

# *Baccalaureate Mass*

Class of 2026

COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

*at THREE O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON*  
*THURSDAY, the TWENTY-FIRST of MAY*  
*TWO THOUSAND and TWENTY-SIX*





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BACCALAUREATE MASS  
CLASS OF 2026

Thursday, May 21, 2026  
*Three o'clock in the afternoon*

*Presider: Rev. Keith Maczkiewicz, S.J.*

*Associate Vice President for Mission and Ministry*

*Homilist: Rev. Brent Otto, S.J. '01*

*McFarland Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture & Department of History*

*Concelebrants: Rev. Andrew Garavel, S.J.*

*Superior of the Jesuit Community*

*Members of the Holy Cross Jesuit Community*

*Director of Liturgy & Music: Laurence Rosania*

*Chaplain/Liturgy: Emily Rauer Davis '99*

*Cantors: Katherine Quinn '26, AJ Mann '26*

*Altar Servers: Peter LaBorin '26, Alanna Mahar '26, Marie Meisner '26*

*Sacristan: Agnieszka Macko*

*Keyboard: Matthew Jaskot '06, Professor of Practice and Lecturer/Music*

*Baccalaureate Choir: Students, Faculty, and Staff of Holy Cross*

*Prof. Katie Gardiner, Director of College Choirs*

*Worcester Brass Consort, Douglas Weeks, Director*

*Lectors: Cristina Pedorella '26, Josel Perez '26*

*Blessing: Eremi Racine '26*

*Gift bearers: Evan Garcia '26, Elaine Kelly '26*

*Banner Bearers: Ashley Bunici '26, Gabriella Dineen '26,*

*Charlotte Fallon '26, Lucy Hathaway '26, Scarlett McGuire '26*

### *Translations and Captioning*

Audio translations and captioning are available via the Wordly AI platform in more than 200 languages. English captions will be available on a large display screen in the venue.

To access the platform, scan the following QR code with your phone's camera app.

*Please note:* for audio, guests will need to use headphones or earbuds. Please see the information table at the event entrance if you do not have any. Depending on your wi-fi connection, you may need to use cellular data to access the app.



Dear Members of the Class of 2026,

As you conclude your time as undergraduates at Holy Cross, we hope you leave us knowing you are the beloved of God. As God's beloved, we pray you will continue to grow in interior freedom, and live with the sense of purpose and imagination needed to contribute to the creation of a hope-filled future for all.

May the Gospel values of community, justice, faith, hope, and love guide you in all you do. May the Holy Cross community serve as a touchstone for your faith in the years to come.

With gratitude for this time we have journeyed together,

*The College Chaplains*

*Office of the College Chaplains*

Marybeth Kearns-Barrett '84, Director

Emily Rauer Davis '99 • Megan Fox-Kelly '99

Andrew Garavel, S.J. • Salena Ibrahim • Martin Kelly

Mary LaVigne-Greeley • Laura Nelson

Laurence Rosania • Paula Shanley



**PRELUDE** Brass Music: Worcester Brass Consort

HALLELUYA! WE SING YOUR PRAISES

*Traditional South African*

Halleluya! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

**WELCOME** Marybeth Kearns-Barrett '84  
*Director, Office of the College Chaplains*

**ENTRANCE** O HOLY SPIRIT

*Text: Veni Sancte Spiritus - 12<sup>th</sup> c.*

*Tune: Lasst uns Erfreuen, Cologne, 1623*

1. O Holy Spirit, by whose breath  
Life rises vibrant out of death: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come to create, renew, inspire,  
Come, kindle in our hearts your fire, Alleluia!
2. In you God's energy is shown,  
To us your varied gifts make known, Alleluia, alleluia!  
Teach us to speak, teach us to hear;  
Yours is the tongue and yours the ear. Alleluia!
3. Flood our dull senses with your light;  
In mutual love our hearts unite. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your pow'r the whole creation fills;  
Confirm our weak, uncertain wills. Alleluia!
4. From inner strife grant us release;  
Turn nations to the ways of peace, Alleluia, alleluia!  
To fuller life your people bring  
That as one body we may sing: Alleluia!



## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### GREETING

*Presider:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All:* **Amen.**  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the  
love of God, and the communion of the  
Holy Spirit be with you all.

*All:* **And with your spirit.**

### PENITENTIAL ACT

*from MASS OF ST. AUGUSTINE - Music: Leon Roberts*

*Cantor:* *Lord, have mercy.*      *All:* **Lord, have mercy.**  
*Christ, have mercy.*                      **Christ, have mercy.**  
*Lord, have mercy.*                      **Lord, have mercy.**

### COLLECT



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*(please be seated)*

**READING I** Sirach 50:22-24

*Lector:* Cristina Pedorella '26

And now, bless the God of all,  
who has done wondrous things on earth;  
Who fosters people's growth from their mother's womb,  
and fashions them according to his will!  
May he grant you joy of heart and may peace abide among you;  
May his goodness toward us endure in Israel  
to deliver us in our days.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 118 – *Setting: Luke Mayernik*

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!**

**READING II** Colossians 3:12-17

*Lector: Josel Perez '26*

*(read in Spanish)*

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*Reader:* Palabra de Dios

*All:* **Te alabamos, Señor.**

*(please stand as you are able)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA**

MOUNT ST. JAMES MASS – *Music: Laurence Rosania*

**GOSPEL**      Matthew 7:7-11  
*Read by Rev. Andrew Garavel, S.J.*

*Fr. Garavel:*    The Lord be with you.

*All:*            **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find;

knock, and it will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks receives,

and the one who seeks finds,

and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Or what person is there among you who,

when his son asks for a loaf of bread,

will give him a stone?

Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?

So if you, despite being evil,

know how to give good gifts to your children,

how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good

things to those who ask Him!

*Fr. Garavel:*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*All:*            **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(please be seated)*

**HOMILY**      Rev. Brent Otto, S.J. '01

*(please stand as you are able)*

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

*Responses:*   **Lord, hear our prayer. / Te rogamos, óyenos.**

For the Church and our Holy Father, Pope Leo, for all gathered here this day, and for all the people of God, we pray to the Lord:

Por todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas de todas las fes, que sirven al prójimo y trabajan siempre por la justicia y la paz . . .

*For our brothers and sisters of every faith tradition, who serve others and work always for the cause of justice and peace . . .*

For reconciliation among those divided by religious and civil strife, for a lasting peace in nations torn apart by war, and for the right of human dignity for all people . . .

Por todas las personas que hemos conocido en nuestras experiencias de servicio durante estos años, y por todas las comunidades que hemos visitado en las excursiones de inmersión domésticas . . .

*For all the people we have met in our service experiences over the years, and for all the communities we have met on domestic immersion excursions . . .*

For the members of the Class of 2026 as they go forward from Holy Cross, and for those who will be engaged in post-graduate service programs, that God may ever guide their steps and richly bless their lives . . .

Por nuestras familias que nos han apoyado durante estos años, por los que no están físicamente con nosotros pero están presentes en espíritu . . .

*For our families who supported us during these four years, for those who are unable to join us today but are present in Spirit . . .*

For the students, faculty, administration, staff, and alumni of the College of the Holy Cross, our trustees and benefactors, the members of the Society of Jesus, for all the sick, the faithful departed, and the deceased parents and family members of our students . . .

Por las oraciones que mantenemos en el silencio de nuestros corazones . . .

*For the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts . . .*



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### MUSIC AT THE PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

MAY THE ROAD RISE TO MEET YOU

*Refrain: Traditional Irish blessing*

*Verses: Ecclesiastes 3: 2-8; Music: Lori True*

*Conductor: Lauren Mlicko '26*

*Refrain: May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be at your back,  
may the sun shine warm upon your face.  
May the rain fall softly on your fields  
and until we meet again,  
May you keep safe in the gentle,  
loving arms of God.*

1. For everything there is a season  
A time for meeting, a time to say goodbye;  
In all things God is near always guiding your way.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*(Please stand as you are able)*

*Presider: Pray, brothers and sisters...the almighty Father.*

*All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.***

*The Lord be with you.*

**And with your spirit.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right and just.**

## MASS ACCLAMATIONS

*A COMMUNITY MASS – Richard Proulx*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes**

**in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Mystery of Faith*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,**

**we proclaim your Death, O Lord,**

**until you come again.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(you are invited you to pray with us in your own language)*

## SIGN OF PEACE

*Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

*All: **And with your spirit.***

## FRACTION RITE

*Setting: David Clark Isele*

**Lamb of God, you take away  
the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away  
the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away  
the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

*Presider:* Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*All:* **Lord, I am not worthy that you should  
enter under my roof, but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

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*All are most welcome to come forward in the communion procession. If you are not Catholic or are otherwise not prepared to receive the Eucharist, cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing.*

*If you require a low-gluten host, please come to the center aisle on the floor. We ask that you kindly help us maintain an atmosphere of prayer and reverence during Communion.*

*Todos son muy bienvenidos a acercarse en la procesión de la comunión. Si usted no es Católico o, por cualquier otro motivo, no está preparado para recibir la Eucaristía, cruce los brazos sobre el pecho para indicar que desea recibir una bendición.*

*Si necesita una hostia baja en gluten, por favor acérquese por el pasillo central. Le pedimos amablemente que nos ayude a mantener un ambiente de oración y reverencia durante la Comunión.*

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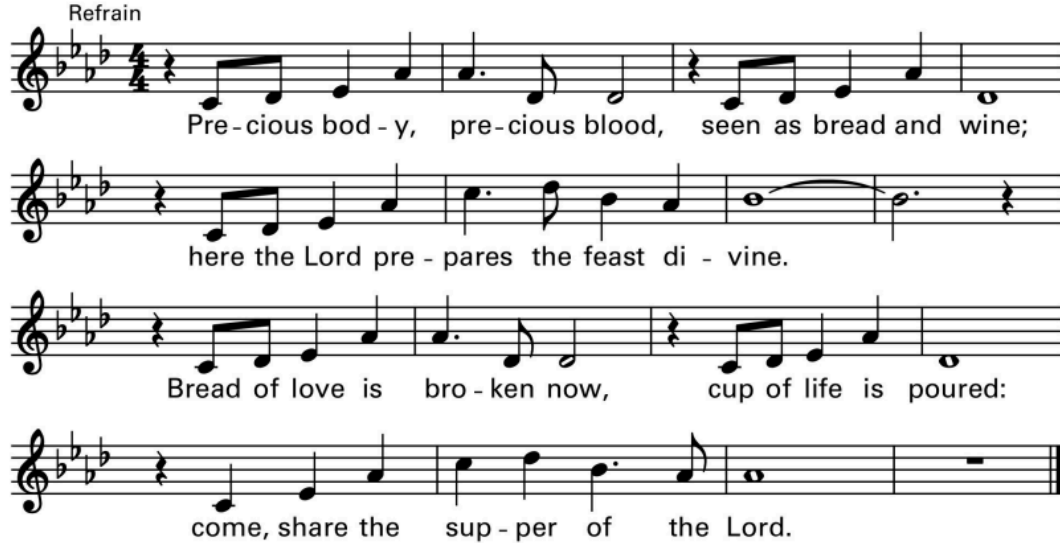
## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

### THE SUPPER OF THE LORD

*Text: based on Gospel of John 4 & 6*

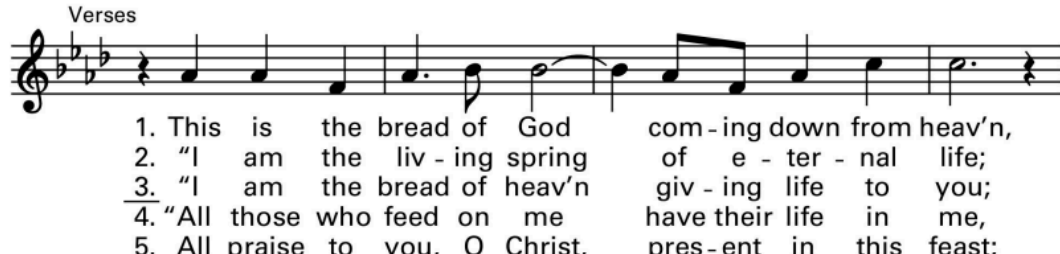
*Music: Laurence Rosania*

Refrain




Pre-cious bod - y, pre-cious blood, seen as bread and wine;  
here the Lord pre - pares the feast di - vine.  
Bread of love is bro - ken now, cup of life is poured:  
come, share the sup - per of the Lord.

Verses



1. This is the bread of God com - ing down from heav'n,  
2. "I am the liv - ing spring of e - ter - nal life;  
3. "I am the bread of heav'n giv - ing life to you;  
4. "All those who feed on me have their life in me,  
5. All praise to you, O Christ, pres - ent in this feast;



1. giv - ing life to us, to all the world.  
2. you that drink from me shall not thirst a - gain."  
3. you that eat this bread shall nev - er die."  
4. as I have my life in the liv - ing God."  
5. in this bread, we share in one life, one Lord.

Text: Verses 1-4 based on John 4, 6.  
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THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

*Music: John Rutter, English, b. 1945; Text: Numbers 6:24-26*

*Conductor: Prof. Katie Gardiner*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you  
and give you peace.



## CONCLUDING RITES

### **BLESSING OF THE CLASS OF 2026**

Class Chaplain Marty Kelly

### **BLESSING OF PARENTS AND FAMILIES BY THE CLASS OF 2026**

Eremi Racine '26

### **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And with your spirit.**

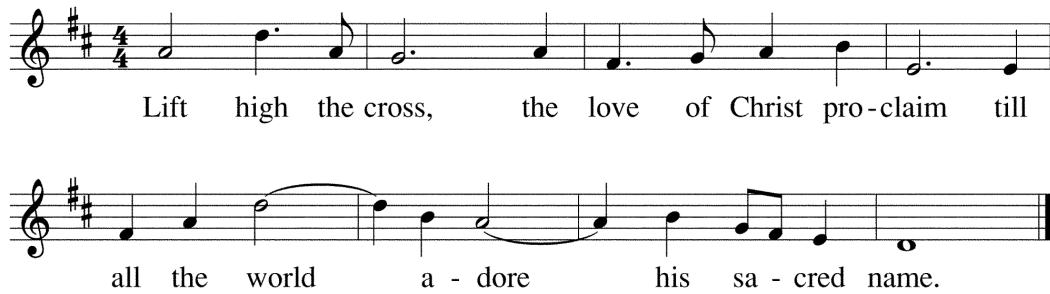
May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN    LIFT HIGH THE CROSS



Musical notation for the hymn "Lift High the Cross". The music is written on two staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name."

POSTLUDE                    Worcester Brass Consort

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***THE COLLEGE GRATEFULLY RECOGNIZES  
THE FOLLOWING SENIORS  
GOING ON TO POST-GRADUATE SERVICE PROGRAMS***

Greyson Brady	Jesuit Volunteer Corps
Fiona Nelson	Two-Year Teaching Program
Deirdre Devine	Two-Year Teaching Program
Danielle Soriano	JVC: Northwest
Mary Claire Griffin	JVC
Allison Sawyer	JVC
Laurel Denneen	Two-Year Teaching Program
Peter Kehoe	JVC: Northwest
Elena Filipowicz	JVC
Emma Simone Coonan	JVC
Sophia Mariani	JVC
Katherine Quinn	Two-Year Teaching Program
Connor Nee	Two-Year Teaching Program
Phoebe Wong	Americorps
Abigail White	Nativity Schools
Claire Kraemer	JVC



*Finally, beloved, whatever is true,  
whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just,  
whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely,  
whatever is commendable,  
if there is any excellence  
and if there is anything worthy of praise,  
think about these things.*

*-Philippians 4:8*

#### THE HOLY CROSS BANNER

The cross on the cover of this program is taken from the banner behind the altar today. A gift of the Holy Cross Jesuit Community for the 1997 Baccalaureate Mass, the banner was designed by John Buscemi and fabricated by Judy Dioszegi and Debbie Vicino. The same design appears several times in the College's Mary Chapel.

The cross, from which the College derives its name, is central to the life of this community. The cross depicted today has four quadrants representing four years of college, and reflect the different times of life echoed in the four seasons. Just as the cross was the passageway from death to life for Jesus, so the center of this cross is an invitation to the many passages that college offers. The ends of the cross expand beyond the edges of the banner, inviting those who have lived under this sign to go out into the world as "men and women for and with others."



#### FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE...

Rest rooms are located under the stadium bleachers (outdoors/Fitton Field)  
or in the lobby (indoors/ Luth Athletic Center).

-Water is available on the tables to the rear of the seating sections.

-If you or someone nearby requires medical attention,  
please see one of the greeters or Public Safety officers.

*Thank you for joining us on this occasion of celebration and blessing!*



**Holy Cross**