

*"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 September 11, 2016

Sept 14th **FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

Holy Souls (by Vu family), Bill Kainer, Claudette Wilson

Sept 16th Bill Kainer, Ellie Palma

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

September 11th †Gloria Rinche (by G. Tilley), Senaida Flores

September 18th †Leonor G. Brooks, Bill Kainer, Ellie Palma

September 25th †James F. Vesely, †Delia Herrera (by S. Davila)

October 2nd †Leonor G. Brooks, Bill Kainer, Claudette Wilson

SANCTUARY LAMP

September 4th— October 1st Henry Lamb, Jr. (by T. Longoria)

ALTAR MINISTRY

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
9/11 10:30am	Roland Woodson	Juan Aranda Hannah Rinche Jenna Perez	Fern Carter Korey Hardeman Dolores Vesely
9/18 10:30am	Norma Ortiz	Michael Ortiz Daniel Ortiz David Ortiz	Armando Ortiz Ray Ramos Dolores Vesely
9/25 10:30am	Korey Hardeman	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Fern Carter Erika Ramos Ray Ramos
10/2 10:30am	Terri Longoria	Krista Ramirez Athena Tilley Roderick Tilley	Armando Ortiz Erika Ramos Ray Ramos

USHERS

9/11 Liz Gomez, Eunice Sharkey, Roland Woodson, Ann Woodson

9/18 Sylvia Davila, Korey Hardeman, Margaret Jeter, William Tilley

9/25 Liz Gomez, Eunice Sharkey, Roland Woodson, Ann Woodson

10/2 Sylvia Davila, Margaret Jeter, David Longoria, Cynthia Shaw

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**

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



This Wednesday, September 14th, the Church throughout the world celebrates the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. To commemorate our parish feast day, Fr. Roy will celebrate 6pm Mass in the Church followed by the

reverence of the relic of the True Cross for all who wish to place themselves and their intentions at “the foot of the cross.”

HOLY CROSS ANNUAL BARBEQUE

Volunteers are needed to help with food preparation, serving and transportation for the annual barbeque **THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH**. Please contact David Longoria at 774-6565. Volunteers are also needed to assist Chris Greenwood with preparations starting this Thursday, September 15th.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

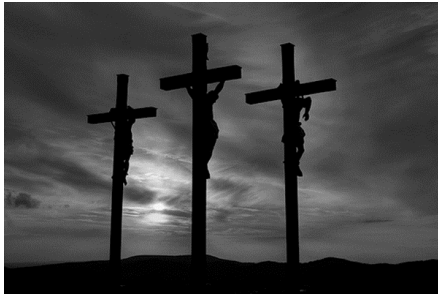
This Friday, Sept. 9, the Catholic Church in the U.S. will observe a National Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities. Everyone is welcome to join Bishop Mulvey for Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church followed by a prayer service for peace.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER'S COMMISSIONING

Faithfully practicing Catholic parishioners of Holy Cross who perceive the call to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion are required to attend a formation meeting either on Wednesday, **October 5th, at 6:30pm** or on **Sunday, October 16th at 12 noon**. All previous and prospective extraordinary ministers will be **commissioned on Sunday, November 6th**. Those considering this important ministry should carefully review the diocesan guidelines in preparation for the formation meeting: http://diocesec.org/documents/2015/2/Guidelines_for_Extraordinary_Ministers_for_Diocese_of_Corpus_Christi_2015.pdf.

TREASURES of CATHOLIC TRADITION
St. Helena discovers the True Cross of Jesus

After the death and resurrection of Christ, both Jewish and Roman authorities in Jerusalem made efforts to obscure the Holy Sepulcher, Christ's tomb in the garden near the site of His crucifixion. The earth had been mounded up over the site, and pagan temples had been built on top of it. The Cross on which Christ had died had been hidden by the Jewish authorities nearby.



In 326 A.D., Saint Helena, mother of Roman Emperor, decided under divine inspiration to travel to Jerusalem in 326 to excavate the Holy Sepulcher to locate the True Cross. A Jew who knew the account of the Cross's hiding, led excavators to the place where it was hidden. Three crosses were found at the spot. To verify which one was the cross of Jesus, experiments were conducted.

First, the three crosses were taken to a woman who was near death; when she touched the True Cross, she was healed. Then the body of a dead man was brought to the place where the three crosses were found, and laid upon each cross. The True Cross restored the dead man to life.

To celebrate the discovery of the Holy Cross, Constantine ordered the construction of churches at the site of the Holy Sepulcher and on Mount Calvary. Those churches were dedicated on September 13 and 14, 335 A.D., and shortly thereafter the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross began to be celebrated on September 14th. The feast slowly spread from Jerusalem until, by the year 720 A.D., the celebration was universal.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-33; Ps 40:7-17; Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-31; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1-28; Jn 19:25-27
- Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1-15; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-49; Ps 56:10-14; Lk 8:4-15
- Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-8, 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Marylou Areola, Marchant Bradford, Tony Canales, Fern Carter, Paul Carter, Gail Dement, Louise Gazin, Gloria Hamilton, Doug Hopkins, Otis Jackson, Rodessa 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, 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 September 11th



September 12th Corina Rosales
 September 14th Amanda Gutierrez
 September 16th Estefania Martinez

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- September 12th Most Holy Name of Mary
- September 13th St. John Chrysostom
- September 14th **FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**
- September 15th Our Lady of Sorrows
- September 16th Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian
- September 17th St. Robert Bellarmine

"Mary was not only the Mother of Jesus in the joys of Bethlehem, but even more so on Calvary, . . . and there she merited to become our most worthy Co-redemptrix."
 -St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

"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



Tithes and offerings

Sunday Offering
 (September 4, 2016)

Adult Env. (39).....\$ 840.00
 Children's Env.(4).....\$ 8.00
 Loose Currency.....\$ 637.74
 Maintenance Fund.....\$ 185.00

TOTAL \$ 1670.74

St. Martha's Kitchen.....\$352.00

Next week: Disaster relief collection for Louisiana flood victims

May God bless you for your generous support!