

*Oh! Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
His steadfast love endures forever! (Psalm 107:1)*



*A
Savior
is born!*



**HOLY CROSS
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

For More Information:

Parish Office at 850-477-8596.

Merry Christmas!

Some Current Offerings:
BRING A FRIEND!

Wednesdays Nights

Join us each Wednesday night for:

DINNER & CLASSES – 5:30pm

BIBLE STUDY w/Fr. Rob: (5:30- 7:00pm)

Life-long scholar or life-long scallywag, you'll feel comfortable gleaning something from the Bible with this group.

YOUTH GROUP: (5:30- 7:00pm) All 6th - 12th Grade youth are welcome.

SEA STARS: (5:30- 7:00pm) We are a fun kids club focused on Sight, Empathy and Action (SEA) We are committed to being the arms of Christ's love through collaboration and creativity.

NURSERY: 6:00 – 7:00pm

Weekly for Teenagers! Youth Ministries

We have a dynamic youth group here at Holy Cross! Our youth (6th – 12th grade) meet weekly on Wednesday nights! They also have regular special events each month throughout the year. For more information, Warren Jerrems at wkjerrems@gmail.com or 850-586-1030.

SPORTS: Sundays

Volleyball & Ultimate Frisbee + Board games. Enjoy sports, building friendships, and good family style fun! Join us on Sundays at 3:30pm EVERY WEEK.

For Children & Families

You'll find that we like to have our kids around as we fellowship. The act of parenting is an act of worship— and you enrich our collective worship by being here.

Be sure to check out The Nook (hallway beside the narthex) set up by our Family Life Minister D'Anna Entrekin. It has seasonal resources for families to take as well as information about how and why we worship together.

Sunday Classes

Join Anytime

BREAKFAST – 9:00 - 9:30am

CLASSES – 9:35am

CONTEMPORARY EXPLORATION - Join us as we explore biblical & theological themes using prepared talks, videos, and discussion. (Curtis Entrekin & Chris Dake)

NUGGETS OF FAITH – This January, join Tom Bossa for classes on themes such as Christian Symbolism and the Creeds.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY – "The Names of God" by Ann Spangler with Melodie.

YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL (Teenagers)

CHILDREN - Liturgical Calendar time & Saint studies.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL (During 10:30am Service) - Building foundational knowledge for living daily with Christ and our Church Family.

NURSERY- Open from 9:30am -11:45am

Music Ministry

Handbells (5:00pm Thursday)

Choir Practice (6:30pm Thursday) – Singers and ringers of all skill-levels welcome!

Saturday Mornings

GriefShare: (See office for dates) See "GriefShare" box for details.

WeCare: (See office for dates) See "GriefShare" box for details.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew: (2nd Saturday at 7:30am) – Meets for breakfast & bible study. All men are invited!

Daughters of the King: (2nd Saturday at 9:00am) – Women's group of prayer and service.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW): (Meets monthly) - Women's group of service and fellowship.

Our Library: A great resource for Christian Literature – OPEN: Sat. 9am-12:30pm; Sun. 9:15am - 12:15pm & Wed. 9:15am – 6:00pm

GriefShare

GriefShare is a grief support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. We meet weekly on Saturdays at 10:00am in the Parish Hall, and you can join at any time. **Resumes this winter.** For more info, 850-477-8596.

Support Group for Caretakers WeCare

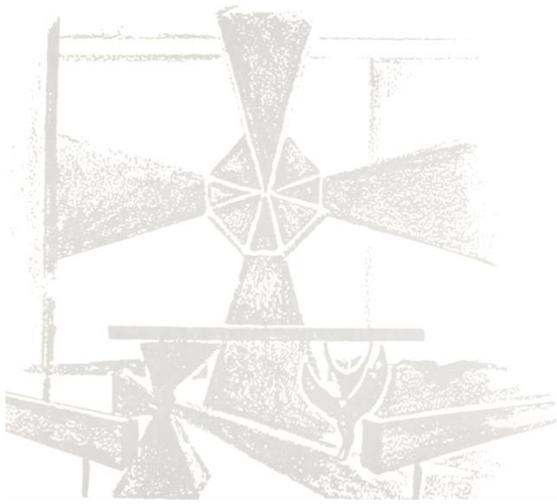
WeCare is a support group for you or someone you know who is caring for a loved one, or whose life has been affected by dementia. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 11:00am. You can join at any time.

Serve Those in Need Hagar's Basket

Hagar's Basket is a Holy Cross Ministry that teams up with four local schools to provide basic toiletry items, shoes, backpacks, and socks for those students in need. We also support our Holy Cross Food Pantry monthly.

Serve Those in Need Weekly Food Pantry

Our volunteer-operated food pantry is open every Wednesday from 9:00am – 10:00am. On the first Sunday of each month Holy Cross Parishioners donate food items as well as monetary donations. Last year, Holy Cross provided groceries for over 8,000 people.



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Pensacola, Florida

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Christmas Eve Family Service for All

5:00pm Service

December 24, 2022

The Service of the Word

Opening Voluntary: *Zach Dake, Caroline Bruns, and Andrew Gregg*

Introduction and Welcome

Children's Christmas Parade

Opening Hymn 100: "Joy to the World"

Joy to the world, the Lord has come

Let earth receive her King

Let every heart prepare Him room

And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing

And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns

Let men their songs employ

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness

And wonders of His love

And wonders of His love

And wonders, wonders of His love

Opening Prayer

Lessons and Carols:

Lesson: *Isaiah 9:1-6*

First Carol 83: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come, and behold him,
Born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

Lesson: *Luke 1:26-31, Matthew 1:18-25*

Second Carol 79: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary;
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep,
The angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.*

Lesson: *Luke 2:8-14*

Third Carol 96: “Angels We Have Heard On High”

*Angels we have heard on high,
Singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their brave delight.*

Refrain:

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear? (Refrain)*

*Come to Bethlehem and see?
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)*

Lesson: *Matthew 2:9-10*

Fourth Carol 101: “Away in a Manger”

*(Children) Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*(All) Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

*All participants in the pageant now return to their seats.

Homily: *The Rev. Rob Dixon*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**



The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 367 in the BCP;
However; you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

You are always invited to receive communion at Holy Cross. To receive a blessing in lieu of communion simply come to forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you are physically unable to come forward for communion, please notify the ushers at the door and someone will happily bring communion to you.
Gluten Free available.

Offertory: "Labor of Love"

*It was not a silent night, here was blood on the ground
You could hear a woman cry, in the alleyways that night
On the streets of David's town
And the stable was not clean, and the cobblestones were cold
And little Mary full of grace, with the tears upon her face
Had no mother's hand to hold*

*(Refrain) It was a labor of pain
It was a cold sky above
But for the girl on the ground in the dark
With every beat of her beautiful heart
It was a labor of love*

*Noble Joseph by her side, callused hands and weary eyes
There were no midwives to be found, on the streets of David's town
In the middle of the night
So he held her and he prayed, shafts of moonlight on his face
But the baby in her womb, He was the maker of the moon
He was the Author of the faith, that could make the mountains move (Refrain)*

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 367 BCP)

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus: S-129 (in front section of blue hymnal)

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

**We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant
People*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion Hymn 115: "What Child is This?"

*What child is this who laid to rest. On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping
This, this is Christ the king
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring him laud. The babe, the son of Mary*

*Why lies he in such mean estate. Where ox and ass are feeding
The end of fear for all who hear
The silent Word is speaking
This, this is Christ the king
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring him laud. The babe, the son of Mary*

*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh
Come peasant king to love him;
The king of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone him
This, this is Christ the king
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring him praise. The babe, the son of Mary*

Communion Hymn 87: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Off-spring of the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see;
Hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!*

*Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Risen healing in his wings,
Light and life to all he brings,
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!*

Communion Hymn: "Jesus the Light of the World" (Hark the Herald Angels)



Hark the Her - old An - gels sing! Je - sus the
Joy - ful all you nat - ions rise
Christ by high - est heav'n a - dored
Hail the heav'n born Prince of peace



light of the world. Glo - ry to the new born King
Join the tri - umph of the skies
Christ the ev - er last - ing Lord
Hail the son of right - eous - ness

REFRAIN



Je - sus the light of the world! We'll walk in the light



beau-ti - ful light. Come where the dew drops of mer-cy are



bright O shine all a - round us by day or by night. Je - sus the



light of the world!

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)

Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 111: “Silent Night” (light your candle from the torch coming around)

*Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

Ministers for Today's Services

Altar Guild: Siegrid McAskill, Greer Mims, Mary Shontz, Linda Bish, & Marguerite Byrd

Flower Guild: Olga Stone, Barbara Edwards, & Ed Austin

10:00am

Clergy: The Rev. Rob Dixon, Rector & The Rev. Chris. Coats

First Server: Ed Austin

Readers: Hunter Walker, Angela Hinkle

5:00pm

Clergy: The Rev. Rob Dixon, Rector, & The Rev. Chris. Coats

First Server: Ed Austin

Pageant Narrators: D' Anna Entrekin, & Landree Williams

Pageant Characters: Prophets (Ileya Sobodash and Stella Rose Dixon), Gabriel (M.J. White),
Mary (Grace Andrew), Joseph (Michael Hitchcock), Donkey (Noah Entrekin),
Angel of the Lord (Sierra Dixon), Shepherds (Axel Thomas, Jett Williams),
Sheep (Ezekiel Entrekin), Angel (Israel Entrekin), Angel holding Star of Bethlehem
(Elah Chau). Extra roles played by any additional children who attend tonight.

10:00pm

Clergy: The Rev. Rob Dixon, Rector, & The Rev. Chris. Coats

First Server: Ed Austin

Readers: Steve Lukow, Joy VanCaster

The Holy Cross Chancel Choir

Soprano

Brandi Love Spain
Joy VanCaster
Stephanie Hibschan
Margaret Mayes

Alto

Tina Marshall
Olga Stone
Dana Wimmers
Eden Ridgeway

Tenor

Steven Bell
Steve Roberts

Bass

Craig Iversen

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Isabelle Peterson
Music Minister

Andrew Gregg
Piano

Stephanie Backes
Clarinet

Zach Dake
Trumpet

Caroline Bruns
Viola

Rachel Bettis
Flute

The Dedications of our Poinsettias in Worship

In memory of Mary Harrison, donated by Art Harrison

In memory of Elizabeth & Ambrose Daly & Frances & Henry Landrum,
donated by Britt & Nell Landrum

In memory of Ronald Robbins, donated by Cindy Robbins

In honor of our children and grandchild, donated by Craig and Rachel Iverson

In loving memory of Mildred & Bernard Tilman, & their parents, donated by Donna Gassman
& Sherry Tilman

In memory of Robert J. Gaines and Lorraine A. Gaines, donated by Elaine Gaines

In honor of Jeanne Scharnitzky, donated by Elaine Scharnitzky

In honor of Marie Marshall, donated by granddaughter Elizabeth Marshall

In memory Gilbert & Wilma Montgomery, donated by their granddaughter Emily Montgomery

In memory of Kurt & Liz Bonifay; Norman & Pauline Tarkus, donated by Ernie & Sarah Tarkus

In honor of our grandchildren, donated by E.R. & Audrey Westbrook

In honor of our children, Amy & Chris, Jr., donated by Fr. Chris & Barbara Coats

In memory of Marcia Press, donated by Gene Press

In memory of Will Mims, and in honor of my children, grandchildren, & great grandchildren,
donated by Greer Mims

In memory of Harold & Mary C. Kent, Mary Kent Scullion, & Robert Gaines, donated by Herman
& Helen Stuebing

In thanksgiving for our children, Sarah K. Walker, John & Sarah E. Walker & grandson, Barrett,
donated by Hunter & Pam Walker

In memory of Derek Maltby

In loving memory of Jamie Peterson, donated by Isabelle Peterson and Eden Ridgeway

In loving memory of Cecil Lanier; and in thanksgiving for my family, donated by Jackie Lanier

In memory of Kitty & Bill Hodgson and Barbara Scire, donated by Jean Gibson

In memory of Bill & Viola Holzworth, donated by Jerry & Suzanne Holzworth

In honor of The Rev. & Mrs. David Moor, donated by Lois Heffernan

In loving memory of Louis Bason, donated by Lynette Bason

In memory of fallen heroes, donated by Patrick & Linda Tillery

Donation from Paula Hitchcock

In memory of William O., and Janet R. Stone, donated by Ralph & Sally Roberts

In memory of Helen Blowers, donated by Ron & Joyce Burke

Donation by Russ and Bud

For Christmas joy and blessings for my family, donated by Siegrid McAskill

In memory of Bill Gordon & Wally Lukow, donated by Steve & Camille Lukow

In memory of Elmer & Laura Laird, donated by their daughter, Susan Karl

In honor of Nancy Gibbons, donated by Sylvia Clark

In memory of Eric Landis, donated by Tam Lee

In honor of Chris Garavaglia, donated by The Rev. Roger & Liz Hungerford

In memory of Thomas & Carolyn Mowlds; Gerald & Karen Glowacki; & Richard & Barbara Zdani,
donated by Tyler & Mateja Mowlds

In honor of Don Jerrems, Jacqueline, Jordan, & Piper Cook, donated by Warren Jerrems

Plus, a few Anonymous Gifts



Christmas Day Service
Sunday, December 25, 2022 at 9:00am

Wherever you are in your faith journey,
you are welcome here.

The people and clergy of Holy Cross wish you and your loved ones a most
blessed and joyous Christmas. May the Lord guard your travels, give you
rest with family and friends, and fill you with His love.

May peace always be your's. *Amen*

The Head of the Church: *Our Lord Jesus Christ*

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