



# Holy Cross

## Faith Formation ⊕ Spring 2024

At Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross, we are committed to being a community that supports one another in a life of deep discipleship of Jesus Christ. We care for the formation of all ages. We offer Children's Chapel each Sunday for our youngest members, Faith First Sundays once a month for the whole family, Youth Group for our teens, EpiscoPals for our 20s and 30s, Tuesday night and Wednesday morning classes for all adults, and OWLS for our older members. See our spring schedule below and read all about it on the reverse side. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, Holy Cross welcomes you, just as you are, to share in the transforming power of God's love.

### SUNDAYS

**Nursery Nook:** now available in the narthex entryway for families with young children to use during worship as they wish

**Children's Chapel:** young children learn Bible stories during the sermon at 10am worship

**Faith First Sundays:** a fun, fellowship meal and intergenerational learning time following 10am worship on the first Sunday of each month

**Lent book study:** 9am during Lent (see reverse)

**Newcomers Classes:** April 14-28 (see reverse)

### TUESDAY EVENINGS

adult education classes on Zoom, 7-8:30pm:

**When Prayer Loses Its Meaning** Jan 16-Feb 6  
delve into the subtle nuances of prayers often recited by rote, such as the Lord's Prayer, Collect for Purity, and Post-Communion Prayer

**Foundations of the Faith** Feb 20-Mar 26  
learn about the Church's view of the Sacraments, Scripture, History, Beliefs, etc. Open to all, required for those seeking confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church

**Easter season** to be announced

### REGULAR EVENTS

**Wednesday Bible/Book Study** on the upcoming Sunday's scripture readings and select books on Zoom, 10:30am-Noon

**Youth Group:** for teens in 6th - 12th grade, see reverse side for dates

**EpiscoPals:** for people in their 20s and 30s, Bible study first Wednesdays 7:30pm, fellowship lunch third Sundays at 11:30am

**OWLS:** (older, wiser, laughing souls) meets Mar. 7 and May 2 at 11:30am for lunch and program

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Final Hallelujah** music jam: Feb. 11, 11:30am

**Pancake Supper:** Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6-7:30pm

**Ash Wednesday:** Wednesday, Feb. 14

7am, Noon, 5pm (children's service), 7pm

**Maundy Thursday:** Thursday, March 28, 7pm

**Good Friday:** Friday, March 29, 7pm

**Holy Saturday:** Saturday, March 30, 7pm

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday, March 31, 8am/10am

**Bishop's Visitation and Confirmations:**

Sunday, April 14

**Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont:** Friday, May 31-

Sunday, June 1

## Faith First Sundays

for all ages, first Sunday of the month

Join us after the 10am worship service for a fun, intergenerational fellowship and learning time as we enjoy lunch, learn together, and have fun celebrating the following days:

**Feb. 4** Preparing for the season of Lent

**Mar. 3** Preparing for Holy Week

**Apr. 7** Celebrating the season of Easter

**May 5** Preparing for the season of Pentecost

## Confirmation Classes

in preparation for April 14th

Join us for the Foundations of the Faith class on Tuesday nights Feb 20-Mar 26, 7-8:30pm on Zoom, to prepare for membership at Holy Cross and/or reception into the Episcopal Church when our a bishop visits us on Sunday, April 14th.

## Youth Group

6th-12th grade youth meet first  
Sundays of the month, 4-6pm

Formation, fellowship, food, and fun:

**Sunday, March 3**

What is Lent and Holy Week?

**Sunday, April 7**

A combined regional Episcopal youth bowling trip and dinner. More info to be announced.

**Sunday, May 5**

What is Pentecost? Plus Cinco de Mayo!

**Sunday, June 2**

What is Ordinary Time?

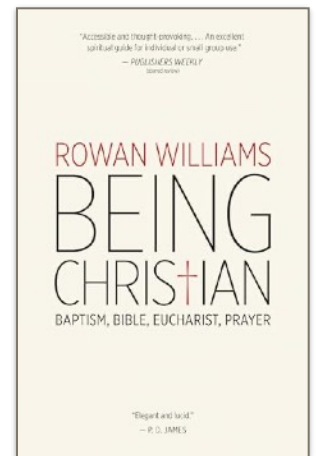


## Lenten Book Study

Sundays (Feb 18-March 17) 9am or on Zoom

Wednesdays (Feb 21-March 20) 10:30am

In this simple, beautifully written book Rowan Williams (former Archbishop of Canterbury, head of the Anglican Communion of which the Episcopal Church is a member) explores four essential components of the Christian life: baptism, Bible, Eucharist, and prayer. Despite huge differences in Christian thinking and practice both today and in past centuries, he says, these four basic elements have remained constant and indispensable for the majority of those who call themselves Christians.



## Newcomers Classes

for all new and inquiring members

Come learn (or relearn!) the essentials of the Episcopal church, following 10am worship:

April 14 Episcopal & Anglican History

April 21 The Book of Common Prayer

April 28 Getting involved at Holy Cross