

*“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 26, 2017

March 1 (ASH WEDNESDAY) †Emily Petru  
 March 3 (St. Katherine Drexel) Ismael Rodriguez

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

February 26 Cydney Hamilton, †Emily Petru  
 March 5 Anthony Wagner  
 March 12 †Silvia Hernandez  
 March 19 †Jim Petru

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

Feb 26– Mar 4 John B. Watson

**ALTAR MINISTRY**

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
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
3/19 10:30am	Terri Longoria	Elijah Ramos Rayven Ramos Emily Witherspoon	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos

**GREETERS & USHERS**

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  
 3/19 Sylvia Davila, Margaret Jeter, Ann Woodson, Stephanie Woodson

*If you will be absent 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!*

**St. Katherine Drexel  
 Feast Day: March 3**

**News & Upcoming Events  
 in our Parish & Diocese****WELCOME BACK FR. ROY!**

Holy Cross welcomes Fr. Roy back from his home visit to India. We are grateful for your safe return after a time of rejuvenation with family and friends.

**LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK**

The season of Lent— forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for the celebration of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection begins this week with Ash Wednesday (March 1). **Roman Catholics ages 18-59 are required to fast.** When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. **Catholics age 14+ must also abstain from meat.**

**FEBRUARY FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY**

Today 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!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS**

Each Friday evening **after the 6pm Mass** the Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the main church. **Stations will begin this Friday, March 3.**

**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR**

The First Friday Holy Hour of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held **this Friday** in the adoration chapel **starting at 6:45 pm** following the stations of the cross.

**FULLNESS OF TRUTH CONFERENCE**

The Fullness of Truth Conference will be held **NEXT WEEKEND (March 4-5)** at the American Bank Center. Flyers are at the back of the church.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

All men are invited to the Catholic Men's Conference in San Antonio on **March 18**. Speakers include Archbishop Gustavo Siller, Fr. Leo Patalinghug (the television "cooking priest") and Carl Anderson, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight. Registration brochures are at the back of the church.

Treasures of Catholic Tradition  
**The Life and Legacy of St. Katherine Drexel**

**St. Katharine Drexel, foundress of Holy Cross Parish and the second American-born canonized saint**, was born to a wealthy family in Philadelphia in 1858. Her mother died five weeks after Katharine was born and her father remarried. The family was devoutly Catholic, both in prayer and practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Katharine grew up seeing her father pray for 30 minutes daily and her stepmother opening their doors to shelter and care for the poor every week.

Seeing her stepmother suffer with terminal cancer, Katharine learned that no amount of money could save them from suffering. Katharine's heart was then set on fire with love for God and neighbor, and she was especially interested in the material and spiritual care of black and native Americans.



When Katharine's father passed away, he donated part of his \$15.5 million estate to a few charities and the remainder was equally split among his three daughters. In 1887, while touring Europe, the Drexel sisters were given a private audience with Pope Leo XIII, who suggested that Katharine become a missionary herself. On the feast of St. Joseph she decided to dedicate the rest of her life and inheritance to God through service to Native and African-Americans. Katharine joined the *Sisters of Mercy* Convent in Pittsburgh and made her first vows on February 12, 1891, and began her work on behalf of American Indians and African-Americans in the Western U.S.

Taking the name "Mother Katharine" at age 33, she established the *Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament* religious congregation. In 1915, Katharine founded Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic University in the United States for African-Americans. By the time of her death, she had more than 500 sisters teaching in 63 schools.

Mother Katharine retired after a heart attack at 77-years-old and spent the rest of her life in quiet and intense prayer. She died on March 3, 1955 and is remembered for her love of the Eucharist and a desire for unity of all peoples. Mother Drexel was beatified on November 20, 1988 and **canonized on October 1, 2000** by Pope St. John Paul II. We will always be grateful for the prayers, presence, and service of St. Katharine Drexel to make Holy Cross Parish and school a reality in Corpus Christi. **St. Katharine Drexel, pray for us and help us fulfill the mission of Holy Cross Church!**

**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, Lamont Taylor, Carolyn Satterwhite, Eula Shaw, Les Spear, Dolores Vesely, Patricia Whitfield, Henry G. Winn

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Wednesday: **Ash Wednesday**; Fast and Abstinence  
 Friday: **St. Katharine Drexel**; Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer  
 Saturday: St. Casimir; First Saturday

**Scripture Readings for the Week**

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-7; Mk 10:17-27  
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-23; Mk 10:28-31  
 Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-6; Lk 9:22-25  
 Friday: Is 58:1-9; Ps 51:3-19; Mt 9:14-15  
 Saturday: Is 58:9-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32  
 Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11



**Birthdays**  
 for the week of  
 February 26<sup>th</sup>

March 1<sup>st</sup> Fern Carter  
 Phyllis Ridgels  
 March 4<sup>th</sup> Krista Ramirez

"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 19, 2017)

Adult Envelopes (33).....\$ 887.00  
 Children's Envelopes (3).....\$ 8.00  
 Loose Currency.....\$ 97.00

**TOTAL \$ 992.00**

**May God bless you for your generous support!**