

*"We adore You O Christ and we praise you.  
Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world."*

## **Holy Cross Church**

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**Masses:**

Sunday – 10:30 am  
Wednesday & Friday – 6:00 pm

**Reconciliation:**

By appointment only

**Baptisms:**

By appointment only

**Marriages:**

Six months in advance

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of May 8, 2016**

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** 6:00pm Bill Kainer, Claudette Wilson, †Roxanne Ramirez

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** 6:00pm Bill Kainer, Ellie Palmer, †Roxanne Ramirez

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** 10:30am † Millie Vesely, †Gladys Duncan  
Bill Kainer, Ellie Palmer

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** 10:30am Robert Vesely, †Rita Vesely, †Msgr. Patrick Higgins, Bill Kainer, Ellie Palmer

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** 10:30am †Ernesto Jaimez (by Sylvia Davila)

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** 10:30am †Roxanne Ramirez, †Aunt Jinks Elliot (by Vesely family)

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>** John & Becky Sheldon Family

**ALTAR MINISTRY**

| <b>Date</b>            | <b>Lector</b>     | <b>Altar Servers</b>                               | <b>Ext Ministers</b>                            |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>5/8</b><br>10:30am  | David<br>Emrich   | Sydney Jackson<br>Joshua Ramirez<br>Krista Ramirez | Fern Carter<br>Korey Hardeman<br>Dolores Vesely |
| <b>5/15</b><br>10:30am | Terri<br>Longoria | Elijah Ramos<br>Olivia Ramos<br>Rayven Ramos       | Ray Ramos<br>Erika Ramos<br>Dolores Vesely      |
| <b>5/22</b><br>10:30am | Gladys<br>Tilley  | Sydney Jackson<br>Hannah Perez<br>Jenna Perez      | Fern Carter<br>Ray Ramos<br>Dolores Vesely      |

**USHERS**

**5/8** Liz Gomez, Chris Greenwood, Terri Longoria, Roland Woodson

**5/15** Sylvia Davila, David Longoria, Cynthia Shaw, William Tilley

**5/22** Liz Gomez, Margaret Jeter, Eunice Sharkey, Ann Woodson

**5/29** Sylvia Davila, Terri Longoria, William Tilley, Roland Woodson

**If you are unable to serve, please call the parish office as soon as possible. Please arrive fifteen minutes prior to Mass.**

***Thank you for your service to our parish!***

**The Message of Fatima: A Call to Conversion**

Our Lady of Fatima's message to the world is contained in what has become known as the three-part "Secret," which she confided to the children in July 1917. The first part of the "Secret" was a frightening vision of hell, "where the souls of poor sinners go," and contained an urgent plea from Our Lady for acts of prayer and sacrifice to save souls, with particular emphasis on praying of the rosary and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The second part of the "Secret" specifically prophesied the outbreak of World War II and predicted the immense damage that Russia would do to humanity by rejecting Christianity and spreading atheistic communism throughout the world.

The third part was not revealed until 2000. Sister Lucia, the last surviving Fatima visionary, confirmed that in the vision "the Bishop clothed in white," who prays for all the faithful, is the Pope. As he makes his way with great difficulty towards the Cross amid the corpses of those who were martyred (bishops, priests, consecrated religious and many lay people), he too falls to the ground, apparently dead, under a hail of gunfire. The vision evidently predicted the 1981 attack on Pope St. John Paul II's life and the Church's struggle against secularism and anti-Christian movements. The message of Fatima is a call to conversion through prayer, sacrifice and devotion to Our Lady of Fatima for peace in the world.



**News & Upcoming Events  
in our Parish & Diocese**

**Year of Mercy PARISH MISSION**

May 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>

Guest Preacher: Fr. Peter Marsalek, SOLT

**ST. MARTHA'S KITCHEN**

Come join us in St. Katharine Drexel Hall after Mass for fellowship, complementary coffee, juice, and taquitos for sale.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy Cross children will celebrate first holy communion on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday.



**HOLY ROSARY & PRAYER GROUP**

To commemorate our Lady's month of May everyone is invited to participate in the **Holy Rosary at 10am before Mass** in the Church. All are also invited to the Holy Cross Prayer Group at 6pm in the Msgr. Higgins Adoration Chapel.

**ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING**

Members of the Holy Cross Altar Society will be meeting on Sunday, May 22, after Mass in St. Katherine Drexel Hall.

**TREASURES of CATHOLIC TRADITION**  
**Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima**

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared six times to three shepherd children (Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta) at the village of Fatima, Portugal in 1917. Our Lady of Fatima promised peace to the world and that many souls would go to heaven if her requests were followed. She told us that war is a punishment for sin; that God would punish the world for its sins in our time by means of war, hunger, persecution of the Church and persecution of the Holy Father, the Pope, unless we listened to and obeyed the command of God.

As a confirmation of the truthfulness of our Lady's apparitions, God performed a marvelous miracle in the sky above Fatima before 70,000 witnesses on October 13, 1917 as prophesied by our Lady to the three visionaries. Rain was pouring down during the days and hours before the apparition. Suddenly the "clouds separated...and the sun appeared between them in the clear blue, like a disk of white fire." The people could look at the sun without blinking and while they gazed upward, the huge ball began to "dance".

The crowd was terrified, some even fearing this was the end of the world. However, the sun reversed course and returned to its normal place in the heavens. All of this transpired in approximately ten minutes. Many discovered their previously soaked clothing to be perfectly dry. Every person who was there testified to seeing the sun dance- even skeptics who immediately dropped onto their knees and begged for forgiveness.



**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-36; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13-21; Ps 103:1-20; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
- Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24-34; Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-26

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

Paul Carter, Gail Dement, Eula Shaw, Charlester Lewis, Fr. Seamus McGowan, Billie & Hector Munguia, Emily Petru, Gloria Rinche, Renalda Sharkey, John Sheldon, Atanacio Sanchez, Phillis Ridgels, Martha Moore, Marchant Bradford, Lamont Taylor, Lonnie R Jones, Darell Johnson, Henry G. Winn, Otis Jackson, Ray Ramos, Patricia Whitfield, Fern Carter, Louise Gazin, Maria Witherspoon, Josie Ramirez, Rosanne Ramirez, Les Edward Spear, Carolyn Satterwhite, Marylou Areola, Randy Ramirez, Dolores Vesely

**Birthdays for the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>**

- May 11<sup>th</sup> James Tansey
- May 12<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Jeter
- May 13<sup>th</sup> Eloy Garza



**May God fill your special day with his grace, joy, and blessings as you**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- May 10<sup>th</sup> St. Damien of Molokai
- May 12<sup>th</sup> St. Nereus and Achilleus, St. Pancras
- May 13<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Fatima
- May 14<sup>th</sup> St. Matthias

"Pray, pray much and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because they have no one to pray and make sacrifices for them... More souls go to Hell because of sins of the flesh than for any other reason."

*-Our Lady of Fatima to St. Jacinta and the Three Children on July 13, 1917*



"Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

*-2 Corinthians 9:7*

**Sunday Offering (May 1, 2016)**



- Adult Env. (43).....\$ 1228.00
- Children's Env.(6).....\$ 10.00
- Loose Currency.....\$ 33.00
- Second Collection.....\$ 273.74  
(Maintenance Fund)

**TOTAL \$ 1545.64**

**TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION:**

**Mother's Day Novena  
 Catholic Communications Campaign**

***May God bless you for your generous support!***

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