

*"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 25, 2016

Dec 28<sup>th</sup> John Thomas Emrich, Protection of Unborn Children  
 Dec 30<sup>th</sup> David & Angel Emrich, John & Katie Kainer

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

December 24<sup>th</sup> †Michael J. Sullivan, Joseph & Claudette Rocha  
 December 25<sup>th</sup> †Betty Petru, †Melinda Castillo (by Sheldon family)  
 December 31<sup>st</sup> †Evoyne Sweric (by Bill Kainer)  
 January 1<sup>st</sup> David & Angel Emrich, Bill & Theresa Kainer  
 January 8<sup>th</sup> †Milton F. Shaw  
 January 14<sup>th</sup> †Walter T. Shaw, Korey Hardeman

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>- Jan. 7, 2017 John & Becky Sheldon

**ALTAR MINISTRY**

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
12/24 7:00pm	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 Available EM
1/1/17 10:30am	Josie Ramirez	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Ray Ramos Erika Ramos
1/8/17 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

**GREETERS & USHERS**

- 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
- 1/8/17 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 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**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS & ADORATION**

New Year's Eve Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, at 6pm followed by Eucharistic Adoration** in the main church. Let us give thanks for the blessings of the past year and put God first in 2017!

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

The next altar server training will be on **Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1:15 pm** after religious education classes. All current and prospective altar servers are required to attend.

**PARISH REGISTRATION AND ENVELOPES**

All parishioners are requested to fill out a **new membership registration form with updated information.** The contribution envelopes for 2017 are also available at the back of the church. If you are new to Holy Cross within the past year, **PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR BIRTHDAY** to include in the Sunday bulletin. Please contact an usher or David Emrich to receive offering envelopes.

**TEXAS CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE DAY**

The annual Texas Rally for Life will take place in Austin on **Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**, starting with Mass at 10:00 am. Please contact Nellie Serna for information on buses from the Diocese of Corpus Christi: 882-6191.



*Treasures of Catholic Tradition*  
**The Octave of Christmas**

The most important solemnities of the year are Easter, Pentecost, and Christmas. Christmas and Easter are celebrated as octaves- for eight consecutive days. Christmas is therefore actually celebrated every day from December 25th until January 1st, the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Every day within the octave is treated the same as the original Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord. Even though there are four feast days within the octave: St. Stephen, St. John the Evangelist, the Holy Innocents, and the Holy Family, each of these days is also a "day of the octave of Christmas."

Blessed Pope Paul VI explained how the Christmas season emphasizes the intimate connection between Jesus and Mary in the plan of salvation: *"In fact, on the Solemnity of the Birth of Christ the Church both adores the Savior and venerates his glorious Mother. On the Epiphany, when she celebrates the universal call to salvation, the Church contemplates the Blessed Virgin, the true Seat of Wisdom and true Mother of the King, who presents to the Wise Men for their adoration the Redeemer of all peoples (cf. Mt. 2:11)... [The] Solemnity of Mary the holy Mother of God (January 1<sup>st</sup>) is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the 'holy Mother...through whom we were found worthy to receive the Author of Life'. It is likewise a fitting occasion for renewing adoration to the newborn Prince of Peace...."* (Marialis Cultis, 5).

Christmas is the feast of the Incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh. Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into Christ's flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar. The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Mass on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 9, 2017). During this season of the coming of Emmanuel- God with us- let us enter more deeply into this great Mystery of our salvation with prayer, love, and gratitude for the greatest of all gifts!

**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 25<sup>th</sup>**



December 29<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Woodson  
 December 31<sup>st</sup> Norma Davison

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday (12/25): **Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**  
 Monday (12/26): **St. Stephen Protomartyr**  
 Tuesday (12/27): **St. John the Apostle & Evangelist**  
 Wednesday (12/28): **The Holy Innocents**  
 Thursday (12/29): **St. Thomas Becket**  
 Friday (12/30): **Holy Family- Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**  
 Saturday (12/31): **St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve**  
**Seventh Day of Christmas Octave**

**Scripture Readings for the Week**

Monday: Acts 6:7-59; Ps 31:3-17; Mt 10:17-22  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-12; Jn 20:1-8  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-8; Mt 2:13-18  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-6; Lk 2:36-40  
 Friday: Col 3:12-21; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-23  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-13; Jn 1:1-18  
 Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

"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 Contributions**

(December 18, 2016)

Adult Env. (34).....\$ 807.00  
 Children's Env.(5).....\$ 7.00  
 Loose Currency.....\$ 21.05

Second Collections (late).....\$ 25.00

**TOTAL \$ 860.05**

**May God bless you for your generous support!**