

“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 23, 2017

April 26 Mike Ruggles

April 21 Tom Eagen

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

April 23 †Linda Sheldon McDaniel

April 30 †K.J. Devaraj

May 7 †Millie Vesely

May 14 Robert Vesely, †Rita Vesely,
†Gladys Duncan, †Ann Bright

SANCTUARY LAMP

April 23- May 6 †John Sheldon

ALTAR MINISTRY

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
4/23 10:30am	Josie Ramirez	Juan Aranda Marylou Aranda Carla Sheldon	Fern Carter Erika Ramos
4/30 10:30am	Angel Emrich	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos
4/2 10:30am	Korey Hardeman	Allora Banda Elizeo Banda Ray Banda, Jr.	Fern Carter Armando Ortiz
5/07 10:30am	Norma Ortiz	Daniel Ortiz David Ortiz Michael Ortiz	Armando Ortiz Ray Ramos

GREETERS & USHERS

- 4/23 Korey Hardeman, Ann Woodson, Roland Woodson, Stephanie Woodson
- 4/30 Sylvia Davila, Margaret Jeter, Cynthia Shaw, Stephanie Woodson
- 5/7 Elijah Ramos, Korey Hardeman, Eunice Sharkey, William Tilley
- 5/14 Elijah Ramos, Margaret Jeter, Ann Woodson, 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**

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR TODAY

At Holy Cross we will commemorate Divine Mercy Sunday with a special holy hour of Eucharistic adoration **today from 2:30-3:30 PM**. We will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena and reflect on the message of God's mercy as he revealed it to St. Faustina.



The special graces of Mercy Sunday, were promised directly by our Lord, through a prophetic revelation given to St. Faustina (see *Diary of St. Faustina*, 699). The special graces that our Lord promised for Mercy Sunday come solely through the reception of Holy Communion on that day, in a state of grace, with trust in The Divine Mercy.

In addition to the special graces promised, St. John Paul II instituted a plenary indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday. A plenary indulgence granted by the Church involves the fulfilment of a number of conditions, including prayer for the pope's intentions, confession and Holy Eucharist, and fulfilling the special indulgenced work (in this case: participating in public devotions to The Divine Mercy on Mercy Sunday).

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Starting Thursday, May 4th, the NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, Holy Cross will be hosting the LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR. **EVERYONE is invited** to attend this free seven-week course to experience a new awakening of the Holy Spirit. Gatherings will be **7-9 PM** in the St. Katherine Drexel Hall.

CONFIRMATION MASS

On **Wednesday, May 10, at 6:30 PM** Olivia Ramos will receive the sacrament of confirmation at Corpus Christi Cathedral. Holy Cross parishioners are invited to attend this special Mass with Bishop Mulvey as our youth receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit!

DIVINE MERCY: The Message and Messenger

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that **God loves us** – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of **Saint Faustina Kowalska**. Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. With only three years of simple education, she was assigned the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks, which are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Sr. Faustina's Diary sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her Diary, the Pope call her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time." Let us unite our prayers with those of St. Faustina, trust in Jesus' endless mercy, and live life mercifully toward others.

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 Easter (Divine Mercy)
 Tuesday: St. Mark
 Friday: St. Peter Chanel;
 St. Louis Grignion de Montfort
 Saturday: St. Catherine of Siena

"The greatest saints, those richest in grace and virtue will be the most assiduous in praying to the most Blessed Virgin, looking up to her as the perfect model to imitate and as a powerful helper to assist them."

-Saint Louis Marie de Montfort



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"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!"

-St. Catherine of Siena

"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

(Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses 2017)

- Adult Envelopes (39).....\$ 1229.00
- Children's Envelopes (5).....\$ 11.00
- Loose Currency.....\$ 209.70
- Holy Land Special Collection....\$ 167.00

TOTAL \$ 1631.70

May God bless you for your generous support!