

Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you. **Luke 6:38**

**FINANCIAL UPDATE: Fiscal Year: 09/01/2023-08/31/2024**

Weekly Budget:	\$3,100	YTD Budget:	\$80,600
Weekly Collection <b>2/25/2024:</b>	<b>\$1,990</b>	YTD Weekly Collection:	\$52,328
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$140	YTD R&M Collection:	\$3,502
YTD <b>Surplus</b> (Shortfall): \$(24,770)			

Special Collections: Fuel Offering was \$58, Sanctuary Candles was \$10, Ash Wednesday/Priests Retirement of the Worcester Diocese was \$10, Easter Flowers was \$50, One Church in Latin America was \$81, and a donation of \$1,500 was received from Chair City Oil, Inc. Thank you.



Holy Cross is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the annual Partners in Charity appeal. Our parish goal is **\$18,800**. Please complete your pledge envelope, indicating your gift or pledge today. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2024 appeal, we thank you. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. You can also make your gift online at [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net). Thank you!



**SANCTUARY CANDLES:** M/M Joseph Arsenault, M/M Michael Beaulieu, M/M Thomas Benbenek, Raymond Boudreau, M/M Thomas Chapman, Dean & Jean Crowley, Patricia Flynn, M/M James Haverty, M/M Scott Huntoon, M/M John Jasinski, M/M Jim Killay, M/M Raymond LeBlanc, M/M Yvon LeBlanc, M/M Robert LeMieur, M/M Robert LeVangie, M/M Larry Martin, M/M Frank Moschetti, Suzanne Racette, M/M Fern Stellato, M/M Pete Valliere, Edward Yablonski, M/M Michael Yablonski, & **In Memory of:** Nancy Anderson, Helena Breton & Frederic Stacy, Steven Charland, Deacon Arthur & Leah Chartier, Michael John Crowley, Michael Fichtel, Rachel & Chuck Frenier, Stanley & Nellie Koczan, Gloria Magnuson, Rachel Maillet, Anthony J. Manca, Fr. Lawrence Mudduse, Fr. George O'Brien, Damien Royer, Paul Tourigny, and Barbara Yablonski.

**PROJECT RACHEL** is the Catholic Church's ministry of healing and reconciliation to those wounded by a past abortion. Services are free and strictly confidential. Call 508-791-HOPE (4673) to begin your healing journey. Learn more at [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com).

**ABUSE VICTIMS:** If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the church, and you need a place to talk with someone about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, contact the Victim Services Coordinator, Office for Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363, direct line. A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

# Church of the Holy Cross



**March 3, 2024, Third Sunday of Lent**

**Rectory: 25 Lake Avenue, Templeton, MA 01468**  
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**Parish Council: Thomas Royer, Chair, Phone: 978.939.2593**

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

- Holy Days of Obligation: As announced.
- Eucharistic Adoration: Last Tuesday of the month, 6:00-7:00pm.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:30-4:15pm and anytime by appointment.
- Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the rectory for registration, preparation and details.
- Sacrament of Matrimony: Please call the rectory at least one year in advance of the desired date to begin the Couple to Couple Marriage Preparation Program.
- Sacrament of the Sick/Communion Calls: Please notify the rectory if anyone is hospitalized or confined to home due to illness, handicap or age, so that we may keep them in prayer, visit them and support them with the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and the Sick.

**New Parishioners:** We welcome you into our parish family and invite you to enter fully into our spiritual and social life. Please introduce yourself after Mass and arrange to enroll as a member.

**Coffee Hour:** You are cordially invited to join us in our Church Hall, the first Sunday of every month, after the 7:45am Mass. Good conversation and tasty treats. We hope to see you there.

**Parish Bulletin:** All items must be submitted in writing at the rectory prior to 9:30am on Monday mornings, preferably 2 weeks in advance.

**Parish Council:** Every parishioner is welcome to submit items for consideration, by calling the rectory or through any council member. You may contact Thomas Royer, Chair at 978.939.2593.

**Religious Education:** For information about our Religious Education Program, Grades K-11, please contact Elizabeth Schroeder, Coordinator, at hcchurchet@gmail.com.


**AA Meetings:** Wednesdays 7:00 pm in the Church Hall.

**Pastoral Ministries:** There are many opportunities for ministry to our fellow parishioners. You are invited to volunteer your time and talent by expressing your interest to the Pastor or to members of the Parish Council or the Religious Education Program.

**Rosary Devotion:** The Rosary is commonly recited 30 minutes before weekday Masses on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.


**Weekday Mass in Winter:** When conditions warrant delays or school cancellations, there will be no mass. Mass intentions that were scheduled will be transferred to the next available Mass. We value the lives of our parishioners and want everyone to stay safe.

MEETING SCHEDULE			
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat.
Tuesday	6:30pm	Knights of Columbus	
Wednesday	7:00pm	AA	
Thursday	7:00pm	Boy Scouts	

  
**ROSE OF LIFE:** Each week a parishioner/family places a rose in the vase at the Blessed Mother's statue to express witness to the sanctity of life. Please see the sign-up book at the main entrance to participate.

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

**DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE** March 6 at St. Vincent de Paul, 18 Pleasant Street, Baldwinville. 6:00pm Confession and 7:00pm Service

 **THE WAY OF THE CROSS** every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm here at Holy Cross Church.

*Prayer Requests* You are requested to remember in your prayers the following: an anonymous cancer patient, Doris Bickford, Stacy Bishop, Jared Blais, Raymond Boudreau, Randall Carrol, Henry Connery III, Judy Davis, Mike Dembek, Ruby Dembek, Diana Earle, Jane Fleck, Frank Flynn, Gail Gabis, Tim Gatautis, Doris Geyster, Marley Guthrie, Paul Jurgelonis, Sandy Kulvete, Marie LeBlanc, Bob LeMieur, Joyce Moschetti, Kirk Moschetti, Simone Nash, Gabe Olszak, Kevin Richard, Judy Roberts, Jane Royer, Paul Saari, Maria Rose Schroeder, Marie Stellato, Joy Taintor, Marie Valeri, Carolyn Weaver, Gloria Wilder, Michael Young, and All affected by illness.

*Our Lady, Health of the Sick,  
we pray for the comfort of your love.*

## LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE

*Get more out of Sunday Mass, by reading ahead...*

### NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 10, 2024:  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
**2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23**  
**Ephesians 2:4-10**  
**John 3:14--21**



**EASTER FLOWERS:** Easter Flower Offering envelopes are available at the Church Entrances. Easter Altar Flowers may be given in memory of loved ones' whose names will appear in our Easter Remembrance listing and will have a special remembrance at our Masses during this Easter Season. To ensure your loved ones' names appear in the listing, return your envelope by **Sunday, March 24.** Blessings and Thank you.

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 2</b>
4:30pm	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 3</b>
7:45am	+Robert LeVangie by Bob & Judy
9:15am	<b>Mass at St. Martin's</b>
10:45am	+Ann Piaseczny by Joe
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 4</b>
8:00am	+Robert Charland by Laura Lawrence
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 5</b>
8:00am	+Tammy Keck by Laura Lawrence
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 6</b>
8:00am	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 9</b>
4:30pm	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 10</b>
7:45am	
9:15am	<b>Mass at St. Martin's</b>
10:45am	+Rob Gabis (12 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) by Gale Gabis

**ALTAR CARE:** This week Altar Care is provided by \_\_\_\_\_.