

“We adore You, O Christ, and we praise you, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.”

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Weekly Masses:

Sunday, 10:30 am
Wed & Fri, 6:00 pm

Office Hours:

Mon/Wed/Fri, 9 am - 12 noon

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Reconciliation (Confession):
By appointment / Upon request

Baptism: By appointment
Marriage: Six months in advance

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Week of May 21, 2017

May 24 Mothers' Novena

May 26 Mothers' Novena

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

May 21 John Thomas Emrich

May 28 †Jinks Elliot, †Roxanne Ramirez

June 4 New Pentecost, 2017 Confirmands

June 11 Richard Vesely, †Seferino Ramirez

SANCTUARY LAMP

May 21-27 John Thomas Emrich

ALTAR MINISTRY

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
5/21 10:30am	Josie Ramirez	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
6/4 10:30am	Korey Hardeman	Allora Banda Elizeo Banda Ray Banda, Jr.	Fern Carter Armando Ortiz
6/11 10:30am	Norma Ortiz	Daniel Ortiz David Ortiz Michael Ortiz	Korey Hardeman Armando Ortiz
6/18 10:30am	Terri Longoria	Juan Aranda Marylou Aranda Olivia Ramos	Fern Carter Erika Ramos

GREETERS & USHERS

- 5/21 Sylvia Davila, Korey Hardeman, Cynthia Shaw, Stephanie Woodson
- 5/28 Korey Hardeman, Margaret Jeter, Eunice Sharkey, William Tilley
- 6/4 Elijah Ramos, Ann Woodson, Roland Woodson, Stephanie Woodson
- 6/11 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***

**POPE
FRANCIS'
MAY
PRAYER
INTENTION**

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

**MAY CROWNING NEXT SUNDAY**

As the month of Mary concludes, Holy Cross will honor the Virgin Mary with a May crowning procession at the start of Mass. Everyone is invited to bring flowers to place at Our Lady's feet as a sign of love and devotion to the holy Mother of God.

GRADUATES HONORED

Holy Cross commends all 2017 graduates from High School, College, and other programs of study. Next Sunday, May 28, graduates will receive a special blessing as they begin a new chapter in their lives. Please invite any Spring 2017 graduates you know to come receive this special grace.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EVENTS

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

St. Katherine Drexel Parish Hall

COME HOLY SPIRIT!

The Virgin Mary: Image of Love and Light

The image of the **Virgin Mary, Thrice Admirable Mother, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt**, is an image of grace. The original was painted by Italian artist Luigi Crosio in the late 1800's and named, *Refugium Peccatorum* (Refuge of Sinners). In the image Mary, the Mother of God, and her divine Child, Jesus, are depicted in complete unity. With both hands the Virgin holds the Christ-child. Her left hand presses him to herself while her right hand holds his arm, extended upwards. Although completely united with her Child, the Virgin holds him in a completely detached way as if expectating someone to ask for her Child.

The inner disposition of the Mother towards the Child is also expressed in the abundant folds of her cloak. On one side it envelops him in a protective and sheltering manner, yet still permits him to be viewed unhindered. **Mary wants to lead all who entrust themselves to her, to Jesus.** The veil covering the Mother's head also envelops the Child. A veil is a symbol of mystery. In the picture, the veil surrounds both Mother and Child, proclaiming that Jesus is the mystery of Mary's heart. So it becomes a sign of her virginity through which she is uniquely united with Jesus Christ.

The image also conveys the united hearts of Jesus and Mary as: the tone of the colors becomes deeper towards the center, drawing our eyes to the Mother's heart. The Child rests there, while her hand rests at his heart. **The Sacred and Immaculate hearts are united in one beat.** "The heart is the innermost center of the spiritual life of a person" (Pope Paul VI).

The image testifies that Mary's soul is totally formed into Jesus: he determines her whole being. He is the content of her life. He is the one who possesses her heart, her love. While the Virgin Mother holds her Divine Child, she does not carry him. Rather, the clouds in the picture point to the supernatural world, proceeding from the Eternal Father, which carries the Child. The Father lives in the deepest center of his being and determines all his actions. Jesus himself acknowledged this when he said to Philip: "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father living in me who is doing this work" (Jn 14:10).

Contemplating this image of grace, we realize that **Our Lady leads all who are attracted to her, to attach themselves to her Child, to the center of his heart.** And there we find the Father. The light surrounding the heads of Mary and Jesus proceeds from the Child, where it is the brightest. He is "Light from Light." Whoever opens himself to Christ's radiance will become a light for others, as we see expressed perfectly in the image of Our Lady. In God's loving plan the Virgin Mary most clearly reflects the Light of Christ, leading us home out of the darkness of this world to the fountain of her light – the Eternal Light of the Holy Trinity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

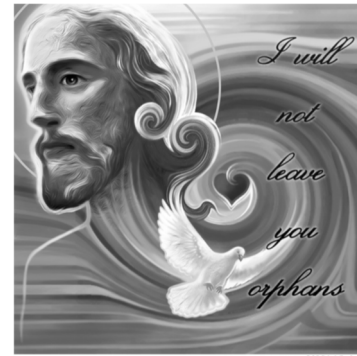
Marylou Areola, Marchant Bradford, Tony Canales, Fern Carter, Paul Carter, Gail Dement, Louise Gazin, Gloria Hamilton, Doug Hopkins, Otis Jackson, Rodessa Jones, Darell Johnson, Charlester Lewis, Nathan Lopez, Fr. Seamus McGowan, Martha Moore, Billie & Hector Munguia, Emily Petru, Josie Ramirez, Randy 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: Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Monday: St. Rita of Cascia
 Thursday: Ascension Day (traditional observance)
 Friday: St. Philip Neri
 Saturday: St. Augustine of Canterbury

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1-9; Jn 15:26 — 16:4
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-8; Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15-18:1; Ps 148:1-14; Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-10; Jn 16:23-28
 Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20



"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, May 14, 2017)

Adult Envelopes (36).....\$ 1015.00
 Children's Envelopes (4).....\$ 7.50
 Loose Currency.....\$ 257.00
 Retired Priests Fund.....\$ 34.00

TOTAL \$ 1313.50

Mother's Day Novena (Mass Stipend Account).....\$ 57.00

May God bless you for your generous support!