

*"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 22, 2016

May 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Bill Kainer, †Roxanne Ramirez, Claudette Wilson

May 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Bill Kainer, Ellie Palmer, †Roxanne Ramirez

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

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)

June 5<sup>th</sup> 10:30am †Mark Kistner (by David Emrich)

June 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Richard Vesely

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

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

June 5<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> †Mark Kistner

**ALTAR MINISTRY**

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
5/22 10:30am	Gladys Tilley	Sydney Jackson Hannah Perez Jenna Perez	Fern Carter Ray Ramos Dolores Vesely
5/29 10:30am	Roland Woodson	Hannah Perez Joshua Ramirez Krista Ramirez	Fern Carter Korey Hardeman Carolyn Satterwhite
6/5 10:30am	David Emrich	Juan Aranda Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos	Fern Carter Erika Ramos Ray Ramos
6/12 10:30am	Terri Longoria	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Korey Hardeman Erika Ramos Ray Ramos

**USHERS**

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

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

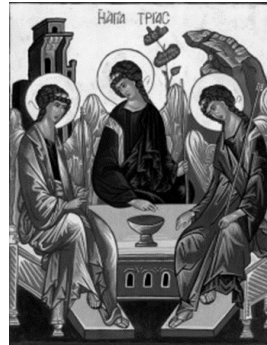
6/5 Liz Gomez, Chris Greenwood, Terri Longoria, Roland Woodson

6/12 Sylvia Davila, David Longoria, Cynthia Shaw, William Tilley

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!**

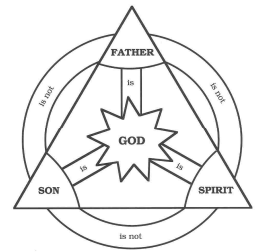
**Three Persons in One God:  
Our Salvation Depends on It!**



Faith in the Holy Trinity distinguishes Catholics (and other Christians) from non-Christian religious groups such as Muslims, Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses. But why is it so important to know that the One True God consists of Three Divine Persons—Father, Son, and Spirit? The short answer is, "because our eternal salvation depends upon it!"

Before Jesus ascended into heaven he gave us the Great Commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (St. Matthew 28:19-20). "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (St. Mark 16:16).

Notice here that the word "name" is singular, indicating that the Three Divine Persons share the same Divine Nature (i.e., they are one God). So let us worship and believe in the Holy Trinity as if our salvation depended on it... because it does!



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

**Year of Mercy**

**PARISH MISSION starts TOMORROW!**

This Week: May 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>

Guest Preacher: Fr. Peter Marsalek, SOLT

**CMSE Safe Environment Training Next Sunday**

Next Sunday there will be two safe environment classes for those who need renewal of their "blue cards" (required every three years) to volunteer at Holy Cross. Please call the parish office if you are not sure if your certification is still valid or need initial certification. Classes will be held **9-10am** and **12-1pm** next Sunday.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



Registration begins next week for Vacation Bible School (**June 20-24<sup>th</sup>**). If you are free to volunteer from **8:30am-12:30pm** during this week, please contact David Emrich at the church office.

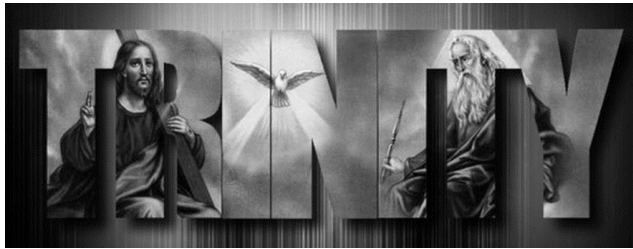
**ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING TODAY**

The Holy Cross Altar Society will meet today after Mass in St. Katherine Drexel Hall.

**TREASURES of CATHOLIC TRADITION**

**The Holy Trinity: Mystery of God's Love**

The dogma of the Holy Trinity is the foundation of all Christian truths: "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the 'hierarchy of the truths of faith'" (*Catechism* 234).



The Mystery of the Trinity has been described using various analogies: St. John Damascene compared God's threefold personhood to the sun's orb, the sun's light, and the sun's heat; St. Patrick used the three heart-shaped leaves of the shamrock plant to show that God is three-in-one. But above all, we know that God is triune because **God is Love, a COMMUNION OF PERSONS.**

St. John tells us that "God is love" (1 John 4:8). Because love requires a relationship among persons, that means God himself must be a relationship! St. Augustine described this Trinitarian relationship as 1) the **Father as the Origin of Love** who loves the Son, 2) the **Son who is the Beloved** who returns the love of the Father, and 3) the **Spirit who is the Bond of Love** between the Father and Son. From Genesis to Revelation we find evidence of God's Trinitarian nature. When God said, "Let US make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness, God created man, male and female (Gen 1:26-27), to be a communion of persons in his own image! "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).



**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

- Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-10; Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-20; Mk 10:32-45
- Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2-5; Mk 10:46-52
- Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10-13; Mk 11:11-26
- Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2-6; Mk 11:27-33
- Sunday: Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

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

**Birthdays for the week of May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

May 27<sup>th</sup> Diana Ortiz



**May God fill your special day with his grace, joy, and blessings as you celebrate the gift of life!**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- May 25<sup>th</sup> St. Bede the Venerable  
St. Gregory VII  
St. Mary Magalene of Pazzi
- May 26<sup>th</sup> St. Philip Neri
- May 27<sup>th</sup> St. Augustine of Canterbury
- May 28<sup>th</sup> St. Bernadine of Siena



*"There is no love where nothing is loved. Therefore there are three things— he who loves, and that which is loved, and love."*

*-St. Augustine (On the Trinity, Book IX, Ch. 2)*

*"The Blessed Trinity is the mystery of mysteries, before which even the seraphim veil their countenances singing with astonished wonder their thrice-repeated 'Holy.'"*

*-Matthias Joseph Scheeben (Mysteries of Christianity, p. 25)*

**"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 15, 2016)**

- Adult Env. (31).....\$ 797.00
- Children's Env.(4).....\$ 11.00
- Loose Currency.....\$ 90.61

**TOTAL \$ 898.60**

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

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