

Holy Cross . . . a place where YOUth belong

Youth Ministry News

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Holy Cross Youth Ministry Commission is committed to empowering the youth of our parish by nurturing and affirming their gifts, talents and self-esteem.

**Confirmation Candidates
Calendar of Important Events**
(Your attendance is required)

Celebrate Holy Week, March 28-April 3
See schedule on back of this page

Sunday, March 28

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation Session – Hall
Year 1: The Parables of Jesus
Year 2: Fruits of the Spirit/The Gift of
Reverence (Letters to the Bishop due)

Thursday, April 1

7:30 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, April 4

Easter Mass

Sunday, April 11

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Confirmation Session
Year 1: Scripture: God Speaks to You
Year 2: Your Confirmation Name/
Gift of Wonder and Awe

Sunday, April 18

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal
(Year 2 Candidates and Sponsors)

Friday, April 23

7 p.m. Confirmation Celebration
Candidates & Sponsors arrive by 6:30 p.m.
Reception given by Year 1 Candidates and
Families follows in the Hall.



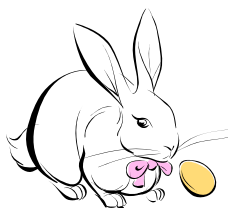
Final Confirmation Interviews

for Year 2 Candidates will be held from
Monday, March 29 through Friday, April 9.
Candidates are to bring their journals, and
service reflection sheets to this interview.
Sign up at the March 28 session for a time
that works with your schedule.

April Service Opportunities

Good Friday Morning Prayer

April 2 at 8:30 a.m.
Teens needed as readers and cantors
Sign up at March 28 Confirmation Session



Easter Egg Hunt

after all Masses on Easter Sunday, April 4
Teens are needed to help with this event
for the children of our parish. Sign up at
March 28 Confirmation Session.



Host Fair Trade Coffee / Chocolate Sales

Teens and families are needed for this Social Justice Project on
a regular basis.

Coming up in May

Sunday, May 2: Confirmation Session
(Mystagogia)

May 3 – 14: Confirmation 1 Interviews

Saturday, May 8: Parish Auction
(possible service opportunity)

Sunday, May 16: Youth Ministry Event (TBA)

Sunday, May 23: Atomic Bowling 6-8 p.m.

Summer Leadership Opportunity

Confirmed teens interested in being part of the Youth Leader
Team are invited to participate in the Serra Leadership
Institute to be held at Camp Saint Francis the last weekend in
June (June 28 – July 2). Cost is \$165 and includes lodging,
food, supplies and t-shirt. Scholarships are available from the
Youth Ministry Office.

Lenten Reconciliation: Wednesday, March 30, 7 p.m. Holy Cross Church



Celebrate Holy Week, March 28-April 3

Palm (Passion) Sunday ~ March 28

- Solemn procession and distribution of palms at all Masses
- Bilingual Stations of the Cross on the field – after 12:30 Mass (~ 1:45 p.m.)



Chrism Mass ~ Monday March 29

- Madonna del Sasso Church in Salinas, 11 a.m.
- The oil used for Confirmation (Chrism) and all sacred oils are blessed by the Bishop.
- Alex Benko will represent the Confirmation candidates from our parish and receive this oil from the Bishop to bring back. All are welcome to attend.



Holy Thursday ~ April 1, 7:30 p.m. ~

Mass of the Lord's Supper

This begins our celebration of the Triduum

- Alex will bring the Chrism received on Monday up in procession at this Mass.
- We also remember Christ's instructions to be servants as we wash each other's feet.
- We celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and priesthood at this Mass as well.
- The Eucharist is placed in repose in our Mission chapel with a solemn procession at the end of the Mass
- Confirmation candidates traditionally dress the altar and bring up the gifts at this Mass.



Good Friday ~ April 2

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

- Youth-Led Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
- **16th Annual Cross Walk** from Holy Cross to St. Joseph's in Capitola meet at 9 a.m. in Holy Cross Parking Lot
- Good Friday Liturgy in English – 12:30 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross – 2:30 p.m.
- Good Friday Liturgy in Spanish– 7:30 p.m.



Saturday, April 3 ~ Easter Vigil ~ 8 p.m.

- Begins with the lighting of the Easter Fire
- Continues with the readings of Salvation History
- Adults in the RCIA process are Baptized, Confirmed and receive Eucharist for the 1st time.
- Our first celebration of the Resurrection!



Sunday, April 4 ~ EASTER!

- Masses at 7, 8:30, 11:00 and 12:30 (Spanish)
- Easter Egg Hunt for parish children after all Masses

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