

*"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 11, 2016

Dec 14th Bill & Theresa Kainer

Dec 16th John & Katie Kainer

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

December 11th Senaida Flores, †Gilbert C. Martinez, Sr.

December 18th Aiden Vesely, Katrina Vesely

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

January 1, 2017 David & Angel Emrich, Bill & Theresa Kainer

SANCTUARY LAMP

Dec. 10th- Jan. 7, 2017 John & Becky Sheldon

ALTAR MINISTRY

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
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 7:00pm	Korey Hardeman	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Ray Ramos Erika Ramos
12/25	Angel Emrich	Juan Aranda Marylou Aranda Krista Ramirez	Fern Carter TBA
1/1/17 10:30am	Josie Ramirez	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Ray Ramos Erika Ramos

GREETERS & USHERS

- 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
- 1/1/17 Liz Gomez, Korey Hardeman, Cynthia Shaw, William Tilley

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**

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL

Practice for the Christmas pageant will be **NEXT SUNDAY, December 18th**, at 1:15pm after religious education classes in St. Katherine Drexel Hall. Only those students who attend the rehearsal will participate in the pageant on Christmas Eve at 6:30pm.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This **Wednesday, December 14th @ 6:30pm**



Treasures of Catholic Tradition

The Miracle of Coatloxopeuh (Guadalupe)

The Virgin Mary appeared as the pregnant Mother of God to St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatzin in December 1531. Bishop Zumarraga had prayed for peace between the Spanish conquerors and the natives. On December 9th, Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego on Tepeyac hill (now Mexico City) and asked him to request the building of a church in her honor. The bishop told Juan Diego to ask for a sign.

On December 12th Our Lady appeared again and told Juan to pick the Castillian roses that miraculously appeared there. Juan gathered the roses into his tilma and brought them to the Bishop. When he opened the tilma, the Image of Our Lady appeared on it.

Juan Diego's uncle, Juan Bernadino, contracted a deadly illness and was miraculously healed. Our Lady appeared to Juan Bernadino at his bedside and told him to inform the bishop that our Lady desired to be known under the title of "Guadalupe," a miraculous "black Madonna" image of Our Lady in Spain. Some scholars believe that Our Lady actually used the Aztec Nahuatl word of Coatloxopeuh (pronounced "Quatlasupe"), meaning the one "who crushes the serpent." The Aztec deity, Quetzalcoatl, the "flying serpent," was offered some 50,000 human sacrifices annually. The Bishop built the church and nine million natives were converted and baptized Catholic within the next nine years. Human sacrifice ended, ushering in a new era of peace.

It has been scientifically proven that the Miraculous Image is not a painting. There is no pigment in the tilma, which should have decayed after twenty years but is still intact after nearly 500 years. The faces of Juan Diego and Bishop Zumarraga are miraculously reflected in the eyes of Our Lady. Many other signs on this pictograph that reveal its authenticity and communicate Our Lady's message to her people. In 1999 St. Pope John Paul II named Our Lady of Guadalupe as Queen and Mother of America, consecrated the Continent to her and established December 12th as her feast day. He prayed at her Basilica, "Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of Peace, save the nations and peoples of this Continent!"

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 11th



December 13th Cynthia Shaw
 December 14th Rodessa Jones
 December 15th Carmen Perez

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday (12/11): Third Sunday of Advent
 Monday (12/12): Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Tuesday (12/13): St. Lucy
 Wednesday (12/14): St. John of the Cross

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Rev 11:19-12:10; Jdt 13:18, Lk 1:39-47
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-13; Ps 34:2-23; Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45: 6-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18-23
 Thursday: Is 54:1-13; Lk 7:24-30
 Friday: Is 56:1-8; Ps 67:2-8; Jn 5:33-36
 Saturday: Gn 49:2-10; Ps 72:1-17; Mt 1:1-17
 Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

"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

(December 4, 2016)

Adult Env. (25).....\$ 799.00
 Children's Env.(4).....\$ 13.50
 Loose Currency.....\$ 22.00
 Maintenance Fund.....\$169.80

TOTAL \$ 1004.30

May God bless you for your generous support!