

*“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: 6:30 am, 10:30 am  
Wed & Fri: 6:00 pm  
**Monthly:** First Thurs: 7:00 pm

**Office Hours:**  
Mon/Wed/Fri, 9 am - 12 noon

**Parish Office** (361) 888-4012  
**Emergency** (361) 230-9095

**Reconciliation :** By appointment  
**Baptism:** By appointment  
**Marriage:** Six months in advance

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of August 27, 2017

August 30 †Jeanne O’Leary

Sept 1 Henry Thiagaraj

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

August 27 †Milton Shaw, Liz Vesely

Sept 3 †Fr. Peter Paul Antony

Sept 10 †Johann Jakob Emmerich

Sept 17 Henry Thiagaraj, Bill & Theresa Kainer

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

August 27– Sept 2 †Robert C. Brown, Sr.

**ALTAR MINISTRY**

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers
8/27	Armando Ortiz	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos
9/3	Angel Emrich	Daniel Ortiz David Ortiz Michael Ortiz	Armando Ortiz Norma Ortiz
9/10	Andrew Duarte	Juan Aranda Marylou Aranda Olivia Ramos	Fern Carter Ray Ramos
9/17	Norma Ortiz	Michael Ortiz Roderick Tilley Emily Witherspoon	Fern Carter Korey Hardeman

**GREETERS & USHERS**

8/27 Korey Hardeman, Ann Woodson, Roland Woodson, Stephanie Woodson

9/3 Sylvia Davila, Margaret Jeter, Ann Woodson, William Tilley

9/10 Elijah Ramos, Korey Hardeman, Cynthia Shaw, Stephanie Woodson

9/17 Sylvia Davila, Margaret Jeter, Eunice Sharkey, William Tilley

**FOOD HANDLER’S PERMITS**

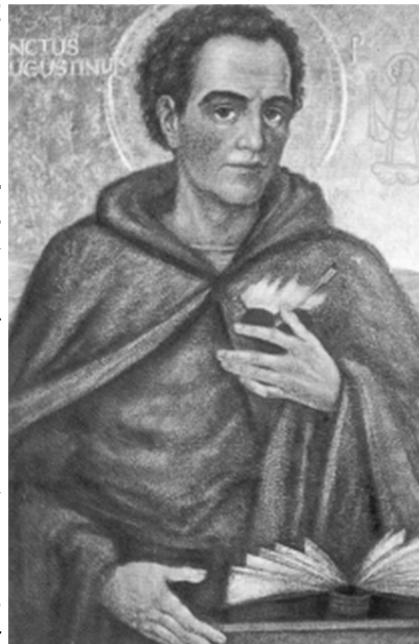
All volunteers assisting with the BBQ are required to have a current Food Handler’s Permit. Please check for your name on the updated list at the back of the church. **Classes are held on Mondays at the Health District- 1702 Horne Rd. (see flyer). Alternatively, online certification may be obtained by taking a course from a Texas state-approved program for as little as \$7:**  
[www.dshs.texas.gov/food-handlers/training/online.aspx](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-handlers/training/online.aspx)  
[www.learn2serve.com/texas-food-handler-certificate](http://www.learn2serve.com/texas-food-handler-certificate)



**News & Upcoming Events in our Parish & Diocese**

**EARLY SUNDAY MORNING MASS**

Starting next week, Sept. 3, Fr. Roy will celebrate an early morning 6:30 AM Sunday Mass every week at Holy Cross. As the earliest regular Sunday morning Mass in the city, please invite anyone you know who may have obligations preventing them from attending a later Sunday Mass.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Registration for 2017-18 religious education classes is now in progress through September 3. A diocesan-required **child safety presentation** will be held on **Sunday, September 3 (12-1 PM)** in St. Drexel Hall. Parents and students are invited to attend this presentation. Regular **classes begin September 10 (11:45 AM– 1 PM)**.

**BBQ & RAFFLE TICKETS**

All Holy Cross parishioners are asked to turn in raffle ticket money to Norma Ortiz or to the parish office as soon as possible after tickets are sold. BBQ ticket money should be turned in to Paul Tisdale, Liz Vesely, or to the church office as soon as possible after selling your tickets.

**BBQ DONATION LIST**

Many items are needed for the BBQ. Please sign up to donate items on the list on the **inside of the St. Drexel Hall door**. Thank you!

**THE CONVERSION OF ST. AUGUSTINE**

St. Augustine was the son of a devout Christian African mother (St. Monica) and a pagan Roman father. He was born in Thagaste (Souk Ahras, Algeria) and spent many years living in sin and following false religious beliefs. He was one of the most brilliant men of all time and had some Christian influence as a child. But his sins of pride and impurity clouded his mind so he could not embrace Divine Truth.

Starting at age nineteen, Augustine lived with a mistress for fifteen years. She bore him a son named Adeodatus. Through the unceasing prayers of his holy mother, the preaching of St. Ambrose, and the special guidance of the Holy Spirit, Augustine finally converted to the Catholic faith. One day he heard about two men who were suddenly converted while reading the life of St. Antony of the Desert, and Augustine came to his senses: "What are we doing?" he cried to his friend Alipius. "Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the filth of our sins!"

Full of contrite sorrow, Augustine cried out to God, "How long more, O Lord? Why does not this hour put an end to my sins?" Just then he heard a child singing, "Take up and read!" So he picked up a copy of St. Paul's Epistles and read the first verses he saw. At this moment God spoke to him through a passage of Sacred Scripture that says to put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus.

From that moment Augustine began a new life. He was baptized, became a priest, bishop, famous theologian, founder of a religious community, and one of the most influential saints in Church history. He practiced charity, lived in simplicity, overcame strong heresies, preached and prayed with great fervor until his death.

"Late have I loved you, Beauty so ancient and so new... You called, shouted, broke through my deafness; you flared, blazed, banished my blindness... you touched me, and I burned for your peace" (*Confessions, Book 10*).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

Marylou Areola, Marchant Bradford, Tony Canales, Fern Carter, Paul Carter, Gail Dement, Ana Dudley, Louise Gazin, Doug Hopkins, Otis Jackson, Rodessa Jones, Darell Johnson, Charlester Lewis, Nathan Lopez, Fr. McGowan, Martha Moore, Billie & Hector Munguia, Emily Petru, Rosanne Ramirez, Phillis Ridgels, Renalda Sharkey, Lamont Taylor, Carolyn Satterwhite, Eula Shaw, Les Spear, Dolores Vesely, Patricia Whitfield, Henry G. Winn

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Monday: St. Augustine**
- Tuesday: Passion of St. John the Baptist**
- Friday: First Friday Holy Hour (6-7:15 PM)**  
*Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*
- Saturday: First Saturday** (Immaculate Heart of Mary)



**Birthdays for the week of August 27<sup>th</sup>**

- August 28: Elizabeth Vesely
- Sept 1: Baldomero Ramirez

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-10; Ps 149:1-9; Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-17; Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1-12; Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

"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, August 20, 2017)

- Adult Envelopes (25).....\$ 495.00
- Children's Envelopes (1).....\$ 1.00
- Loose Currency.....\$ 35.40

**TOTAL \$ 531.40**

**May God bless you for your generous support!**