

“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 30, 2017

May 3 Mike Ruggles

April 21 Bill & Theresa Kainer

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

April 30 †K.J. Devaraj

May 7 †Millie Vesely

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

May 21 John Thomas Emrich

SANCTUARY LAMP

April 30- May 6 †John Sheldon

ALTAR MINISTRY

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
4/30 10:30am	Angel Emrich	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos
5/2 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
5/14 10:30am	Josie Ramirez	Juan Aranda Marylou Aranda Olivia Ramos	Fern Carter Erika Ramos

GREETERS & USHERS

- 4/30 Sylvia Davila, Margaret Jeter, Cynthia Shaw, Stephanie Woodson
- 5/2 Elijah Ramos, Korey Hardeman, Eunice Sharkey, William Tilley
- 5/07 Korey Hardeman, Ann Woodson, Roland Woodson, Stephanie Woodson
- 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

HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION



This **FIRST FRIDAY (May 5)** you are invited to attend **Mass (6pm)** followed by a holy hour in the Adoration Chapel. The **First Friday**

devotion requested by Jesus is to make reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We pray especially for the intentions of Holy Cross parish and the needs of the Church throughout the world.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR
THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR starts this Thursday, May 4th. 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. **Please contact Andrew Duarte to register: 813-6581.**

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
 Next Sunday, **May 7, is Good Shepherd Sunday.** Since 1963 it has been designated as the **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.** Holy Cross Parish will join the universal Church in praying for holy vocations to the religious life, priesthood, permanent diaconate, holy matrimony, and lay consecrated life.

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!

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL PRAYER INTENTION
 That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

The Glory of St. Joseph the Worker

Second only to Virgin Mary, St. Joseph is the greatest of all saints. Scripture does not convey a single word spoken by St. Joseph during his lifetime, so Biblically he is known exclusively through his deeds. As the saying goes, his “actions speak louder than his words.” His greatness lies in his humility and silent obedience to the Heavenly Father’s will. He was privileged to be the third member of the **ORDER OF THE HYPOSTATIC UNION**. The “hypostatic union” is a way of describing what happened at the **INCARNATION**: the divine Word clothed himself with the garment of humanity when the Son of God became man in the person of Jesus Christ.

“Hypostasis” is the Greek term for “nature.” The divine and human natures were united in the person of Jesus Christ at the moment of his conception when the Virgin Mary said “YES” to become the Mother of God. The three members of the **Holy Family (Jesus, Mary, and Joseph)** are therefore the three persons who belong to the **Order of the Hypostatic Union**. This is the highest privilege (and greatest responsibility) ever given by God to human beings— to be intimate instruments in the work of human redemption.

Some theologians believe that St. Joseph was sanctified in his mother’s womb before birth in a manner similar to St. John the Baptist. Although St. Joseph was conceived in original sin (unlike his Immaculate Spouse), it is likely that he was sanctified by the Holy Spirit shortly after his conception to undertake the sublime mission to raise the Son of God.

Perhaps St. Joseph is best known as a carpenter. **The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker was instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955.** This day is dedicated to a holy man who is the patron saint of all forms of labor and who was the ideal family father. With St. Joseph as a model, the Church invites all workers to honor this holy man who humbly dedicated himself to a professional vocation he enjoyed, though fatigued, and performed with excellence. **St. Joseph the Worker, pray for us to work with joy and a sense of purpose, seeking to perfect our earthly duties for God’s eternal glory!**

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: Third Sunday of Easter
 Monday: St. Joseph the Worker
 Tuesday: St. Athanasius
 Wednesday: Ss. Philip and James
 Thursday: National Day of Prayer
 Friday: First Friday (Sacred Heart)
 Saturday: First Saturday (Immaculate Heart)

ANCIENT CHRISTIAN PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

O St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the most Loving of Fathers. O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

“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

(Sunday, April 23, 2017)

Adult Envelopes (23).....\$ 762.00
 Children’s Envelopes (5).....\$ 9.00
 Loose Currency.....\$ 173.00

TOTAL \$ 944.00

May God bless you for your generous support!