

“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 19, 2017

February 24 †John Sheldon

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

February 19 Dolores Vesely, †Msgr. Patrick Higgins

February 26 Cydney Hamilton, Emily Petru

March 5 Anthony Wagner

March 12 †Silvia Hernandez

March 19 †Jim Petru

SANCTUARY LAMP

Feb 19-25 †John Sheldon (by Dolores Vesely)

ALTAR MINISTRY

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
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
3/12 10:30am	Korey Hardeman	Daniel Ortiz David Ortiz Michael Ortiz	Fern Carter Armando Ortiz

GREETERS & USHERS

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
3/12	Liz Gomez, Eunice Sharkey, Ann Woodson, 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***

WELCOME TO MSGR. HIGGINS' FAMILY

Today Holy Cross welcomes extended family members of former Holy Cross pastor, Msgr. Patrick Higgins, visiting from Ireland. Everyone is welcome to the St. Katherine Drexel Hall after Mass for a special reception.

THANK YOU TO DOLORES VESELY!

In a very special way Holy Cross extends our gratitude to Mrs. Dolores Vesely, who served as Holy Cross Sacristan for many years. Dolores "retired" from her volunteer service last summer when her health no longer permitted her to continue. **Thank you, Dolores, for your many hours spent preparing for Masses and other liturgical celebrations and for your commitment to prayer and the upkeep of the church. Your dedication to Christ and the Holy Cross Parish family will continue to bear fruit for many years to come!**

FEBRUARY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Next Sunday, February 26, Holy Cross will host our first parish fellowship meal of 2017 in the St. Katherine Drexel Hall after Mass. Come enjoy delicious Mexican cuisine with your parish family and welcome guests!

CENTRAL CATHOLIC SHOOL FESTIVAL

Carnaval! A family festival at Central Catholic Elementary. Come join the fun on Saturday, February 25, 2017, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. There will be food trucks, games, BINGO and music. Central Catholic is located at 1218 Comanche St. across from City Hall.

"COMPANION PRAYERS" BOOKLETS

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

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.

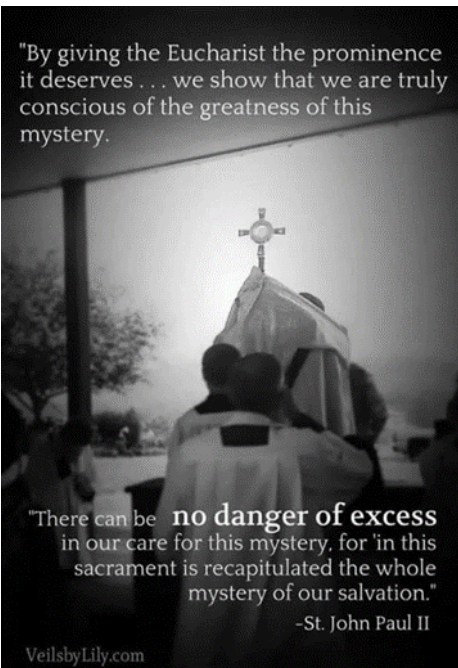
Treasures of Catholic Tradition
Properly Receiving Holy Communion

As Catholics, we know that the holy Eucharist truly is the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ and that Christ Himself is present in a real and substantial manner (*Catechism*, 1373-1381). The Church, therefore, must always cherish and guard this great gift of our Lord.

For this reason, our Church has always had certain regulations concerning the reception of holy Communion. For example, a gesture of reverence is essential when receiving communion. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM) states, "When receiving Holy Communion, **the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence** and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister.... When Holy Communion is received under both kinds, the sign of reverence is also made before receiving the Precious Blood" (Ibid., n. 160c). While a profound bow is the norm in the U.S., communicants are also permitted to genuflect before receiving Holy Communion or to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament while kneeling.

For many centuries, the reception of Holy Communion was restricted to "on the tongue" to prevent sins of sacrilege— i.e., profaning the sacred Body and Blood of our Lord. But since June 17, 1977 Catholics in the United States have had the option of receiving Holy Communion either on the tongue or on the hand. Those who receive the Blessed Sacrament in the hand must follow the proper protocol. Repeating instructions given by St. John Chrysostom (d. 407 A.D.), the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship stated that the faithful should **extend both hands making with "the left hand a throne for the right hand, which receives the King."** Facing the altar, the person consumes the sacred Host. **The recipient must be mindful of any particles, consuming those also.**

Let us give the Lord Jesus the love and honor he deserves as King of kings and Lord of lords, both in our hearts and in our external expressions.



"By giving the Eucharist the prominence it deserves . . . we show that we are truly conscious of the greatness of this mystery.

"There can be **no danger of excess** in our care for this mystery, for 'in this sacrament is recapitulated the whole mystery of our salvation.'
 -St. John Paul II

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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: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Presidents' Day
 Tuesday: St. Peter Damian
 Wednesday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
 Thursday: St. Polycarp

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-40; Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19
 Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-6; Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12-35; Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16



Birthdays
 for the week of
February 19th

February 20th Gladys Tilley
 February 21st Raymond Banda
 February 22nd Dolores Vesely
 February 23rd Rosie Soliz
 February 24th Emily Petru

"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 12, 2017)

Adult Envelopes (37).....\$ 1092.00
 Children's Envelopes (4).....\$ 8.00
 Loose Currency.....\$ 77.00
 Maintenance.....\$35.00

TOTAL \$ 1212.00

May God bless you for your generous support!