

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Pastor**

Rev Pius Wekesa

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**Parish Office Hours**

Mondays... Closed

Tuesday — Friday

8:30 AM — 3:30 PM

**Liturgy Schedule:**

**Daily**

Tuesday—Friday— 8 AM Mass  
In person

**Saturday Vigil—5 PM**

In person and via live  
stream to our YouTube  
and Facebook pages

**Sunday—10 AM**

In person and via live  
stream to our YouTube  
and Facebook pages.

**Holy Days**

8 AM/7 PM

(Exceptions will be noted)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday—4-4:45 PM

Sunday—9-9:45 AM

Or by appointment.



**Welcome to the Faith Community at Holy Cross!**  
The pastor, deacon, and our sisters and brothers of this vibrant  
Faith Community welcome you to celebrate with us today.  
May the Lord give you peace!





<b>Saturday</b> 5 PM	<b>August 6, 2022</b> No Intention
<b>Sunday</b> 10 AM	<b>August 7, 2022</b> Holy Cross Parishioners
<b>Tuesday</b> 8 AM	<b>August 9, 2022</b> No Intention
<b>Wednesday</b> 8 AM	<b>August 10, 2022</b> No Intention
<b>Thursday</b> 8 AM	<b>August 11, 2022</b> No Intention
<b>Friday</b> 8 AM	<b>August 12, 2022</b> No Intention

**NOTE:** Submit your request for Mass Intentions to [office@holycrossdurham.org](mailto:office@holycrossdurham.org).  
Mass cards are available in the parish office.

**Remember In your Prayers**

*Parishioners or family of parishioners who are ill, homebound or recovering from surgery:*

Jean Baird, Gloria Burton, Juanita Bynum, Keith Canty, Brenda Childress, Tristan Cruell, Violet Dupont, James Ellis, Corteland Graham, Gene Harvey, Helen Hudson, Rosie Hylton, Barbara Lane, Alphonso Logan, Rameses Sorrell



**Prayers and Condolences**

In your prayers, please remember those who recently died:  
**Christy Guion Burnett**  
**David & Elizabeth Parker**

“Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.”

(Please send notices of deaths to the church office, so that we may offer prayers and support as a community.)

**There is one collection this weekend.**  
*Please be generous and thank you for your continued support!*



*Offertory collected for week of July 31, 2022:*

*In-pew \$ 1,445.00*

*Online \$ 5,036.00*

*Total \$ 6,481.00*

*Thank You!*

Continue your financial support of Holy Cross, through online giving or by mailing your check to 2438 S. Alston Avenue, Durham NC 27713.

Secure online donations can be made by signing up at <https://www.holycrossdurham.org/63>

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**\*Altar Flower Donations\*** Altar Flowers donated by Dreda Guion in honor of her daughter, Christy Guion Burnette, on her Birthday of July 31. Christy was called Home on July 6, 2022. Dreda Guion will also celebrated her own birthday on July 30.



*Sunday, August 7*  
*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Wis 18:6-9 ; Ps 133:1, 12,18-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19;  
Lk 12:32-48

**STEWARDSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be .” *Luke 12:34*

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our “invisible” gifts like love, mercy and forgiveness. True joy comes from “emptying” ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## AUGUST

- 7 Danielle Lawson  
Abrianna Spencer
- 8 Lorie Crump  
Maria Kamara
- 9 Kolleen Fitzgerald  
Courtney Koppenal  
Dwayne Francis  
Daniel McCrorie
- 10 Martha Rojas
- 11 King (Kenny) Bond  
Eskinder Zewdu
- 12 Frank Whitehead  
William Tate  
Victoria Carroll
- 13 Meckedery (Derrick) Fallah



This is the second year Holy Cross has participated in "Fill the Bus". An announcement will be made at the Masses this weekend. Collection bins, supply lists, and a poster will be in the Gathering Space.



*The 10th Holy Cross Caribbean mass will be held on Sunday, August 14th, 2022 at 10 am followed by a Taste of the Caribbean. All are invited! Please use this link to register by Aug. 7th to attend the "Taste of the Caribbean."*

<https://holycrossdurham.flocknote.com/signup/95948>

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# African Heritage Mass



**Sunday, August 21, 2022 | 3:30 pm**







**Celebrant:**  
Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama

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2438 South Alston Avenue, Durham, NC 27713

Please note we will be exercising proper COVID-19 protocols for the safety of all in attendance. This event is made possible through support from the Bishop's Annual Appeal.



**CATHOLIC DIOCESE of RALEIGH**

For more information: call (984) 900-3417

**Deacon Corner – August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Martyr (1891-1942)**

*Edith Stein was born the eleventh child of Orthodox Jewish parents in Breslau, Germany, on October 12, 1891. Her birth fell on Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, a fact whose significance she later noted. Independent by nature and gifted with a prodigious intelligence, Edith had abandoned her family’s faith by the time she was thirteen. She declared herself an atheist – only the first of a series of blows to her pious mother – and devoted herself to the study of philosophy. She was accepted as one of the first women students at the University of Gottingen, where she studied under the brilliant Edmund Husserl, father of phenomenology. Stein became one of his star pupils, so respected by Husserl that he invited her to become his assistant at the University of Freiburg. There she completed her doctorate at the age of twenty-three, writing a dissertation on the nature of empathy.*

*There was a strong ethical dimension to the phenomenological school, and a number of Husserl’s disciples were professing Christians. In the years after World War I Stein herself began to feel a growing interest in religion. This culminated one night in 1921 when she happened upon the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila, the sixteenth-century Carmelite mystic. With fascination she read through the night and by morning concluded, “This is the truth.” She was baptized Catholic on the following New Year’s Day.*

*Edith’s mother wept when she heard the news of her daughter’s conversion. Faced with Edith’s resolution, however, she had little choice but to consent. Edith continued to accompany her mother to synagogue, feeling that in accepting Christ she had been reunited, by a mysterious path, with her Jewish roots.*

*Stein initially believed that with her conversion she would abandon thoughts of a scholarly career. For eight years she taught in a Dominican school for girls. But her study of Thomas Aquinas eventually rekindled her interests in academic pursuits. After preparing a scholarly work integrating phenomenology with scholasticism, she obtained an academic post in Munster in 1932.*

*This position, however, would be short lived. As the Nazis rose to power, Stein almost immediately felt the reverberations of anti-Semitism. With unusual foresight, she recognized the destination of this campaign of hatred. Somewhat audaciously, she wrote to seek an audience with Pope Pius XI, hoping to alert him to the peril facing the Jews. Her request was not answered. Meanwhile, with the regrets of the university administration, she was dismissed from the teaching position she had barely begun.*

*The loss of her job enabled her to pursue her growing attraction to religious life. She applied to enter the Carmelite convent in Cologne. Once again her mother wept – this time accusing her of abandoning her people in time of persecution. It was a bitter charge and one that would cloud their parting. After spending a final evening with her mother in the synagogue, Edith bade her farewell. She took as her religious name Sister Teresa Benedicta a Cruce (Blessed by the Cross). After living in the Cologne Carmel (1934-1938), she moved to the Carmelite monastery in Echt, Netherlands. The Nazis occupied that country in 1940. In retaliation for being denounced by the Dutch bishops, the Nazis arrested all Dutch Jews who had become Christians. Teresa Benedicta and her sister Rosa, also a Catholic, died in a gas chamber in Auschwitz on August 9, 1942. Pope John Paul II beatified Teresa Benedicta in 1987 and canonized her twelve years later.*

(Source: All Saints by Robert Ellsberg)

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**Mission Statement**

Holy Cross Church was founded by the Society of Jesus to serve the African American Catholics of Durham. We are a people baptized in Christ. We gather to worship the Lord in joy, to proclaim the Gospel, and to serve the Durham community, as well as, the needs of the whole people of God. Our special character as an African American parish continues to shape our worship, our ministries, and our contribution to the wider church. *“We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.”*

***DUE TO THE PANDEMIC  
MOST ORGANIZATIONS/COMMITTEES AND MINISTRY MEETINGS  
OF HOLY CROSS HAVE BEEN MOVED ONLINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.***

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