

*"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 October 30, 2016

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> **ALL SAINTS DAY** (*Holy Day of Obligation*) Denise Speer  
6:00 pm (in the main church)

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> **ALL SOULS DAY** (names submitted on envelopes)  
6:00 pm (in the main church)

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Steven Farell

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

October 30<sup>th</sup> †Magdalena Denham, †Dr. Jesse Garcia (by S. Davila)

November 6<sup>th</sup> †Magdalena Denham (by R. Denham)

November 13<sup>th</sup> Senaida Flores, Denise Speer

November 20<sup>th</sup> †Ernest Carter, Gloria Hamilton

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

October 30<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> †Earl F. Emrich family

**ALTAR MINISTRY**

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
10/30 10:30am	Korey Hardeman	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos
11/6 10:30am	Terri Longoria	Juan Aranda Marylou Aranda Krista Ramirez	Fern Carter Korey Hardeman
11/13 10:30am	Norma Ortiz	Michael Ortiz Daniel Ortiz David Ortiz	Fern Carter Armando Ortiz
11/20 10:30am	Sylvia Davila	Athena Tilley Roderick Tilley Emily Witherspoon	Terri Longoria Gladys Tilley

**GREETERS & USHERS**

10/30 Sylvia Davila, Margaret Jeter, Elijah Ramos, Cynthia Shaw

11/6 David Longoria, Eunice Sharkey, Ann Woodson,  
Stephanie Woodson

11/13 Sylvia Davila, Korey Hardeman, Margaret Jeter,  
Stephanie Woodson

11/20 Liz Gomez, Eunice Sharkey, Ann Woodson, 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 God and his people!*

**Parish Office Hours:**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9am-12noon**



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

**Month of the Rosary Petitions**

During this final week of October, the month of the holy rosary, Fr. Roy invites Holy Cross parishioners to pray the rosary for this intention: **for the Faith.**

**God our Father, You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith and protect our religious liberty. We pray for an end to the persecution of Christians throughout the world and that all people would have the opportunity to peacefully and publicly gather for worship and to proclaim the Gospel of salvation. May those who desire your grace not be hindered from conversion. Protect our moral values from unjust violation. May Catholics everywhere would appreciate the gift of their faith by practicing it faithfully and fervently, not neglecting the great gift and responsibility they have received from you. Amen.**

**ALL SOULS' DAY MASS AND PRAYER SERVICE**

This Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, is All Souls' Day when we pray especially for our departed loved ones. Following the 6pm Mass for the Deceased there will be a special candlelight prayer service in the courtyard. Candles to commemorate your departed family members and friends will be available for \$5.

**NEW TIME FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Religious education classes will be held after Mass starting NEXT SUNDAY, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Students are expected to attend 10:30am Mass before class.

**VOCATIONS: Diaconate Ordination This Saturday**

This Saturday, Nov. 5, at 10 a.m., ten men will be ordained to the permanent diaconate at the Cathedral. Next week (Nov. 6-12) is national VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK. Please pray for holy vocations to the religious life, priesthood, permanent diaconate and holy matrimony.

**Scripture Readings for the Week**

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1-3; Lk 14:12-14  
Tuesday: Rv 7:2-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12  
Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40  
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10  
Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8  
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1-9; Lk 16:9-15  
Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-14; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38

Treasures of Catholic Tradition  
**The Origin of All Saints' Day**



All Saints' Day originated in the earliest centuries of the Church. During the time of Roman persecution (before 313 A.D.), Mass was often celebrated in the catacombs (underground cemeteries) at the graves of the martyrs. Relics (bones) of the martyrs were placed on the altar. Christians solemnized the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of his/her martyrdom.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> century, relics were shared among dioceses and common martyrs' feasts were celebrated. During the persecution of Diocletian (303 A.D.) so many Christians were martyred that separate feast days could not be assigned to each martyr. So the Church appointed a common day for all martyrs. Early accounts of this common celebration include the liturgy of the Church of Antioch, the writings of St. Ephrem the Syrian (373 A.D.) and St. John Chrysostom (407 A.D.). In the early centuries, All Saints' Day was celebrated on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Pope Gregory III (731-741 A.D.) moved the date to November 1<sup>st</sup> as the day for commemoration "of the holy apostles and of all saints, martyrs and confessors, of all the just made perfect who are at rest throughout the world." All Saints' Day was a major feast under Charlemagne (800-814 A.D.) and was made a holy day of obligation by Pope Gregory IV in 835 A.D.

There are approximately 10,000 beatified and/or canonized Catholic saints. Along with the many more unknown saints in heaven, the Church publicly honors these exceptional people for their heroic virtue and powerful intercession. Normally a person can become canonized only after three verified miracles. All you holy Saints, PRAY FOR US!

**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 October 30<sup>th</sup>**



November 1<sup>st</sup> Amber Davis  
 November 4<sup>th</sup> Robert Brown, Jr.  
 November 5<sup>th</sup> Willie Ann Woodson

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> ALL SAINTS' DAY** (holy day of obligation)

**Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> ALL SOULS' DAY** (el día de los muertos)



**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Martin of Porres**

**Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Charles Borromeo**

**Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Emeric of Hungary**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them...*

"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**  
 (October 23, 2016)

Adult Env. (22).....\$ 332.00  
 Children's Env.(3).....\$ 7.00  
 Loose Currency.....\$ 50.00

**TOTAL \$ 486.00**

Second Collection (Missions)....\$77.00  
 Respect Life Collection (10/2)- additional contribution.....\$20

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