

*"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 8, 2017

January 11 †Adrian Sosa

January 13 Richard & Katrina Vesely

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

January 8 †Milton F. Shaw

January 15 †Walter T. Shaw, Korey Hardeman

January 22 Ashleigh Wagner

January 29 Robert & Sonia Vesely

SANCTUARY LAMP

January 8-14, 2017 James Michael Gannon

Jan 15- Feb 4, 2017 Sheldon family intentions

ALTAR MINISTRY

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
1/8 10:30am	Norma Ortiz	Michael Ortiz Daniel Ortiz David Ortiz	Fern Carter Armando Ortiz
1/15 10:30am	Carolyn Shaw	Athena Tilley Roderick Tilley Emily Witherspoon	Fern Carter Korey Hardeman
1/22 10:30am	Josie Ramirez	Juan Aranda Marylou Aranda Krista Ramirez	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos
1/29 6:00pm	Norma Ortiz	Michael Ortiz Daniel Ortiz David Ortiz	Fern Carter Armando Ortiz
2/5 10:30am	Angel Emrich	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Ray Ramos Erika Ramos

GREETERS & USHERS

1/8 Sylvia Davila, Korey Hardeman, Margaret Jeter, Elijah Ramos

1/15 Liz Gomez, Eunice Sharkey, Ann Woodson, William Tilley

1/22 Sylvia Davila, Margaret Jeter, Ann Woodson, Stephanie Woodson

1/29 Liz Gomez, Korey Hardeman, Cynthia Shaw, William Tilley



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

CONGRATULATIONS FR. ROY!

On Monday, January 2, Fr. Roy celebrated his **19th anniversary of ordination** to the priesthood. Thank you, Fr. Roy, for your service to God and his people!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

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

MASS WITH BISHOP-ELECT KIHNEMAN

There will be a special Mass at **Corpus Christi Cathedral** this **Friday, Jan. 13, at 6:30 pm**, celebrated by Bishop-elect Louis Kihneman with a reception to follow in St. Joseph's Hall. Pope Francis will soon ordain Msgr. Kihneman as Bishop of Biloxi, Mississippi.

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 pm** at the Nueces County Courthouse. Please contact Marsha Hardeman for further details: 739-4045.

TEXAS CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE DAY

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter retreat will be held **Feb. 24-26**, at *Our Lady of Corpus Christi Retreat Center*. Refresh your marital relationship: learn simple, effective communication techniques and enhance the love that you share. For more information call 851-8306 or email ccwwme.register@gmail.com. The registration deadline is this Tuesday, Jan. 10.

Treasures of Catholic Tradition

EPIPHANY: God's Revelation to the Nations

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest and most fascinating Christian feasts. Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal" or "to manifest." The journey of the three non-Jewish Magi to Bethlehem signifies the universal salvation that comes through the Word-made-flesh.

Three kings caravaned from their own lands in the "East" to adore the baby King of kings. The English rendering of their names—"Melchior," "Gaspar," and "Balthasar"—comes from Latin, although their names in their own original languages were somewhat different. The three Magi were possibly rulers of small dominions in Persia (Iran), Babylonia (Iraq), and Saba (Yemen), although some historical sources indicate that at least one may have journeyed from as far away as India. Today the relics of the three Magi are enshrined in the great Cathedral of Cologne, Germany.

When the Magi reached Bethlehem, the Christ-child was probably at least one month old. Their profound adoration signified that Jesus was not only the Messiah of the Jewish people, but the Savior and Lord of the whole world. They brought the very best gifts they had to offer, each with its own significance. Their treasures were standard gifts offered to a king or deity in the ancient world: gold as a precious metal, frankincense as perfume or incense, and myrrh as anointing oil.

In the case of Jesus, the gifts have an even deeper spiritual significance: gold represents Christ's kingship, frankincense is a symbol of his priestly role, and myrrh represents his prophetic role leading up to his cruel death and embalming before the resurrection. Some 750 years before the Magi worshipped Jesus, the prophet Isaiah foretold Jerusalem's glorious restoration when kings come to "bring gold and frankincense and proclaim the praise of the Lord" (Isa. 60:6).

This Epiphany let us adore our Lord Jesus Christ with the three holy Magi and pray that all people of every race and nation will soon come to recognize, worship, and proclaim Emmanuel, God the Son, as the King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:16)!

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 8th



January 12th David Ortiz
 January 13th Korey Hardeman,
 David Longoria
 January 14th Erika Ramos

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
 Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
 Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
 Friday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2-9; Mk 1:14-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-9; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3-8; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday: Is 49:3-6; Ps 40:2-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

"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

(January 1, 2017)

Adult Envelopes (35).....\$ 892.00
 Children's Envelopes (4).....\$ 8.30
 Solemnity of Mary.....\$ 90.00
 Maintenance Fund.....\$163.25

TOTAL \$ 1154.05

May God bless you for your generous support!