

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 24

Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday, November 25

Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL: BRIEF HISTORY

In the night of 18 July 1830, Postulant Catherine Labouré heard a tap on her cell door in the convent on Rue du Bac in Paris. The door opened to a young child who told Catherine to follow him. He was illuminated as they walked the dark hallway to the chapel. Waiting for her was the Virgin Mary sitting in the sanctuary in the Sisters of Charity director's chair. Catherine knelt before the Blessed Mother, placing her folded hands on the Virgin's knees. The Blessed Virgin told her "to come to the altar where great graces are waiting for all who ask for them."

Four months later on 27 November, the Blessed Virgin appeared a second time in the chapel sanctuary standing on a large globe. She held a smaller globe which faded; multiple rings appeared on her fingers from which different colored rays of light beamed. Catherine understood these as symbolic of the graces that the Blessed Mother will pass on to those who ask for them. The vision changed again when, in the oval framing the standing Virgin, the words: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee" appeared. At that same moment, Catherine heard a voice instructing her to have a medal made of this scene and that anyone who confidently wore this medal

especially around the neck would receive abundant graces. The scene next revolved to show the reverse side of the oval. On it was Mary's monogram which illustrated: "to Jesus through Mary." The third vision nearly identical to the second.

Catherine told her confessor several times about the visions and the instructions given without success. It was not until 1832, that copies of the medal were first struck and not until 1836, that a commission to investigate the apparitions was approved. By then, however, people wearing the medal reported miracles, protections and graces received, especially patience. The popularly given title: Miraculous Medal.

Although it was widely known that a nun of the Sisters of Charity had received the Miraculous Medal, it was not publicized that it had been Catherine Labouré until her death in 1876.

My father, who has since passed away, wore a Miraculous Medal throughout his life. In the late 1960s and early 1970s various terrorist groups would hijack airplanes and take passengers hostage. My father traveled extensively for Exxon International. During one trip his international flight was hijacked and forced to land in Bahrain. The hijackers went through the cabin, taking any passengers they thought were Jewish, including my father. Out on the tarmac the prisoners were lined up and inspected by the hijackers. One guard noticed that my father's Miraculous Medal was sticking out between the buttons of his shirt. My father was put back on the plane and, a few hours later, the plane resumed its flight. None of the other prisoners had been returned to the plane.

—Jim Lee

Feast of the Miraculous Medal: November 27

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

We are blessed to have you worship with us as we nurture each other in faith. While visiting our community, we humbly ask you to consider investing in our parish offertory and Diocesan Appeal to ensure our parish and Diocese can be your partner in faith.

DIOCESAN APPEAL

As you plan your budget, consider a pledge. Use your bank's Bill Pay for auto-payments or use envelopes on the back table.

<https://thediocesanappeal.org/>

CURRENT STATUS: \$3,508 / GOAL: \$6,379



Holy Cross Parish

A welcoming, vibrant community committed to growing in and sharing the love of Jesus

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Christ the King, C

2 Samuel 5:1–3

Psalm 122

Colossians 1:12–20

Luke 23:35–43

Compassion Grows a New World

As disciples of Jesus, we are sent to wherever there is poverty, loneliness, suffering of any kind. We are given the courage to be with suffering people. We can trust by entering into places of pain, we will find the joy of Jesus. A new world grows out of compassion. —Henri Nouwen

"But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy." James 4:17

Jesus' early life and His public ministry. Lent begins with Holy Thursday evening. It is a Penitential Season; we are to penance and alms giving/works of charity. The 40 days of Lent recall Jesus' 40 days in the desert as well as the 40 years the Israelites spent wandering after escaping from Egypt led by Moses. Lent does not include Sundays; those days are set aside for celebrating the Resurrection.

The Paschal Triduum—Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday—is the three-day period named after Jesus' offering Himself as the New Covenant Passover Lamb and concludes with Vespers Easter Sunday. The Easter Season begins with Easter Vigil celebrations beginning after sundown on Holy Saturday, and concludes with Pentecost. This is the most joyous Season.

The second part of the Ordinary Time season begins the Monday after Pentecost, and goes the remainder of the year through until the final day before Advent. This Season acknowledges Christ as King of Kings and that we are living in the Age of the Church. This part of Ordinary Time is about the time between the Age of the Apostles and the Age of Christ's Second Coming, the Time we are preparing for. The final Sunday in Ordinary Time is the Feast of Christ the King, which falls right before or after Thanksgiving. Advent then begins the following Sunday.

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ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS: UNDERSTANDING THE CHURCH YEAR

In the Latin Rite Catholic Church, the Liturgical Calendar is the cycle of Seasons in the Church Year. It begins with the First Sunday of Advent and concludes at the final Saturday of Ordinary Time. The Church has six Seasons.

Advent is the first Season. The First Sunday of Advent begins closest Sunday to the Feast of Saint Andrew. Advent is the time for preparation for the Coming of Our Lord—both the anniversary of His Birth (Christmas) and His Second Coming. Advent ends December 24th.

The Christmas Season begins with the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) and continues through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Christmas Season is a time of happiness and rejoicing.

Ordinary Time is split into two parts. It begins the Monday after the Lord and continues the day before Ash Wednesday. The name for this season is not based on the understanding of the English word "ordinary" which means "plain, word "ordinalis"

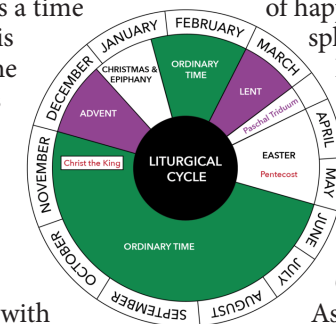
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For Reflection

- ★ Why do I think people had trouble accepting Jesus as King?
- ★ How can I show love and mercy like Jesus?

<https://young-catholics.com/3692/solemnity-of-christ-the-king-year-c/>

Holy Cross Parish

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Facebook: [tiny.cc/HCMorris](https://www.facebook.com/HCMorris)

Find our bulletin and Pastoral Council minutes on our website. If you have a notice for the bulletin, please email: holycrossRCchurch@gmail.com

MISSION

To care for the poor, abandoned, and the marginalized.

SCHEDULE

Mass: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word: Thursday, 10 a.m.

RECONCILIATION: St. Mary's Oneonta, every Saturday 4–4:45 p.m. Call the parish office (607-432-3920) for a different time.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastoral Associate (Parish Leader)

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Trustees

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

Richard Meyers (607) 263-5588

Parish Pastoral Council Chair

Kerry L. Mess (607) 386-1951

Parish Pastoral Council Members

Dana Mochovciak, Jenna Turner, Carol Tyson, Marguerite Webster

Liturgical Ministry

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

Faith Formation & RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults]

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Ministry to the Homebound

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Pope Leo XIV's November intention: May those tempted by suicide find support, care, and love they need in their community and be open to life's beauty.

Living Caring Community

HELP TO OFFER? NEED ASSISTANCE?

- ✧ Butternut Valley Food Pantry
166 Marion Avenue, Gilbertsville NY
(607) 783-2267
Thurs., 3–5 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
- ✧ The Lord's Table & Food Pantry
305 Main Street, Oneonta NY
(607) 432-1458
Mon./Weds./Fri., 4–5:30 p.m.
- ✧ The Magic Closet
158 East Main Street, Morris NY
(607) 263-5116 or (607) 263-5859
Weds./Sat. 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
- ✧ My Neighbor's Closet
3097 County Highway 11, Hartwick NY
(607) 431-8320/cooperstownangel@gmail.com
Tues/Sat: 9 a.m.–12 p.m. / Weds: 4–7 p.m.
Contact if you need someone to shop for you and coordinate getting you items.
- ✧ Helios Grief Support
Group counseling for adults in Otsego, Schoharie, Delaware counties. See helios-care.org; call (607) 432-5525.



To register: <https://tinyurl.com/bcemc88a>

Upcoming Events

- 11/23: Faith formation after mass
Young Adults Group, 11:30 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
Butternut Valley Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, 3 p.m., United Methodist, Morris
Online Service, 7–8:15 p.m. (see left box)
- 11/26: Thanksgiving Vigil Mass, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 11/27: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
- 11/28: St. Mary's 50th Annual Thanksgiving Meal (see back page for details)
- 11/30: Advent Fair after mass, parish hall
- 12/04: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
- 12/07: Faith Formation after mass
- 12/08: Immaculate Conception mass, 9 a.m.
Mass, 12:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 12/10: Penance Service, 12:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta
- 12/14: Coffee hour after mass, parish hall
- 12/21: Joshua Tree after mass
- 12/24: Christmas Eve Mass, 4 p.m.
- 12/25: Christmas Mass, 10:30 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

NOVEMBER: TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE

In this last week of the church year, please pick up your photos from the table at the back of church.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Mass Attendance: 56

Collection: \$968.00

Human Development: \$277.00

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Greeter: Marguerite Webster

Lector: Daphne Thompson

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Tyson, Toni Zaleski, Diane Turner

November 30

Greeter: John O'Brien

Lector: Marguerite Webster

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Mass Intention

For the soul of Pat Stensland, mother of Mike Stensland

If you would like to request an intention for a mass, call Kerry (607) 386-1951 with the intention, your name, and call back number OR use the parish email (see left panel).

Pray for

- ✧ for the sick, their caregivers, and all who asked for our prayers, especially Sr. Theresa Ahern MSBT, Kathleen Barry, Jo Franklin, Sarah Grogan, Agnes Huff, Maureen Joy, Nadine Joy, John Kristofik, Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Carol and Jessica Mac-Cumber, Jeffrey Meyers, Teresa Meyers, Rich Morley, Mark Muller, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, John O'Brien, Kathy Osborne, Maria Papendrea, Scarlett Parry, Evelyn Rowe, Martin Smith, Mike Stensland, Pat Stensland, Joe and Carol Tyson, Janet VanZandt, John Zaleski
- ✧ for all those in our parish family serving in the military and all first responders and emergency personnel: Ryan Barry, Jim Barry, Meghan Barringer
- ✧ for the deceased members of our parish and their families and friends
- ✧ in thanksgiving for the Miraculous Medal ministry & Jim Lee connecting Holy Cross