

“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 July 9, 2017

July 12 Pete Cavazos, Sam Solis

July 14 John & Katie Kainer

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

July 9 †Ella M. Jackson, †Zulema R. Martinez

July 16 †Ella M. Jackson, †John Sheldon

July 23 James O. Vesely, †Eva G. Sanchez

July 30 †Roxanne Ramirez

SANCTUARY LAMP

July 9-15 †Ella May Jackson

ALTAR MINISTRY

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
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
7/23 10:30am	Terri Longoria	Juan Aranda Marylou Aranda Olivia Ramos	Fern Carter Erika Ramos
7/30 10:30am	Andrew Duarte	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos

GREETERS & USHERS

7/9 Sylvia Davila, Margaret Jeter, Ann Woodson, William Tilley

7/16 Elijah Ramos, Korey Hardeman, Cynthia Shaw, Stephanie Woodson

7/23 Elijah Ramos, Margaret Jeter, Eunice Sharkey, William Tilley

7/30 Korey Hardeman, Ann Woodson, Roland Woodson, 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**

BARBEQUE TICKETS AVAILABLE

All Holy Cross parishioners have been assigned barbeque tickets to buy or sell. Please work hard to make our Fall fundraiser a success! For more information on how you can help, contact Liz Vesely (Event Coordinator), Paul Tisdale (Barbeque Coordinator), or Norma Ortiz (Raffle Coordinator).



FATIMA STATUE VISIT (July 27– Aug 1)

A pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima personally blessed by Pope Francis will be visiting **five area churches**, July 27- Aug 1: July 27- Holy Family (CC); July 28– St. Martin of Tours (Kingsville); July 29- St. Anthony (Robstown); July 30- OLPH (CC); July 31- Immaculate Conception (Gregory).

TOUGH Retreat (July 21-23)

The retreat begins July 21 at 6 p.m. and ends July 30 at 5 p.m. at the Pax Christi Retreat Center in Calallen. The **Teens Open Up to God's Holiness (TOUGH) Retreat** is for high school age youth (grades 9-12). Registration is \$75 for the weekend, which includes food, lodging, prayer, Reconciliation, Adoration, Holy Mass, and lots of fun and fellowship. The registration deadline is Friday, July 14.

Pope Francis Wants Youth Input!

Youth and young adults ages 16-29 are invited to give their input in preparation for the October 2018 Synod of Bishops in Rome. Go to this website to take the survey: <https://diocesec.org/synod2018>.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

“The blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church.” Nine years after the Jesuits St. Isaac Jogues and St. John de Brébeuf were tomahawked by Iroquois warriors, a baby girl was born near the place of their martyrdom in upstate New York.



Tekakwitha’s mother was a Christian Algonquin and her father was a Mohawk chief. At age four she lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as tribal chief. Although her uncle hated the “Blackrobes” (Jesuit missionaries), Tekakwitha

was inspired by the words of three missionary priests. Refusing to marry a Mohawk brave, she converted to the Catholic faith at age twenty. She took the baptismal name Kateri (Catherine) on Easter Sunday of 1676.

So instead of being honored as a tribal princess, the “Lily of the Mohawks” was treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, Kateri received no food that day. But in the midst of her suffering, she grew rapidly in grace. Her conversion and holy life created great opposition, so she was always in danger. Taking the advice of a priest, Kateri left her village one night and began a 200-mile trek to a Christian Iroquois village near Montreal.

She grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours of prayer, in charity, and in severe penance. At age 23, Kateri took a vow of virginity and found a place in the woods where she went to pray an hour a day. Kateri discovered religious life for women when she visited Montreal. Inspired by the sisters there, she and two friends wanted to start a community. But the local priest did not approve, so she humbly accepted the life of a consecrated laywoman. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation.

Kateri Tekakwitha died at age 24 during holy week in 1680. Witnesses saw the scars on her disfigured face disappear as she passed away with a radiant smile. She was beatified in 1980 and canonized in 2012. St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first native-born north American saint and is the patron saint of ecology and Native Americans.

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

Tuesday: St. Benedict
Thursday: St. Henry
Friday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Saturday: St. Bonaventure

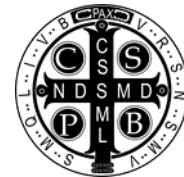
Birthdays for the week of July 9th

July 13th Priscilla Guerra

July 14th Emily Witherspoon

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 28:10-22; Ps 91:1-15; Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1-8; Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Gn 41:55-42:24; Ps 33:2-19; Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Gn 44:18-45:5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-40; Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Gn 49:29-50:26; Ps 105:1-7; Mt 10:24-33



“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

Weekly Contributions

(Sunday, July 2, 2017)



Tithes and offerings

Adult Envelopes (33).....\$ 981.00
 Children’s Envelopes (3).....\$ 9.00
 Loose Currency.....\$ 45.34
 Maintenance.....\$ 175.00
 Peter’s Pence.....\$132.00

TOTAL \$ 1342.34

May God bless you for your generous support!