

“We adore You, O Christ, and we praise you, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.”

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Holy Cross Church



Weekly Masses:
Sunday, 10:30 am
Wed & Fri, 6:00 pm

Office Hours:
Mon/Wed/Fri, 9 am - 12 noon

Parish Office (361) 888-4012
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Reconciliation (Confession):
By appointment / Upon request

Baptism: By appointment
Marriage: Six months in advance

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Week of February 5, 2017

Weekday Masses will resume in the Msgr. Patrick Higgins Adoration Chapel on Friday, February 24, 2017.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

February 5 Zonia Vesely, †John Sheldon
February 12 John Vesely, Yolanda Jaimes
February 19 Dolores Vesely, †Msgr. Patrick Higgins
February 26 Cydney Hamilton, Emily Petru

SANCTUARY LAMP

Feb 5-11 Henry & Philomena Thiagaraj
Feb 12-25 †John Sheldon (by Dolores Vesely)

ALTAR MINISTRY

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
2/5 10:30am	Angel Emrich	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos
2/12 10:30am	Korey Hardeman	Daniel Ortiz David Ortiz Michael Ortiz	Fern Carter Armando Ortiz
2/19 10:30am	Terri Longoria	Athena Tilley Roderick Tilley Emily Witherspoon	Fern Carter Korey Hardeman
2/26 10:30am	Josie Ramirez	Juan Aranda Marylou Aranda Elijah Ramos	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos

GREETERS & USHERS

2/5 Sylvia Davila, Korey Hardeman, Margaret Jeter, William Tilley
 2/12 Liz Gomez, Eunice Sharkey, Ann Woodson, William Tilley
 2/19 Sylvia Davila, Margaret Jeter, Ann Woodson, Stephanie Woodson
 2/26 Liz Gomez, Korey Hardeman, Cynthia Shaw, Elijah Ramos

If you cannot be present 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!

2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Please pick up your Contribution Statement in a sealed envelope at the back of the church. Statements include 2016 weekly offerings and sanctuary candle contributions. Statements not picked up in person by February 12, 2017, will be mailed to your address on file.

**News & Upcoming Events
in our Parish & Diocese****ENCOUNTER COURSE & RETREAT**

The life-changing Encounter seminar is now being held each Wednesday at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church**. Don't miss this opportunity to grow closer to Christ and increase your knowledge of the Faith. This is the last week for new participants to register. **Please call Norma Ortiz asap: 779-6886.**

FEBRUARY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Our first parish fellowship meal of 2017 will be held on **Sunday, February 26** in the St. Katherine Drexel Hall. Come enjoy delicious cuisine with your parish family and welcome guests!

WELCOME TO MSGR. HIGGINS FAMILY

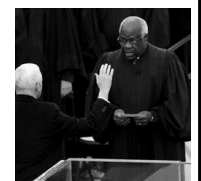
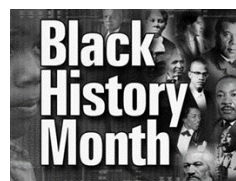
On **Sunday, February 19**, family members of former Holy Cross pastor, Msgr. Patrick Higgins, will be visiting from Ireland. There will be a special reception in the St. Katherine Drexel Hall after Mass.

CATHOLIC JOURNEY OF FAITH

Christ the King Parish (3423 Rojo St.) will be hosting the **Catholic Journey of Faith** course for nine weeks **starting Thursday, February 9 at 6:45 pm** in the parish hall. All are welcome to revitalize your relationship with Christ. Please call the parish office to register.

THANKS TO BLACK & INDIAN MISSION

As we commemorate Black History Month, Holy Cross offers special thanks to the **Black and Indian Mission**, which is the primary source of funding for our religious education program. This past year the B&IM grant allowed us to purchase a new program for the Summer VBS ("Cool Kingdom Party"), some Bibles, curricula and classroom supplies for our religious education program, and large screen TV/DVD players for two classrooms. Please visit the website and tell them how much we appreciate their contribution to Holy Cross: <http://blackandindianmission.org/>.



Treasures of Catholic Tradition

St. Josephine Bakhita: From Suffering to Salvation

Saint Josephine Margaret Bakhita was born in 1869 in Olgossa, Darfur, Sudan. In February 1877, she was kidnapped by Arab slave traders and forced to walk barefoot over 600 miles to a slave market in El Obeid. Over the next twelve years she was bought, sold and given away over a dozen times. She spent so much time in captivity that she forgot her original name.

Her first owner, a wealthy Arab, beat her so severely that she was incapacitated for a month. One of her owners was a Turkish general who gave her to his wife and mother-in-law who beat her daily. As soon as one wound would heal, they would inflict another. She would suffer a total of 114 scars from this abuse.

The Turkish general eventually sold her to the Italian Vice Consul and Bakhita begged to be taken to Italy. After a dangerous journey, they arrived in Italy where Bakhita was given to another family to serve as a nanny. When her new family traveled to Sudan, Josephine stayed with the Canossian Sisters. In the custody of the sisters, she learned about God. When her owners returned from Sudan, Josephine refused to leave the convent. An Italian court determined that slavery had been outlawed in Sudan before Josephine was born, so she was declared free.



Once free to make her own decisions, Josephine chose to remain with the Canossian Sisters. She was baptized, confirmed and received first holy communion from the future Pope St. Pius X on January 9, 1890. She later discerned the call to religious life and took final vows on December 8, 1896, choosing the name Josephine Margaret. For the next 42 years, she worked at the convent and visited other convents telling her story to prepare other sisters for work in Africa. She was known for her gentle voice and smile. Speaking of her enslavement, she often declared that she would thank her kidnappers. For if she not been kidnapped, she might never have come to know Jesus Christ and entered His Church.

On February 8, 1947, Josephine spoke her last words, "Our Lady, Our Lady!" as she died. On December 1, 1978, Pope John Paul II declared her venerable and honored her publicly when he visited Sudan in 1979. He canonized her on October 1, 2000. St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us and guide us to the life of the Blessed!

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 February 5th



February 6th Xandria Martinez
February 8th Susan Gomez

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Day for Consecrated Life
- Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
- Wednesday: St. Josephine Bakhita;
St. Jerome Emiliani
- Friday: St. Scholastica
- Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes;
World Day of the Sick

Scripture Readings for the Week

- Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-24, 35; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4-17; Ps 104:1-30; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-7; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-13; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

"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 29, 2017)

- Adult Envelopes (27).....\$ 761.00
- Children's Envelopes (1).....\$ 5.00
- Loose Currency.....\$ 36.00

TOTAL \$ 802.00

May God bless you for your generous support!