

“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 12, 2017

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

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

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

SANCTUARY LAMP

Feb 12-25 †John Sheldon (by Dolores Vesely)

ALTAR MINISTRY

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
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 Olivia Ramos	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos
3/5 10:30am	Angel Emrich	Allura Banda Elizeo Banda Raymond Banda, Jr.	Fern Carter Armando Ortiz

GREETERS & USHERS

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
 3/5 Sylvia Davila, Korey Hardeman, Margaret Jeter, William Tilley

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!



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

ENCOUNTER COURSE & RETREAT

The Encounter seminar is now being held each Wednesday at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church**. This is the last week for new participants to join. **Please contact 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.) is now hosting the ***Catholic Journey of Faith*** course for nine weeks. All are welcome each Thursday at 6:45 pm. Please contact the CTK parish office to register.

"COMPANION PRAYERS" BOOKLETS

Holy Cross has received a large supply of *Companion Prayers* booklets from Alfred and Linda Granado of Spring, Texas. These booklets were donated free of charge for parish evangelization. Please take as many booklets as you can distribute for the spiritual benefit of those you encounter. Both English and Spanish versions are available.

FULLNESS OF TRUTH CONFERENCE

The Fullness of Truth Conference will be held at the American Bank Center on March 4-5. Flyers are available in the back of the church.

2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Please pick up your Contribution Statement in a sealed envelope at the back of the church. Statements include tax-deductible 2016 weekly offerings and sanctuary candle contributions. Statements not picked up in person today will be available in the parish office or may be mailed if your current address is on file.

Treasures of Catholic Tradition
Worthily Receiving Holy Communion

As the offering of the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eucharist is the most sacred aspect of Catholic worship. For that reason the Church insists that Catholics be properly prepared to receive communion. **In summary, to receive Communion worthily, you must be in a state of grace, have made a good confession since your last mortal sin, believe in transubstantiation, observe the Eucharistic fast, and, finally, not be under an ecclesiastical censure.** Here we consider the first two conditions.

First, you must be in a state of grace. "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Cor. 11:27-28). This is an absolute requirement which can never be dispensed. To receive the Eucharist without sanctifying grace in your soul profanes the Eucharist in the most grievous manner.

A mortal sin is any sin whose matter is grave and which has been committed willfully and with knowledge of its seriousness. Examples of grave matter include murder (e.g., participating in an abortion), having sexual intercourse outside of marriage or in an invalid marriage, and deliberately engaging in impure thoughts (Matt. 5:28-29). Scripture lists mortal sins in several passages (e.g., 1 Cor. 6:9-10 and Gal. 5:19-21). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* further explains.

Out of habit, fear of what others may think, or even arrogant disregard for the Church's discipline, some Catholics, in a state of mortal sin, choose to offend God rather than stay in the pew or cross their arms for a blessing when they come forward. The Church's ancient teaching on this particular matter is found in the *Didache*, an early Christian catechism written around A.D. 60: "**Whosoever is holy [i.e., in a state of sanctifying grace], let him approach. Whosoever is not, let him repent" (Didache 10).**

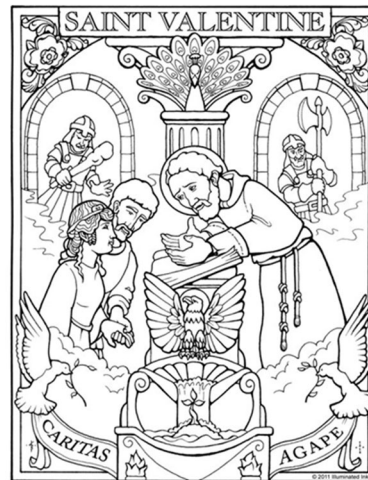
Second, you must have been to confession since your last mortal sin. The *Didache* witnesses to this practice of the early Church. "But first make confession of your faults, so that your sacrifice may be a pure one" (*Didache* 14). The 1983 *Code of Canon Law* indicates that the same requirement applies today. "**A person who is conscious of a grave sin is not to . . . receive the body of the Lord without prior sacramental confession** unless a grave reason is present and there is no opportunity of confessing; in this case the person must make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible" (CIC 916). **May we carefully inform and examine ourselves before receiving our Lord in holy communion that we may not suffer his judgment but receive his grace.**

<https://www.catholic.com/tract/who-can-receive-communion>

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES



Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; St. Valentine's Day

Friday: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 4:1-15; Ps 50:1-21; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-10; Ps 29:1-10; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-22; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-23; Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34-9:1
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-11; Mk 9:2-13
 Sunday: Lv 19:1-18; Ps 103; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
 Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

"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

(February 5, 2017)

Adult Envelopes (25).....\$ 904.00
 Children's Envelopes (2).....\$ 7.00
 Loose Currency.....\$ 62.00
 Maintenance.....\$ 173.00

TOTAL \$ 1146.20

May God bless you for your generous support!