

*"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 20, 2016

Nov 23rd John Sheldon (by Baker MS friends), †Cora Houston
 Nov 25th John Sheldon (by Baker MS friends)

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

November 20th †Ernest Carter, Gloria Hamilton, †Manuel Cirlos (by Sheldon family), †Cora Lee Houston (by M. Jeter)
 November 27th †Magdalena Denham (by R. Denham), †Pat & †Ruth Botello (by Sheldon family)
 December 4th Dr. Marvin Emrich, Josephine Sheldon
 December 11th Senaida Flores, Bill & Theresa Kainer

SANCTUARY LAMP

Nov. 20-26th †C.T.S. David & †Rani Family
 Nov. 27th- Dec. 10th Dr. Marvin Emrich
 Dec. 10th- Jan. 7th John & Becky Sheldon

ALTAR MINISTRY

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
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	Gladys Tilley	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Ray Ramos Erika Ramos
12/11 10:30am	Norma Ortiz	Michael Ortiz Daniel Ortiz David Ortiz	Fern Carter Armando Ortiz

GREETERS & USHERS

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

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!

Parish Office Hours:

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



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

JESUS, KING OF ALL NATIONS (PRAYER)
 O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things. Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth. Guard us, we pray, Most Faithful One! Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment. Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against You. Jesus, You are King of Mercy. We have deserved Your Just Judgment. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We trust in Your Great Mercy. O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray; may Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth! Amen.

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 to help prepare or serve this special meal to our neighbors in need.

FOOD DONATIONS STILL NEEDED:

1. HEB 108oz Whole Kernal Corn (\$5)
2. HEB 101oz Cut Green Beans (\$5)

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.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Rev 14:1-5; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Rev 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Rev 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-9; Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
 Friday: Rev 20:1-21:2; Ps 84:3-8; Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Rev 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Treasures of Catholic Tradition

TEXAS: HOME OF THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

On May 29, 1541 (feast of the Ascension), the first Thanksgiving was celebrated at Palo Duro Canyon in west Texas eighty years before the English colonists arrived on the east coast of the future United States.

In 1539, Spanish explorer Francisco Vásquez de Coronado organized a large expedition from Mexico, which included five Franciscan missionaries, soldiers, settlers and livestock. After establishing a base in today's Arizona, Coronado headed east to establish a base-mission near present-day Albuquerque, New Mexico. When they crossed the river now called the Rio Grande, they named it *Rio de Nuestra Señora (the River of Our Lady)*. This is its original name as it appeared on the first maps.

In April 1541, Coronado left New Mexico with a group of soldiers and some missionaries, headed northeast, and crossed the area of what is now northwest Texas (the panhandle). They encountered receptive Jumano natives who desired to become Catholic Christians. After a few weeks of instruction, members of the Jumano Indian tribe converted and were baptized. This was one of the tribes that later experienced apparitions of Ven. Maria de Agreda (the mystical "lady in blue") who appeared to catechize them before the Spanish missionaries returned to evangelize in the 1600's.

Coronado's expedition arrived in Palo Duro Canyon where Fr. Juan Padilla, O.F.M., offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Fr. Padilla was later martyred on November 30, 1544 in modern Kansas to become the first martyr (proto-martyr) of the future United States. A Thanksgiving feast consisting of wild game meat followed the Mass on May 29, 1541. The feast was celebrated in thanksgiving to God for His many blessings and for the recent conversions. This is the first actual "Thanksgiving Day" celebrated in the future United States of America. As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, let us thank God for Fr. Padilla and all who sacrificed their lives for Christ in the new world.

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 20th

Happy Birthday

- November 20th Gloria Hamilton, Jayden Witherspoon
- November 21st Anthony Barnes
- November 24th John Sheldon Patricia Lopez
- November 25th Roland Woodson
- November 26th Hannah Gomez

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES



- Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- Monday:** Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday:** St. Cecilia
- Wednesday:** St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro
- Thursday:** St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companions; **THANKSGIVING DAY**
- Friday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria

"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 13, 2016)

Adult Env. (25).....\$ 569.00
Children's Env.(6).....\$ 10.00
Loose Currency.....\$ 68.41

TOTAL \$ 647.41

May God bless you for your generous support!