

“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 June 18, 2017

June 21 †A.B. Duncan**June 23** †Aborted Children and Persecuted
Christians in the Middle East**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS****June 18** †A.B. Duncan, †Ernest Carter,
Stephanie Wagner**June 25** Vacation Bible School,
Bill & Theresa Kainer**July 2** Dr. & Mrs. Marvin Emrich, †Mary Gomez**July 9** †Ella M. Jackson, †Zulema R. Martinez**ALTAR MINISTRY**

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
6/18 10:30am	Terri Longoria	Juan Aranda Marylou Aranda Olivia Ramos	Fern Carter Erika Ramos
6/25 10:30am	Angel Emrich	Athena Tilley Roderick Tilley Emily Witherspoon	Armando Ortiz Ray Ramos
7/2 10:30am	Andrew Duarte	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos
7/9 10:30am	Korey Hardeman	Daniel Ortiz David Ortiz Michael Ortiz	Fern Carter Armando Ortiz
7/16 10:30am	Norma Ortiz	Juan Aranda Marylou Aranda Michael Ortiz	Korey Hardeman Armando Ortiz

GREETERS & USHERS**6/18** Elijah Ramos, Korey Hardeman, Cynthia Shaw, Stephanie Woodson**6/25** Elijah Ramos, Margaret Jeter, Eunice Sharkey, William Tilley**7/2** Korey Hardeman, Ann Woodson, Roland Woodson,
Stephanie Woodson**7/9** Sylvia Davila, 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**
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Holy Cross "Discovery Mission" Summer VBS will be held from 9 AM to noon, **June 26-30**, 2017 in the St. Katharine Drexel Parish Hall. **REGISTRATION FLYERS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCES OF THE CHURCH.**

**"WE TOGETHER"****SOUTHERN POTLUCK DINNER**

The Holy Cross June fellowship meal will take place after the 10:30 AM Mass **NEXT SUNDAY**. Please contact **Eunice Sharkey** for further details: **882-1090**.

BARBECUE PLANNING MEETING

The Fall 2017 Barbecue Planning and Raffle Committee will meet this **Wednesday, June 21, at 6:30 PM** (after Mass) in St. Drexel Hall. Raffle donations (gift cards, etc.) are needed by next Sunday, June 25. **Please contact Norma Ortiz (249-2679) or Liz Vesely (563-5498) to assist with the raffle.**

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Corpus Christi became a major solemnity in the Church thanks to forty years of intense prayer and effort by St. Juliana of Liège, born in 1191 in Liège, Belgium. In Liège devout women dedicated to Eucharistic worship lived together, devoted to prayer and to charitable works. Juliana and her sister Agnes were orphaned at age five and entrusted to an Augustinian convent where Juliana developed a special veneration for the Blessed Sacrament.

In 1208 Jesus appeared to Juliana and instructed her to plead for the institution of the feast of Corpus Christi. The vision was repeated for the next twenty years. In 1246 Juliana's Bishop ordered Corpus Christi to be celebrated every year in his diocese on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. **In 1264 Pope Urban IV**, who had previously been an Archdeacon in Liège, **established the Solemnity of Corpus Christi** on the Thursday after Pentecost for all Roman rite Catholics. Thursday was chosen because Jesus first instituted the Eucharist on Holy Thursday .

Until **2017** Corpus Christi has always been celebrated on Thursday in many dioceses. But this year **Pope Francis moved the feast from Thursday to Sunday** for the whole Roman Catholic Church. Theologically there are three essential dimensions of the Eucharist: communal meal (Holy Thursday), sacrifice (Good Friday), and real presence (Easter Sunday). **The shift from Thursday to Sunday emphasizes the real presence** of Jesus who is always with us in the Blessed Sacrament. Pope Francis has been a strong advocate of Eucharistic adoration.

Our city is forever indebted to its namesake. On **Thursday, June 24, 1519 (Feast of Corpus Christi)**, Spanish explorer **Alonso Álvarez de Pineda discovered and named Corpus Christi Bay**. As we celebrate our hometown feast, let us take every opportunity to adore Jesus fully present in the Blessed Sacrament and receive him worthily at Mass. St. Paul admonishes, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord... For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself" (I Cor 11:26-28). By preparing ourselves with sincere and frequent confession we can worthily receive and worship Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to fulfill our Lord's words: "he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (Jn 6:54).

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: **SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Father's Day**
 Monday: St. Romuald
 Wednesday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga; Summer begins
 Thursday: St. Paulinus of Nola; St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More
 Friday: **Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
 Saturday: The **Nativity of St. John the Baptist**
 Immaculate Heart of Mary (Memorial)

Birthdays for the week of June 18th

June 11th Sylvia Davila
 June 20th Laura Martinez
 June 21st Stephanie Wagner
 June 23rd Gilbert Martinez, Jr.
 Randy Ramirez, William Tilley

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1-4; Mt 5:38-42
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2-9; Mt 5:43-48
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1-9; Mt 6:1-18
 Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1-8; Mt 6:7-15
 Friday: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

"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, June 11, 2017)

Adult Envelopes (32).....\$ 792.00
 Children's Envelopes (2).....\$ 1.50
 Loose Currency.....\$ 45.30
 Late Donation for May Crowning....\$5.00

Communications Campaign (late contributions)....\$ 40.00

TOTAL \$ 843.80

May God bless you for your generous support!