

*"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 18, 2016

Sept 21<sup>st</sup> Bill & Theresa Kainer, Joseph & Claudette Rocha

Sept 23<sup>th</sup> Bill & Theresa Kainer, Ellie Palma

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

September 18<sup>th</sup> †Leonor G. Brooks, Bill Kainer, Ellie Palma

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

October 2<sup>nd</sup> †Leonor G. Brooks, Bill Kainer, Claudette Wilson

October 9<sup>th</sup> Senaida Flores, †Clara Orr

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

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

**ALTAR MINISTRY**

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
9/18 10:30am	Norma Ortiz	Michael Ortiz Daniel Ortiz David Ortiz	Armando Ortiz Ray Ramos
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	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos
10/9 10:30am	Roland Woodson	Juan Aranda Hannah Rinche Jenna Perez	Fern Carter Armando Ortiz

**USHERS**

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

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

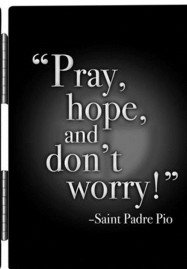
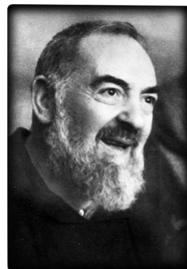
If you are unable to serve, please call the parish office as soon as possible. Please arrive fifteen minutes prior to Mass.

*Thank you for your service to our parish!*



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

Many THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THIS YEAR'S BARBEQUE A GREAT SUCCESS! God bless each person who contributed your time and effort. Holy Cross parish is grateful for all who helped to prepare and purchase plates for this year's pivotal fundraiser!



**National Rosary Rally  
Aug 15<sup>th</sup> - Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**

Cardinal Burke is urging American Catholics to pray a 54 day rosary novena for the United States leading up to the feast of the Holy Rosary on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Please join this prayer effort for the protection of religious freedom, the sanctity of life, and for peace. One rosary each day of the novena is offered for these intentions: 27 days in petition and 27 days in thanksgiving: [dayshttps://www.novenaforournation.com/](https://www.novenaforournation.com/)

**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 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm** or on **Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon**. All previous and prospective extraordinary ministers will be **commissioned on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. Those considering this important ministry should carefully review the diocesan guidelines in preparation for the formation meeting: [http://diocesecc.org/documents/2015/2/Guidelines\\_for\\_Extraordinary\\_Ministers\\_for\\_Diocese\\_of\\_Corpus\\_Christi\\_2015.pdf](http://diocesecc.org/documents/2015/2/Guidelines_for_Extraordinary_Ministers_for_Diocese_of_Corpus_Christi_2015.pdf).

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1-44; Lk 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Eph 4:1-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-17; Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1-4; Lk 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8; Ps 90:3-17; Lk 9:43-45  
 Sunday: Am 6:1-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

**TREASURES of CATHOLIC TRADITION**  
**The Nine Choirs of Holy Angels**

Since the early centuries of the Church, the myriads of celestial spirits in God's service have been known to be organized into nine hierarchies of choirs in three distinct spheres.

The **Seraphim** are the highest order/choir of angels. They are attendants before God's throne who continually praise God, calling, "Holy Holy Holy is the Lord of Hosts" (Isaiah 6:1-7). Seraphim have six wings, two cover their faces, two cover their feet, and two are for flying. The **Cherubim** are the second choir and closely linked with God's glory. They are manlike in appearance and double-winged guardians of God's glory (see Rev 4-6). They symbolize God's power and mobility as angelic spirits who have an intimate knowledge of God and continually praise Him. The **Thrones** are the angels of pure humility, peace, and submission. They reside in the area of the cosmos where material form begins to take shape. The lower choir of Angels access God through the Thrones.

The **Dominions** are angels of leadership. They regulate the duties of the angels, making known the commands of God. The **Virtues** govern all nature and control the elements, also known as "the shining ones." The seasons, stars, sun & moon are entrusted to their governance. They are also in charge of miracles and provide courage, grace, and valor. The **Powers** are warrior angels who defend humans and the cosmos against evil by fighting evil spirits who attempt to wreak chaos through human beings.

The **Principalities** guide and protect nations, and groups of peoples, and institutions such as the Church. The term "**Archangel**" refers both to a specific hierarchy/choir of angels and also in the general sense to "chief or leading angel" (Jude 9; 1 Thes 4:16). They are the guardians of nations and countries the issues and events concerning them. The Archangel Michael (who is actually a Seraph of the first choir) is the protector of Israel and also of the Church, the "new Israel." **Archangels** have a unique role as God's messengers to the people at critical times in history and salvation (Tb 12:6, 15; Jn 5:4; Rev 12:7-9) as in the Annunciation and Apocalypse. The feast day of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael is September 29th. **Angels** are closest to the material world and human beings. Our guardian angels belong to this choir. They deliver the prayers to God and God's answers and other messages to humans. One of the most popular devotions to the nine choirs of angels is the Chaplet of St. Michael: <http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/chaplet-of-st-michael.htm>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

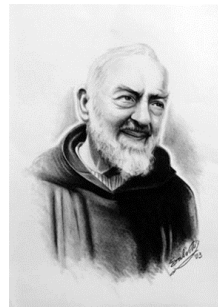
Marylou Areola, Marchant Bradford, Tony Canales, Fern Carter, Paul Carter, Gail Dement, Louise Gazin, Gloria Hamilton, Doug Hopkins, Otis Jackson, Rodessa Jones, Darell Johnson, Charlester Lewis, Nathan Lopez, Fr. Seamus McGowan, Martha Moore, Billie & Hector Munguia, Emily Petru, Josie Ramirez, Randy 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 18<sup>th</sup>**



September 18<sup>th</sup> Diana Ramirez  
 September 19<sup>th</sup> Belia Munguia  
 September 20<sup>th</sup> Jenna Perez  
 September 21<sup>st</sup> Mary Brown

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**



**September 19<sup>th</sup>** St. Januarius  
**September 20<sup>th</sup>** Sts. Andrew Kim & Companions  
**September 21<sup>th</sup>** St. Matthew  
**September 23<sup>rd</sup>** St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

*"Every Holy Mass, heard with devotion, produces in our souls marvelous effects, abundant spiritual and material graces which we, ourselves, do not know...It is easier for the earth to exist without the sun than without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!" -St. Padre Pio*

"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 11, 2016)

Adult Env. (36).....\$ 1132.00  
 Children's Env.(5).....\$ 11.00  
 Loose Currency.....\$ 160.59  
 Second Collection.....\$ 95.30

**TOTAL \$ 1398.89**

Today's Second Collection: Disaster relief for Louisiana flood victims

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