



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Holy Cross Community News & Updates

This Sunday marks the shift in our focus from Lent to Palm Sunday, followed by the Triduum services and then the joy of Easter Sunday.

This Sunday's readings are, as the author in this week's [blog post on Catholic Exchange](#) writes, "the longest Gospel narrative of the entire liturgical year." In her commentary, the author highlights a few points that that may help us all prepare to listen attentively.

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#### Holy Week

**Palm Sunday, March 20** | 10 AM Mass  
(starts with procession)

*(Note: Palms also will be blessed and distributed at the Saturday Vigil Mass, but there will be no procession)*



**Chrism Mass, Tuesday, March 22** | 2 PM  
St. Michael's in Cary

**Holy Thursday, March 24** | 7 PM

This Celebration of the Lord's Supper begins with the presentation of the oils from the Chrism Mass, includes the foot-washing ceremony and concludes with procession to the Altar for the Repose of the Eucharist. *This is the first day of The Paschal Triduum.*

**Good Friday, March 25** | 3 PM

This service begins in silence. The Passion will be presented in dramatic form. During the 10 intercessions, the congregation will remain standing, and will leave in silence at the conclusion of the service. *This is the second day of The Paschal Triduum.*

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 26** | 8 PM

The liturgy begins outside. Laurence Batterson and Frank Whitehead will be baptized, confirmed and receive their First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. A reception will follow the Easter

Vigil liturgy. *This is the third day of The Paschal Triduum.*

**Easter Sunday, March 27** | 10 AM Mass

*The Paschal Triduum closes with evening prayer this day. Parishioners may pray evening prayer at their homes.*

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## Easter Special for the Children

**Saturday, March 26** | 10 AM - Barbara Graham Easter Egg Hunt for children of the parish and the area community. Bring your smile and a basket to meet the Easter Bunny, find eggs and have lunch. Sign up in the Gathering Space this weekend. This event continues in memory of Barbara Graham, who enjoyed celebrating the season in this special way with Holy Cross children.



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## In our Faith Community

**Sunday, March 20** | CROP Walk

Holy Cross parishioners in tomorrow's Durham CROP Walk would appreciate your support. See the poster in the gathering space for those who have signed up to walk. Donations can be given directly to the walker or online at [Durham CROP Walk](#). Type in the name of the individual you would like to support or Holy Cross, if you'd rather support the team. While on line you can check out the value this annual CROP walk brings to those in need in the community of Durham and globally.

[Walkers: The CROP walk begins in front of the Chapel on Duke West Campus. Registration starts at 1:30 pm with the Global Village, Durham Community Concert Band and Warm-UP. Step-off is at 2:30 pm.]

**Friday, March 24** | Plant some potatoes.

If you have the time, you are welcome to help plant two beds of potatoes in the Holy Cross Community Garden. Planting will take place right after Good Friday services and won't take long. Bring any sprouted potatoes you have in your home pantry. The clients at Catholic Charities will appreciate your efforts.

**Supporting our Youth** | Jade Franco

Jade, a Holy Cross parishioner and a ninth-grader at the City of Medicine Academy, aspires to a medical career in obstetrics-gynecology. She is also a dancer and plans to participate in the Dance Quest competition being held on May 1 at the Durham Performing Arts Center. Jade will perform a lyrical piece that offers a tribute to women of breast cancer, an issue affecting millions of women, young and old. She is requesting parishioner support to help offset her fees for the competition and costumes. Donations of any amount can be made payable to WallTown Children's Theater, in her name. Most important, she also is asking for prayers of support from her Holy Cross community.

**Saturday, April 30** | Day of Reflection for Holy Cross Young Adults.

Keep our young adults and this event's organizers in prayer.

**Caribbean Mass** | June 5, with a visiting priest from Atlanta.

The Caribbean Group's 50/50 Raffle tickets will be available in the Gathering Space intermittently in the coming months to raise funds to support this annual event.

## Youth Notes

Faith formation continues on Sunday mornings prior to Mass. Parents are reminded that the Catholicism video series is ongoing for their own faith formation while their children are in class. Stop by the 'cry room' to join in, whenever you can. Those who have been coming have commented how much they enjoy it.

**May 10** | 10 AM Mass

First Communion will be celebrated at Holy Cross on May 10 during the 10 AM Mass. Pray for the children preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion.

**Coming Up**

Middle and High School students will be participating in a 'lock-in' event in the near future. Details coming soon.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER

**June 13-16** | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Vacation Bible School: Egypt - Joseph's journey from prison to palace. Those interested in volunteering are asked to contact [Jeanetta Hopkins](#), director of religious education.

**July 11 - July 22** | Registration deadline: 5 PM, April 4

Exxon Mobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp for Middle-School Youth, being hosted at NC Central University. The theme for this year's hands-on learning experience is "[Preparing for My Future: One STEM at A Time.](#)" [Apply here](#). Contacts for more details: Dr. Devetta Holman Nasbeing, 919 949-2184 or Rob Chapman, 919-471-1970.

## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**April 18** | Durham Senior Games & Silver Arts - Register by 5 PM March 25

[Durham Senior Games and Silver Arts](#) is an annual event that provides Mature Adults (50+) the opportunity to compete in a host of athletic and artistic activities in various locations around Durham. Click the link for details and registration information. Contact Bridgette Michael Honeycutt 919-560-4296 or Dreda Guion 919-682-3254.

**April 16** | The Human Race, 10 AM

Families: Run, Walk, or Roll Your Way to Room at the Inn! The Human Race will take place at the Greensboro Coliseum. It includes a competitive 5K race route and a non-

competitive short distance walking route. Friendly pets and strollers are welcome. Can't make the race but still interested in supporting Room at the Inn? Visit the [team web page](#) to learn more or make a contribution. Please contact Kathleen [by email](#) or call 336-207-3785 for details.

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