

*"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 27, 2016

Nov 30th John Sheldon (Baker MS friends), Bill & Theresa Kainer
Dec 2nd John Sheldon (by Baker MS friends)

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

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
December 18th Aiden Vesely, Katrina Vesely

SANCTUARY LAMP

Nov. 27th- Dec. 10th Dr. Marvin Emrich
Dec. 10th- Jan. 7th John & Becky Sheldon

ALTAR MINISTRY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Ext Ministers</u>
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
12/18 10:30am	Josie Ramirez	Athena Tilley Roderick Tilley Emily Witherspoon	Fern Carter Korey Hardeman

GREETERS & USHERS

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
12/18 Liz Gomez, Eunice Sharkey, Ann Woodson, William Tilley

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**

THANKSGIVING DINNER THANKS

Many thanks to all who helped to prepare and serve our Thanksgiving Dinner today for the benefit of our neighbors in need! Special thanks to Gates Hardeman and the barbeque pit crew who smoked the turkeys and to Paul Tisdale for coordinating the food procurement and cooking effort. May God also bless the Port of Corpus Christi, Mr. Roberto Pina, and all who donated supplies for the feast!

HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION

THIS FIRST FRIDAY you are invited to a special Mass (6pm) and Eucharistic holy hour of reparation to the Sacred Heart of



Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the intentions of Holy Cross parish and the needs of the Church throughout the world.

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: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1-27; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



Treasures of Catholic Tradition

The Missionary Legacy of St. Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier, patron saint of missions, was born in the Basque Country of northern Spain in 1506. In 1525 Francis became friends with St. Ignatius Loyola at the University of Paris, and helped St. Ignatius found the Jesuit order. In 1540 he went to Portugal for six months before leaving on mission to India in 1541. After evangelizing along the east coast of Africa (Mozambique) and the island of Socotra, he arrived at Goa, India in 1542.

Due to the shortage of priests in India, Christianity had almost disappeared in many areas. Opposition to the Gospel and the bad example of the Portuguese soldiers provoked persecutions against St. Francis. Nevertheless he preached and catechized tirelessly for three years and managed to baptize some 30,000 converts in India and Sri Lanka. He then sailed to the islands of Malaysia, Indonesia and became known as the “first apostle of the Philippines.”

St. Francis Xavier’s life of poverty in imitation of Christ had a powerful attraction, but in Japan he had to present himself to the emperor in fine clothing as a sign of respect. After converting many people and establishing the Church in Japan, St. Francis decided to go to China against the advice of influential Portuguese merchants. He arrived on the island of Sancian near the coast of China autumn 1552. While planning the best means for reaching the mainland, he became seriously ill he was removed to the land, where a rude hut had been built to shelter him. In these wretched surroundings he breathed his last.

In ten short years St. Francis Xavier became the greatest Christian missionary since St. Paul the Apostle. He preached the Gospel, performed many miracles- including raising the dead to life- and permanently established the Church in remote areas that had never before heard of Jesus Christ. Let us seek St. Francis Xavier’s intercession as the patron saint of missions to help us witness to our faith no matter what the cost.

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 27th



November 28th Carolyn Satterwhite
 December 1st Jim Denham
 December 2nd Lydia Peña

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES



Sunday (11/27): First Sunday of Advent
Wednesday (11/30): St. Andrew the Apostle
Friday (12/2): First Friday– *Sacred Heart of Jesus*
Saturday (12/3): St. Francis Xavier, patron of missions
 First Saturday– *Immaculate Heart of Mary*

“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 20, 2016)

Adult Env. (36).....\$ 904.00
 Children’s Env.(3).....\$ 3.00
 Loose Currency.....\$ 28.76
 Second Collection.....\$118.00

TOTAL \$ 1053.76

May God bless you for your generous support!