

*"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 17, 2016

July 20th Bill Kainer, Claudette Wilson

July 22nd Bill Kainer, Ellie Palma

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

July 17th 10:30am †Mary Ramón, †Ella M. Jackson (by Bradford family)

July 24th 10:30am James O. Vesely, †Ella M. Jackson (by Bradford family)

July 31st 10:30am Fern Carter, †Roxanne Ramirez

Aug 7th 10:30am †Leonor G. Brooks (by Denham family)

SANCTUARY LAMP

July 17th—23rd †Ella M. Jackson (by Bradford family)

July 24th—31st †Gloria Rinche

August 1st—6th Gerry Amaran (by Emrich family)

ALTAR MINISTRY

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
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
7/31 10:30am	Gladys Tilley	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Fern Carter Erika Ramos Korey Hardeman
8/7 10:30am	Terri Longoria	Krista Ramirez Athena Tilley Roderick Tilley	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos Dolores Vesely

USHERS

7/17 Ben Galvan, Liz Gomez, Eunice Sharkey, Roland Woodson

7/24 Sylvia Davila, Terri Longoria, William Tilley, Ann Woodson

7/31 Liz Gomez, Joshua Ramirez, Eunice Sharkey, Roland Woodson

8/7 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!



News & Upcoming Events in our Parish & Diocese

CARSON HOUSE: Meeting Today

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. A meeting will be held after Mass in the church TODAY, **July 17th, (11:45 am -12:30 pm)** to discuss possibilities for the Carson house.

WORLD YOUTH DAY COVERAGE

Since its inception by St. John Paul II in 1986, World Youth Day has become the largest gathering of youth in the world. This month Pope Francis is expected to encounter three million youth in Krakow, Poland, where the Divine Mercy was revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska. EWTN will be hosting live coverage of World Youth Day from **July 26-31, 2016.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Registration for the 2016-17 Holy Cross religious education program will take place on August 14th. Registration forms will be available starting next Sunday, July 24th. The first day of religious education classes will be Sunday, August 28th.

CMSE SAFE ENVIRONMENT COURSE

The next diocesan CMSE safe environment course will be offered at Holy Cross on **August 14, 2016 at 9am** in the St. Katherine Drexel Parish Hall. All parish volunteers (ages 14+) are required to be certified. This includes lectors, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, choir members, etc. Please call the parish office to register for this one-hour course or contact Dr. Emrich to determine the status of your certification.

PRAYER GROUP

The Holy Cross Prayer Group meets every Monday at 6pm in the adoration chapel. Everyone is welcome to come and offer your intentions in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord.

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.

ST. MARTHA'S KITCHEN

Come enjoy coffee, juice & a delicious meal 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 Witness of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Kateri Tekakwitha was a young Mohawk princess. Kateri was born in 1656 of a Christian Algonquin mother and a Mohawk Chief in upstate New York. When she was only four years old her parents and brother died of smallpox. Kateri survived, but her face was badly scarred and her eyesight impaired. Kateri was taken in by her uncle, a Mohawk chief who bitterly opposed Christianity.

When Kateri was eighteen, she secretly began catechesis in the Catholic Faith. Her uncle finally allowed Kateri to become a Christian, but for joining the Catholic Church, Kateri was ridiculed and scorned by villagers. She was unjustly accused and her life was threatened. Yet she was known for her gentleness, kindness, and good humor. On Christmas Day 1677 Kateri made her first holy communion and in 1679 made a vow of perpetual virginity and offered herself as a spiritual daughter of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Kateri taught prayers to children and worked with the elderly and sick. She would often go to Mass both at dawn and sunset. She had great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to the Cross of Jesus. During her last years, Kateri suffered greatly from a serious illness. She died in 1680, shortly before her 24th birthday, and was buried in Quebec, Canada. Kateri's final words were, "Jesus, I love you."

Witnesses reported that a few minutes after her death, the pock marks from smallpox completely vanished and her face shone with radiant loveliness. Both Native Americans and settlers immediately began praying for her heavenly intercession. Several people, including a priest who attended Kateri during her last illness, reported that Kateri had appeared to them and many healing miracles were attributed to her intercession. *St. Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us!*



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Monday: Mi 6:1-8; Ps 50:5- 23; Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: Mi 7:14-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: Jer 1:1-10; Ps 71:1-17; Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday: Jer 2:1-13; Ps 26:6-11; Mt 13:10-17
- Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Ps 63:2-9; Jn 20:1-18
- Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-11; Mt 13:24-30
- Sunday: Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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 Spear, Dolores Vesely, Patricia Whitfield, Henry G. Winn

Birthdays for the week of July 17th



- July 20th Juan Aranda, Jr.
- July 21st Elizabeth Gomez
- July 23rd Allura Banda
Maria Witherspoon

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES



- July 18th St. Camillus
- July 20th St. Apollonaris
- July 21st St. Lawrence of Bindisi
- July 22nd St. Mary Magdalene
- July 23rd St. Bridget

"Christ was intended before all other creatures and for his own sake. For him all things were created and to him all things must be subject, and God loves all creatures in and because of Christ."

-St. Lawrence of Brindisi

"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 (July 10, 2016)

- Adult Env. (41).....\$ 1294.00
- Children's Env.(4).....\$ 10.00
- Loose Currency.....\$ 61.00

TOTAL \$ 1365.00

May God bless you for your generous support!