

*"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 November 13, 2016

Nov 16th John Sheldon (by Baker MS friends)Nov 18th John Sheldon (by Baker MS friends)**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**November 13th Senaida Flores, Josephine Sheldon (by Sheldon family), Denise SpeerNovember 20th †Ernest Carter, Gloria Hamilton, †Manuel Cirlos (by Sheldon family)November 27th †Magdalena Denham (by R. Denham), †Pat & †Ruth Botello (by Sheldon family)December 4th Dr. Marvin Emrich, Josephine Sheldon**SANCTUARY LAMP**Nov. 13-19th †Kesavalu & †Kamala Devaraj FamilyNov. 20-26th †C.T.S. David & †Rani FamilyNov. 27th- Dec. 10th Dr. Marvin EmrichDec. 10th- Jan. 7th John & Becky Sheldon**ALTAR MINISTRY**

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
11/13 10:30am	Norma Ortiz	Michael Ortiz Daniel Ortiz David Ortiz	Fern Carter Armando Ortiz
11/20 10:30am	Josie Ramirez	Athena Tilley Roderick Tilley Emily Witherspoon	Fern Carter Korey Hardeman
11/27 10:30am	Korey Hardeman	Juan Aranda Marylou Aranda Krista Ramirez	Ray Ramos Erika Ramos
12/4 10:30am	Terri Longoria	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Ray Ramos Erika Ramos

GREETERS & USHERS

11/13	Sylvia Davila, Korey Hardeman, Margaret Jeter, Stephanie Woodson
11/20	Liz Gomez, Eunice Sharkey, Ann Woodson, William Tilley
11/27	Sylvia Davila, Margaret Jeter, Elijah Ramos, Cynthia Shaw
12/4	David Longoria, Eunice Sharkey, Ann Woodson, Stephanie Woodson

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please notify the parish office as soon as possible. Please arrive fifteen minutes prior to Mass.

Thank you for your service to God and his people!



News & Upcoming Events in our Parish & Diocese

PARISH GROUNDS CLEAN-UP

This Thursday, November 17th, starting at 10am the St. Joseph the Worker team will be cleaning the parish grounds in preparation for the next city brush pick-up. Please bring weed eaters, gloves, and a sacred smile!

ALTAR SERVER RECOGNITION

This year's altar server's recognition ceremony will take place at **Corpus Christi Cathedral NEXT SUNDAY, November 20th**. Four high school servers from Holy Cross will receive recognition. The ceremony will begin at **3:00 pm** with a prayer service (there will be no Mass) followed by the recognition awards.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE HOMELESS

Holy Cross will host a **Thanksgiving Dinner for the homeless** coordinated by Fr. Roy. The dinner will be held on **Sunday, November 27th, 12-2pm** in the St. Katherine Drexel Hall. Volunteers are needed to help cook and prepare the food on Saturday, November 26th, starting at 10am. Please contact David Emrich at the church office if you would like to help prepare and/or serve this special meal to our neighbors in need.

T.O.U.G.H. RETREAT**Teens Open Up to God's Holiness**

All high school youth are invited to attend the TOUGH Retreat, **December 16-18, 2016 at the Pax Christi Retreat Center**. Registration forms are available online from the DCC Youth Office: <http://www.diocesec.org/documents/2016/8/TOUGH%20Retreat%20Packet%20Dec%202016.pdf>

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Rv 1:1-2:5; Ps 1:1-6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1-6; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1-9; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Acts 28:11-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1-10; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Treasures of Catholic Tradition
St. Gertrude the Great

St. Gertrude the Great (1256-1302 A.D.) is one of the few women saints known as "the Great." She some years in the convent until Jesus appeared to her at age 26.

She wrote about her mystical experiences in her *Book of Extraordinary Grace*. St. Gertrude is inseparably associated with the devotion to the Sacred Heart. The pierced heart of Jesus embodied for her the Divine Love, an inexhaustible fountain of redemptive life. Her visions and insights in connection with the Heart of Jesus are enlightening. In one such intellectual vision, she perceived the unceasing love of Christ for us in two pulsations of his Heart - one accomplished the conversion of sinners, the other the sanctification of the just.

Our Lord wants us to pray for the souls in purgatory. He showed St. Gertrude a table of gold on which were many costly pearls, which were prayers for the holy souls. At the same time the saint had a vision of souls freed from suffering and ascending in the form of bright sparks to heaven.

In one vision Jesus taught her a Prayer that would release 1000 Souls from Purgatory every time it is said with love and devotion: "Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus Christ, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home, and in my family."

St. Gertrude saw graces flowing from the Sacred Heart like a stream of purest water flowing over the whole world. These visions continued until the end of her life. Saint Gertrude was "the Great" because of her single-hearted love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and love for the holy souls in Purgatory. Let us also pursue the greatness that comes from loving the Sacred Heart and praying for the Holy Souls!

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 November 13th



November 15th Rayven Ramos,
 Haylee Gomez
 November 16th Lella Patterson
 November 17th Abby Fields

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday (11/13): 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday(11/15): St. Albert the Great

Wednesday (11/16): St. Margaret of Scotland;
 St. Gertrude the Great

Thursday (11/17): St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Friday (11/18): Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul in Rome;
 St. Rose Philippine Duchesne



"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

Weekly Offering
 (November 1-6, 2016)

Adult Env. (36).....\$ 1137.00
 Children's Env.(9).....\$ 13.00
 Loose Currency.....\$ 128.45
 Maintenance Fund.....\$ 126.00
 All Saints' Day Novena.....\$59.00

TOTAL \$ 1463.45

May God bless you for your generous support!