

*"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 January 1, 2017

Jan 4th †Adrian Sosa, John & Katie Kainer
Jan 6th David & Angel Emrich

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

December 31st †Evoyne Sweric (by Bill Kainer)
January 1st David & Angel Emrich, Bill & Theresa Kainer
January 8th †Milton F. Shaw
January 15th †Walter T. Shaw, Korey Hardeman
January 22nd Ashleigh Wagner

SANCTUARY LAMP

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

ALTAR MINISTRY

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
12/31 6:00pm	Norma Ortiz	Michael Ortiz Daniel Ortiz David Ortiz	Fern Carter Armando Ortiz
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
1/15/17 10:30am	Gladys Tilley	Athena Tilley Roderick Tilley Emily Witherspoon	Fern Carter Korey Hardeman
1/22/17 10:30am	Angel Emrich	Juan Aranda Marylou Aranda Krista Ramirez	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos

GREETERS & USHERS

12/31 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
1/15/17 Liz Gomez, Eunice Sharkey, Ann Woodson, William Tilley
1/22/17 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**

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

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

HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION



This **FRIDAY, January 6th**, 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. Start off the new year by receiving special graces for your family and loved ones!

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MARCH

The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. March will take place on **MLK Day, Monday, January 16, 2017**. Holy Cross parishioners and neighbors are invited to commemorate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The **MLK Commemorative Walk begins at 12:00 pm** at the Nueces County Courthouse. Please contact Marsha Hardeman for further details: 739-4045.

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 28th, 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 1st) 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 January 1st



January 3rd Rebecca Sheldon
 January 4th Ray Ramos
 January 6th Jonas Lopez, Rosie Ramirez

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day
 Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
 Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
 Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 Thursday: St. John Neumann
 Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday
 Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1-6; Jn 1:29-34
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1-9; Jn 1:35-42
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 4:14-22
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-20; Lk 3:23-28
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-9; Jn 2:1-11
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-13; Eph 3:2-6; Mt 2:1-12

"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 24 & 25, 2016)

Christmas Eve (20).....\$ 858.75
 Children's Envelopes.....\$ 6.00
 Loose Currency.....\$ 22.35
 Christmas Day (18).....\$ 595.35
 Loose Currency.....\$ 177.75
 Christmas Offering.....\$ 85.00

CHRISTMAS EVE TOTAL \$ 858.75
CHRISTMAS DAY TOTAL \$ 595.35

May God bless you for your generous support!