

“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 April 2, 2017

April 5 Scott Smith

April 7 Glenda Staley

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

April 2 †Ruth Botello

April 9 †Msgr. Patrick Higgins

April 16 †Robert Woodson

April 23 †Linda Sheldon McDaniel

SANCTUARY LAMP

April 2-15 †John Sheldon

April 16-22 †Robert Woodson

ALTAR MINISTRY

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
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
4/15 7:00pm	Korey Hardeman	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos
4/16 10:30am	Terri Longoria	Athena Tilley Roderick Tilley Emily Witherspoon	Armando Ortiz Norma Ortiz
4/23 10:30am	Josie Ramirez	Juan Aranda Marylou Aranda TBD	Fern Carter Erika Ramos

GREETERS & USHERS

4/2 Sylvia Davila, Margaret Jeter, Cynthia Shaw, Stephanie Woodson

4/9 Elijah Ramos, Korey Hardeman, Eunice Sharkey, William Tilley

4/15 Sylvia Davila, Eunice Sharkey, Cynthia Shaw, Ann Woodson

4/16 Elijah Ramos, Margaret Jeter, Ann Woodson, William Tilley

4/23 Korey Hardeman, Ann Woodson, Roland 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!



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

“FABULOUS FRIDAY FISH FRY”

THIS FRIDAY, April 7, is the Holy Cross “Fabulous Friday Fish Fry” 10:30 am– 3:30 pm! Volunteers are still needed to spread the word and help with all aspects of our annual Lenten fundraiser. **Please distribute flyers and sell at least ten tickets (per parish family).** This year’s plate includes 2 Pollock fillets, potatoes & vegetables, and Dorothy’s delicious bread pudding for \$8 per plate. **ADDITIONAL TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER MASS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.** Contact Paul Tisdale to volunteer: 658-9199.

FISH FRY BAKE SALE

Baked goods (not included in the cost of the plate) will be available for sale during the fish fry. All are invited to bring baked goods to further contribute to the success of the fish fry.



HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION

THIS FIRST FRIDAY you are invited to a special Mass (6pm) and Eucharistic holy hour of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the intentions of Holy Cross parish and the needs of the Church throughout the world. Adoration in the chapel will follow the Stations of the Cross in the main 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
Life and Legacy of St. Benedict the Moor

Benedict was born to Cristoforo and Diana Manasseri, Africans who were taken as slaves in the early 16th century to a small town near Messina, Sicily. They converted to Christianity and were given Italian names. Benedict's parents were granted freedom for their son before his birth. Benedict did not attend school but worked as a shepherd and shared his earnings with the poor, earning him the title, the "holy Moor."

He joined a group of Franciscan hermits and gave up his few earthly possessions to become a friar. He first served as the cook for the community and at age 28 became the superior. In 1564 Pope Pius IV ordered independent groups of hermits to join an established religious order, so Benedict's community joined the Order of Friars Minor of St. Francis. Benedict was then assigned to the Franciscan Friary of St. Mary of Jesus in Palermo. He again started as a cook and his brothers were greatly edified by his sanctity, especially when they saw angels helping him in his work.



Benedict was appointed Novice Master and became Guardian of the community in 1578, though he was not a priest and could not read or write. But he was a model superior who won the esteem, obedience, and love of his fellow friars whom he instructed with great wisdom. God gave Benedict the supernatural ability to read hearts. He was exceptionally generous to the poor such that no matter how much he gave, the food never ran out. Benedict helped the community to adopt a stricter version of the Franciscan Rule of life and many people came to him for counselling and healing as he gained a reputation for miracles.

Benedict died at age 65 on the exact day and hour he had prophesied. At the entrance of his cell in the Franciscan Friary of St. Mary of Jesus is a plaque with the inscription: "This is the cell where Saint Benedict lived" (1524-1589). Among his many characteristics of holiness, Benedict is remembered for his patience and understanding when confronted with racial prejudice. Along with St. Martin de Porres, he was declared a patron saint of African Americans.

Holy Cross Church honors St. Benedict the Moor with his statue on the wall in the northwest corner above the main altar. St. Benedict the Moor, pray for our parishioners to grow in humility, holiness, and hunger for heaven!

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: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: St. Isidore, **St. Benedict the Moor**
Wednesday: St. Vincent Ferrer
Friday: St. John Baptist de la Salle; Abstinence; First Saturday

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66



Birthdays
for the week of
April 2nd

April 8th Yolanda Nurse

"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 26, 2017)



Adult Envelopes (30).....\$ 811.00
 Children's Envelopes (5).....\$ 6.00
 Loose Currency.....\$ 109.00
 Catholic Relief Services.....\$100.00

TOTAL \$ 1026.00

May God bless you for your generous support!