

“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 May 7, 2017

May 10 Sam Solis

May 12 Philomena Thiagaraj, Maureen Emrich

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

May 7 †Millie Vesely, †Ernesto Jaimes

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

May 21 John Thomas Emrich

May 28 †Jinks Elliot, †Roxanne Ramirez

SANCTUARY LAMP

May 7-20 Mothers, †Grandmothers & Godmothers
of the Emrich & Thiagaraj families

ALTAR MINISTRY

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
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
5/21 10:30am	Terri Longoria	Athena Tilley Roderick Tilley Emily Witherspoon	Armando Ortiz Ray Ramos
5/28 10:30am	Angel Emrich	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos

GREETERS & USHERS

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

5/21 Sylvia Davila, Margaret Jeter, Cynthia Shaw, 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**

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today 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.

POPE FRANCIS' MAY PRAYER INTENTION

That **Christians in Africa**, in imitation of the merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Confirmation (Cathedral 6:30 PM): MAY 10

May Crowning Procession: MAY 28

Last Day of Catechism Classes: MAY 28

First Holy Communion: JUNE 18

Vacation Bible School: JUNE 26-30

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: Thursdays 7-9 PM

May 5– June 22 Everyone is welcome!

SUNDAY MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE

All persons and groups who wish to make announcements at the end of Sunday Mass must submit their announcement for Fr. Roy's approval to the parish office by 12 noon on the preceding Friday.

100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions

On May 13, 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary, appeared to three young peasant children: Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia (ages 10, 9, and 7) as they were tending their family's sheep. "A Lady all in white, more brilliant than the sun... indescribably beautiful," appeared to them standing above a bush. For six consecutive months (May-October 1917) Our Lady appeared to the children on the 13th day of each month.

The Virgin told them that God had sent her with a message for person living in the 20th century. She promised that God would grant peace to the entire world if mankind obediently responded to her requests for prayer. Many people believed but some doubted and persecuted the children. So on October 13, 1917, nearly 70,000 people journeyed through the heavy rain and mud to the place of the previous apparitions to witness a predicted "Miracle of the Sun," the final vision of Our Lady of Fatima.

Suddenly the "clouds separated...and the sun appeared like a disk of white fire" that whirled rapidly, flinging out brilliant colors that reflected on the faces of the crowds. The fiery ball continued to gyrate in this manner three times, and then plunge toward the earth. The sun reversed course and returned to its normal place after about ten minutes. After overcoming their initial fear, the crowd began ecstatically laughing, crying, shouting and weeping.

Our Lady's message consists of three parts. The first part was a frightening vision of hell, "where the souls of poor sinners go," and contained an urgent plea for prayer and sacrifice to save souls, especially on the daily rosary and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second part of the message prophesied World War II and predicted the great harm that Russia would do by spreading communist atheism. In 2000, Sister Lucia, the surviving member of the Fatima trio, confirmed the third part. "The Bishop clothed in white," who prays for all the faithful, is the Pope. As he struggles towards the Cross amid the corpses of the martyrs (bishops, priests, religious and many lay people), he falls to the ground, apparently dead from gunfire. The vision probably predicted the 1981 attempted assassination of Pope St. John Paul II who credited the Virgin for his survival.

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: Fourth Sunday of Easter;
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Wednesday: St. Damien de Veuster
Thursday: St. Francis de Geronimo
Friday: Ss. Nereus & Achilleus; St. Pancras
Saturday: Our Lady of Fatima

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:42-43:4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5; Ps 67:2-8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12



Birthdays for the week of May 7th
May 12th Margaret Jeter

"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 30, 2017)

Adult Envelopes (28).....\$ 879.00
Children's Envelopes (3).....\$ 7.00
Loose Currency.....\$ 135.25

TOTAL \$ 1185.25

May God bless you for your generous support!