

“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 March 12, 2017

March 15 †Juanita Muñiz

March 18 Pete Cavazos

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

March 12 †Silvia Hernandez, †John Sheldon

March 19 †Jim Petru

March 26 Joseph & Claudette Rocha

April 2 †Ruth Botello

SANCTUARY LAMP

March 12-25 †John Sheldon

ALTAR MINISTRY

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
3/12 10:30am	Korey Hardeman	Daniel Ortiz David Ortiz Michael Ortiz	Fern Carter Ray Ramos
3/19 10:30am	Terri Longoria	Elijah Ramos Rayven Ramos Emily Witherspoon	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos
3/26 10:30am	Josie Ramirez	Juan Aranda Marylou Aranda Olivia Ramos	Armando Ortiz Norma Ortiz
4/2 10:30am	Angel Emrich	Allora Banda Elizeo Banda Ray Banda, Jr.	Fern Carter Armando Ortiz
4/9 10:30am	Norma Ortiz	Daniel Ortiz David Ortiz Michael Ortiz	Armando Ortiz Ray Ramos
4/16 10:30am	Korey Hardeman	Elijah Ramos Athena Tilley Roderick Tilley	Fern Carter Erika Ramos

GREETERS & USHERS

- 3/12 Elijah Ramos, Eunice Sharkey, Ann Woodson, William Tilley
- 3/19 Sylvia Davila, Margaret Jeter, Cynthia Shaw, Stephanie Woodson
- 3/26 Elijah Ramos, Korey Hardeman, Ann Woodson, William Tilley
- 4/2 Sylvia Davila, Margaret Jeter, Cynthia Shaw, Stephanie Woodson
- 4/9 Elijah Ramos, Korey Hardeman, Eunice Sharkey, William Tilley

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!



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

FRIDAYS: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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.**

WEDNESDAYS: LENTEN HOLY HOUR

Every Wednesday during the season of Lent a special Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Msgr. Higgins Adoration Chapel after Mass in the chapel.

PASSION OF CHRIST DISPLAY

All are invited to come to the St. Katherine Drexel Parish Hall to view the inspiring visual display of Our Lord's Passion including a life-size crown of thorns from Bethlehem and scenes from the Passion of the Christ. May this Lenten meditation unite us more closely with Our Savior's work of redemption!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSES

The Diocese of Corpus Christi is partnering with *Catholic Distance University (CDU)* to provide high-quality online noncredit courses and seminars for adult faith formation. All adults of the Diocese of Corpus Christi are eligible to take any non-credit seminar or independent study course at a discounted tuition rate of \$30 each. Visit the CDU website: cdu.catalog.instructure.com to see a full list of CDU course offerings. Use Promo Code 16CORPUSCHRISTI to register.

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.

POPE FRANCIS' MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Treasures of Catholic Tradition
The Transfiguration in Our Lenten Pilgrimage

The word "transfiguration" comes from the Latin roots trans- ("across") and figura ("form, shape"). It thus signifies a change of form or appearance. At Jesus' Transfiguration his appearance changed and became glorious. Christ's Transfiguration aims at strengthening the apostles' faith in anticipation of his Passion: the ascent onto the 'high mountain' prepares for the ascent to Calvary. Christ, Head of the Church, manifests what his Body contains and radiates in the sacraments: 'the hope of glory' [CCC 568].

In a nutshell, the Transfiguration gave the apostles a "taste of the glory of the resurrection" to give them hope to not despair when faced with the intensity of their Master's suffering. Moses, the giver of the Law, and Elijah, prototype of the prophets, appear from heaven and "spoke of Jesus' 'exodus' (departure), which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem" to demonstrate that the Law and the Prophets point toward the Messiah and his sufferings.

Like Peter, we may be tempted to prolong the "glory of the moment" of special graces and 'mountaintop experiences' that the Lord gives us to encourage us on our own "way of the cross" that ultimately leads to heavenly glory. In the context of Lent, the Transfiguration helps us to focus on the purpose of penance- to become detached from worldly concerns so we are more open to the transforming power of God's grace. Prayer and fasting open the human person to the reception of the Holy Spirit's presence. St. Paul reminds us, "For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison" (2 Cor 4:17).



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

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent
 Friday: St. Patrick; Abstinence
 Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4-10; Ps 79:8-13; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16-23; Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-16; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-6; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-13; 17-28; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-20; Ps 103:1-12; Lk 15:1-32
 Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-9; Rom 5:1-8; Jn 4:5-42



Birthdays
 for the week of
 March 12th

March 13th Norma Ortiz
 March 18th Hazel Bradford

"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

Weekly Contributions
 (March 5, 2017)



Adult Envelopes (33).....\$ 872.00
 Children's Envelopes (7).....\$ 14.00
 Loose Currency.....\$ 21.15
 Black & Indian Mission.....\$307.00
 Eastern Europe Church Aid.....\$ 55.00
 Maintenance Fund.....\$ 218.00

TOTAL \$ 1487.15

May God bless you for your generous support!