.



By Rembrandt



Holy Week and Triduum Schedule

8:30 am	Monday Daily Mass
8:30 am	Tuesday Daily Mass
8:30 am	Wednesday Daily Mass
Holy Thursday	
10:30 am	Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	
12:00 pm	Meditation on the Seven Last Words
3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm	Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death with Communion
Holy Saturday	
8:00 pm	Solemn Vigil Mass of Easter
Easter Sunday	
7:30 am	Mass of Easter Day
9:30 am	Mass of Easter Day
12:00 pm	Mass of Easter Day



New: In-person pre-sale after the 9:30 am Mass on March 22!

Lenten Fish Fry at Holy Cross March 27

Make Friday night dinner easy this Lent! Join the Holy Cross Fathers' Club for a Fish Fry on Friday, March 27, 5:00–7:30 PM in Lewis Hall. Dine-in or take-away. Meals are \$15 per plate and include fried fish, fries, couscous salad, and marathon sauce. Proceeds support Holy Cross School.



Tickets can be pre-ordered online (scan the QR code or visit holycrossfathersclub.square.site), or in person after the 9:30 AM Mass on March 22

Holy Cross Annual Gala: Tropical Vacation is here! March 28th, from 6–11 p.m. at Manor Country Club

Last Day to Buy Tickets Today! Don't wait - get your tickets today!

To purchase tickets: onecau.se/_feb8b1
Preview auction items: onecau.se/_eh89f1



Dust off your linen shirts and favorite floral prints and join us for an evening of island-inspired food, dancing, and community spirit – all to support Holy Cross School! The Annual Gala will be held Saturday, March 28th, from 6–11 p.m. at Manor Country Club. Don't wait! Tickets are limited and this event sells out! We encourage school and parish families to purchase our initial sponsorship level that includes two (2) Gala tickets, and your family and/or student name on the Gala website and in the printed

program. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available, in addition to supporting our dedicated faculty, staff, and clergy by purchasing tickets for them to attend the event!



Fathers and Sons Striving to be who God Created you to be.

A morning for fathers and their sons grades 5 through 8. Empowering fathers and sons as they work, play, and pray together through adolescence and beyond. We will explore how men are created in God's image and likeness and equipped with gifts to help them become the men God created them to be.

Saturday, April 18, 2026 from 8:30am – 1:00pm at St. Bernadette School
80 University Blvd. East, Silver Spring, MD

40 Days for Life Spring Campaign

We need witnesses of our faith to pray outside Cares Clinic, where they are doing late term (third trimester) abortions.

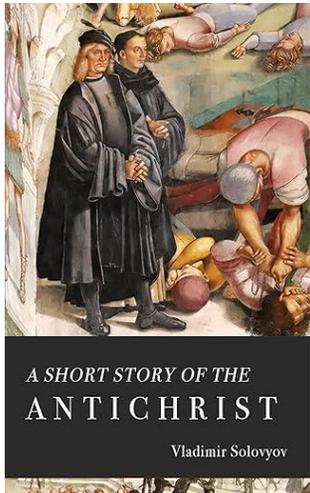
Join us for **40 Days for Life**, a peaceful, prayerful vigil for the protection of unborn children and support for mothers in need. Bring your rosaries. Stand with us in silent prayer and loving presence as we seek to bring hope, compassion, and life to women and families. Whether you can come for 30 minutes or an hour, your presence matters. **Holy Cross will be there on March 28 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and on the first Saturday of every month.**

Location: 5454 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland

 **Saturdays**

 **9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Centro Tepeyac is seeking dedicated volunteers to serve in our Baby Boutique, assist with social media, gala planning, and help with data entry. We are open Monday–Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with additional opportunities on select Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. We especially need volunteers from **March- June** For more information, contact director@ctepeyac.org or call (301) 325-9454. You can also visit online centrotepeyac.org



CATHOLIC FICTION BOOK GROUP

NO CATHOLIC BOOK GROUP IN APRIL

The Catholic Book Group will not meet during April because of Holy Week. We will resume our regular First Wednesday of the month meetings on Wednesday, May 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in Quinn Hall.

We will be reading a very short (about 40 pages!) apocalyptic story by Russian novelist, Vladimir Soloviev (or Solovyov). The book has several titles, depending on the translation, such as *The Antichrist, A Story of the Antichrist, or A Short Tale of the Antichrist.* (Any translation will do.) Recommended by several recent popes, this short novel gives an account of the end of the world, largely based on biblical sources.

All are welcome to read the book and join us!



MOVIE NIGHT * April 10, 2026 at 6:30 pm in Lewis Hall RSVP to parishsecretary@hcrosschurch.org by April 7.

Six years after his role as King Henry II in *Becket*, Peter O'Toole plays the Plantagenet king again, but in his raging, boisterous, old age as he invites his imprisoned wife, Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine (the inimitable Katherine Hepburn), to join him in Chinon, France for the Christmas holidays with their three sons and his adoring young mistress Alais (Jane Merrow). Rivals for succession to the royal throne are the heir-apparent Richard the Lionhearted (Anthony Hopkins in his screen debut), his treacherous and deceitful kid brother Geoffrey (John Castle), and Henry's favorite child, the drooling and inane John (Nigel Terry). Sparks fly. Nominated for 7 Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Actor, Director, and Costume Design, *The Lion in Winter* won 3 Oscars: for Actress (Hepburn),

Screenplay (James Goldman), and Original Score (John Barry). 1968; 134 minutes; rated PG. **Pizza and drinks will be provided.**

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Catholic Charities is having a FREE tax prep clinic February 1st - April 15th at our main office - **924 G ST NW Washington, DC**. If your income is under **\$69,000**, have IRS-certified volunteers prepare and review your tax return for FREE!



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Support Guadalupe Radio Network, a trusted Catholic media partner throughout the DMV! The network’s Spring on-air fund drive is coming up March 23-27. Learn about the lives, marriages, families, and vocations touched by this beautiful broadcast and digital media apostolate. The GRN, through WMET 1160 AM and 103.1 FM (Falls Church) has served 375 parishes and 4 (arch)dioceses for 15 years! And, more than 25 years nationally as EWTN’s largest radio affiliate. This week-long broadcast includes listener testimonials to the power of radio catechesis and prayer devotions, offering hope and building faith, and, resetting hearts in Christ, Sunday to Sunday. **Learn more, visit GRNOnline.com.**



Care for Creation and Environmental Stewardship:

March 22, 2026, is World Water Day. Since 1993, this is an annual observance to bring attention to the 2.1 billion people worldwide who do not have regular access to safe, fresh water.

Please support organizations (e.g, Catholic Relief Services, Cross Catholic Outreach, others) that help provide safe, fresh water and sanitation facilities.

Reference: UNICEF, Newsletter, World Water Day 2026

**POOR
 BOX**

THIS WEEK’S POOR BOX will go towards the **Bethesda Cares**, a non-profit organization which offers short-term assistance to residents of southern Montgomery County who are in financial crisis. Next week’s Poor Box will benefit Martha’s Table



Remember in Prayer those who have died... Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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