

*"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 / Upon request

**Baptisms:**

By appointment

**Marriages:**

Six months in advance

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of July 3, 2016

- July 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Bill Kainer, Ellie Palma  
 July 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Ricky Villareal, †Mary Ramón (by Gonzalez family)

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

- July 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:30am †Zulema Martinez  
 July 10<sup>th</sup> 10:30am †Jesus Ramirez, Jr. (by Ramirez family),  
 A.J. & Dorothy Collier (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary)  
 July 17<sup>th</sup> 10:30am †Mary Ramón, †Ella M. Jackson (by Bradford  
 family)  
 July 24<sup>th</sup> 10:30am James O. Vesely

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

- June 12<sup>th</sup>—July 9<sup>th</sup> John & Becky Sheldon Family  
 July 10<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup> †Jesus & †Juanita Ramirez (by Ramirez family)  
 July 17<sup>th</sup>—23<sup>rd</sup> †Ella M. Jackson (by Bradford family)

**ALTAR MINISTRY**

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
7/3 10:30am	Gladys Tilley	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Fern Carter Erika Ramos Korey Hardeman
7/10 10:30am	Terri Longoria	Krista Ramirez Athena Tilley Roderick Tilley	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos Dolores Vesely
7/17 10:30am	Roland Woodson	Juan Aranda Hannah Rinche Jenna Perez	Fern Carter Korey Hardeman Dolores Vesely
7/24 10:30am	David Emrich	Michael Ortiz Daniel Ortiz David Ortiz	Armando Ortiz Ray Ramos Carolyn Satterwhite

**USHERS**

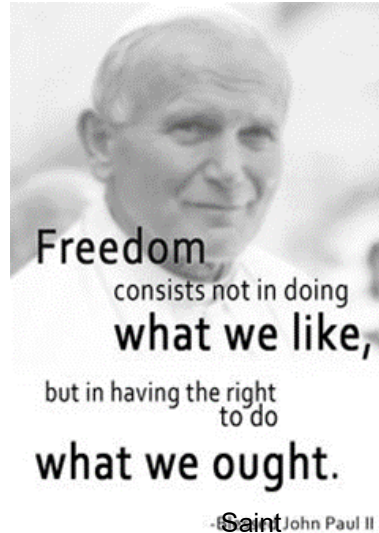
- 7/3 Liz Gomez, Joshua Ramirez, Eunice Sharkey, Roland Woodson  
 7/10 Sylvia Davila, David Longoria, Cynthia Shaw, William Tilley  
 7/17 Ben Galvan, Liz Gomez, Eunice Sharkey, Roland Woodson  
 7/24 Sylvia Davila, Terri Longoria, William Tilley, Ann Woodson

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!**



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



**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**  
 We pray for those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

**FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM**

The "Fortnight for Freedom"— 14 days of prayer, education and action for religious freedom— concludes tomorrow, **July 4, 2016**. This year's Fortnight for Freedom theme is "Witnesses to Freedom." Please remember to pray for religious liberty.

**CARSON HOUSE INPUT WELCOME**

Parishioners are invited to offer input and suggestions regarding the future use of the old Carson house structure on church property. Please submit your ideas/proposals to the church office by July 31, 2016.

**ST. PAUL SCHOOL OF CATECHESIS**

The sixth annual St. Paul School of Catechesis Summer Institute will be held **July 11-16** at Corpus Christi Cathedral. If God may be calling you to lay ministry in our parish and/or diocese, the SPSC courses provide both the education and certification needed to be a more effective lay minister.

**KING OF THE COURT CHARITY TOURNAMENT**

Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to participate in the *King of the Court* 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at St. John Paul II HS on July 23rd. The cost is \$25 per player for teams of 3-4 players. Please call the church office for more information.

**EXPLORE VOCATION RETREAT**

Young men entering high school or recent HS graduates potentially called to the priesthood are invited to attend the Explore Retreat from July 25-29 at Camp Aranzazu. The cost is \$25. For more information call the Office of Vocations: 334-2781.

**ST. MARTHA'S KITCHEN**

Come enjoy coffee, juice & a delicious taquito after Mass in the St. Katherine Drexel Parish Hall!

**EXTRA CALENDARS AVAILABLE**

All are welcome to take extra 2016 Holy Cross calendars available at the back of the church.

**TREASURES of CATHOLIC TRADITION**  
**The Gift of Freedom: Chastity & Forgiveness**

In early July the Church honors St. Maria Goretti, a twelve-year-old martyr who suffered fourteen stab wounds from her attacker, Alessandro Serenelli, inflamed with lust. Maria had repeatedly refused Alessandro's invitations to commit sins of impurity. On July 5, 1902, when confronted by Alessandro, the young girl cried out, "No! It is a sin! God forbids it! You will go to hell!" On her deathbed she forgave her murderer. The priest at her bedside had asked her, "Maria, Jesus died while forgiving the penitent thief at His side. Do you forgive with all your heart your attacker and murderer?" "Yes! Yes!" she replied, "For the love of Jesus, I forgive him, and I want him to be with me one day in heaven!"

On October 10, 1910, after Alessandro had been in prison for several years, Maria Goretti appeared to him in a dream, dressed in dazzling light and handing him white lilies which turned into flames in his arms. He confessed his sins and admitted his victim's innocence and virtue. During the next eighteen years of his prison sentence he often said, "I hope for salvation, since I have a saint in heaven praying for me."

St. Maria Goretti knew that chastity and forgiveness offered a life of true freedom. She was "God's temple" and sins of impurity would defile her and endanger her salvation. The virtue of chastity lived in every state of life (single, married, priesthood, and consecrated religious) empowers the person to live by the Holy Spirit. In life and death Maria knew, "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery... For you were called to freedom; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh" (Gal 5:1,13). Let us follow St. Maria Goretti's example of chastity and forgiveness so that we may "obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom 8:21).



**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

- Monday: Hos 2:16-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2-16; Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-17; Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
- Sunday: Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

Marylou Areola, Marchant Bradford, Tony Canales, 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 July 3<sup>rd</sup>**



July 8<sup>th</sup> Athena Tilley

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



**Congratulations to A.J. and Dorothy Collier on the celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**



- July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day (U.S.A.)
- July 5<sup>th</sup> St. Anthony Zaccaria  
St. Elizabeth of Portugal
- July 6<sup>th</sup> St. Maria Goretti
- July 9<sup>th</sup> St. Augustine Zhao Rong and companions

"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 (June 26, 2016)**

- Adult Env. (33)..... \$ 1000.00
- Children's Env.(4)..... \$ 10.00
- Loose Currency..... \$ 46.00

Second Collection (Peter's Pence)..... \$ 167.00

**TOTAL \$ 1223.00**

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