

*"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 December 4, 2016

Dec 7th Dr. Marvin Emrich, Bill & Theresa Kainer

Dec 8th Henry & Philomena Thiagaraj family

Dec 9th John & Katie Kainer

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

December 4th Dr. Marvin Emrich, Josephine Sheldon

December 11th Senaida Flores, Bill & Theresa Kainer

December 18th Aiden Vesely, Katrina Vesely

December 25th †Betty Petru, †Melinda Castillo (by Sheldon family)

SANCTUARY LAMP

Dec. 4th- 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>
12/4 10:30am	Josie Ramirez	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	Gladys Tilley	Athena Tilley Roderick Tilley Emily Witherspoon	Fern Carter Korey Hardeman
12/24 10:30am	Korey Hardeman	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Ray Ramos Erika Ramos
12/25 10:30am	Angel Emrich	Juan Aranda Marylou Aranda Krista Ramirez	Fern Carter TBA

GREETERS & USHERS

- 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
- 12/24** Liz Gomez, Eunice Sharkey, Cynthia Shaw, William Tilley
- 12/25** Sylvia Davila, Margaret Jeter, Ann Woodson, Stephanie Woodson

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please arrange a substitute. Arrive to prepare fifteen minutes before Mass.

Thank you for your service to God and his people!



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

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
This **THURSDAY**, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States of America. We honor our Lady's role in our salvation by attending Mass on this **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**. Holy Day Mass will be celebrated at 6pm on both December 7th & 8th.

PARISH REGISTRATION AND ENVELOPES
All parishioners are requested to fill out a new membership registration form with your updated information. The contribution envelopes for 2017 are also available at the back of the church. Envelope numbers have been reassigned in alphabetical order. If you have not previously received envelopes but would like to, please contact David Emrich.

T.O.U.G.H. RETREAT

Retreat for High School youth: December 16-18, 2016 at the *Pax Christi Retreat Center*.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 14th @ 6:30pm

Scripture Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-13; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-6; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-11; Ps 80:2-19; Mt 17:9-13
- Sunday:** Is 35:1-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

"Most holy Lady, Mother of God, alone most pure in soul and body, alone exceeding all perfection of purity, alone made in thy entirety the home of all the graces of the Most Holy Spirit, and hence exceeding beyond all compare even the angelic virtues in purity and sanctity of soul and body My Lady most holy, all-pure, all-immaculate, all-stainless, all-undefiled, all-incorrupt, all-inviolable spotless robe of Him Who clothes Himself with light as with a garment . . . flower unfading, purple woven by God, alone most immaculate!"

-St. Ephrem the Syrian Deacon (306-373 A.D.)

Treasures of Catholic Tradition

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary was declared a dogma on December 8, 1854. Mary was "full of grace" from the first moment of her existence, conceived without original sin. Many early Church Fathers recognized the complete purity of Mary.

This liturgical feast has been celebrated in the Eastern Church since the eighth century and in the Western Church from the tenth century. Pope Sixtus IV made it a universal feast in 1476. The great Franciscan theologian, Blessed Duns Scotus, explained how Mary was preserved from original sin in view of the merits of Christ.

The Angel Gabriel's salutation, "Hail, full of grace" (Lk 1:26) has been carefully examined by Scripture scholars over the centuries. The Greek term *kecharitome* ("full of grace") indicates a unique abundance of supernatural grace and is only used in Sacred Scripture to describe Jesus and Mary. The term means, "You who are and have always been full of the grace of God." As the closest collaborator with her divine Son in the work of human redemption from sin, the Mother of the Redeemer could not be even for an instant outside of God's grace.

As the Immaculate Conception, the Virgin Mary has a unique relationship with each Person of the Holy Trinity: she is the favorite *Daughter of the God the Father, Mother of God the Son, and Spouse of God the Holy Spirit, All Holy from the first moment of her creation. Perfectly united to the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is our Advocate, who prays for us, defends us from Satan and all evil, and helps us to live in God's grace.*

Let us rejoice with the Holy Trinity and all the angels and saints that THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IN THE FIRST INSTANCE OF HER CONCEPTION WAS PRESERVED EXEMPT FROM ALL STAIN OF ORIGINAL SIN BY A SINGULAR PRIVILEGE AND GRACE GRANTED BY GOD, IN VIEW OF THE MERITS OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SAVIOR OF THE HUMAN RACE!"

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

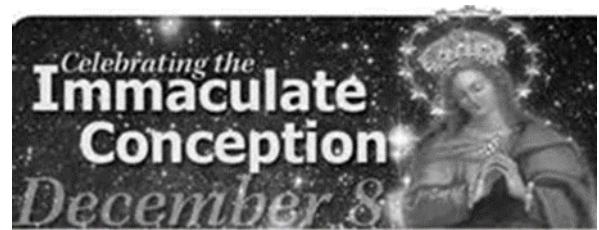
Birthdays for the week of December 4th

Happy Birthday

December 7th Marylou Aranda
 December 9th Elizabeth Jones,
 Denise Rosales
 December 10th Chris Greenwood

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: *Second Sunday of Advent*
Tuesday: *St. Nicholas*
Wednesday: *St. Ambrose*
Thursday: *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Friday: *St. Juan Diego*



"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 27, 2016)

Adult Env. (25).....\$ 516.00
 Children's Env.(4).....\$ 3.50
 Loose Currency.....\$ 95.12

TOTAL \$ 614.62

May God bless you for your generous support!