# Holy Cross Catholic Community

Pastor, Father Jose Issac

## Weeks of May 16, 2021 and May 23, 2021

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Office Hours:
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m. Noon (Spanish Mass), and 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday through Friday: 12 p.m. Noon
Reconciliation: Saturday 4 p.m.

## Parish Staff

Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Martinez
Associate Assistant: Lucy Villanueva
Associate Assistant: Libby Ballesteros
Building, Grounds: Bob and Lisa Holleman
Janitorial Service: Diamond Shine

## Ministries & Parish Groups

**Adult Faith Formation:** Father Jose
**Altar Servers:** Angela Malone and Amanda Higley
**Baptism Class:**
**(Eng):** Libby Hoops 223-2809
**(Span):** Yrma Plascencia and Herbert Melendez
**Bulletin:** Angela Mann 475-0515
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**Marriage Preparation:** Father Jose
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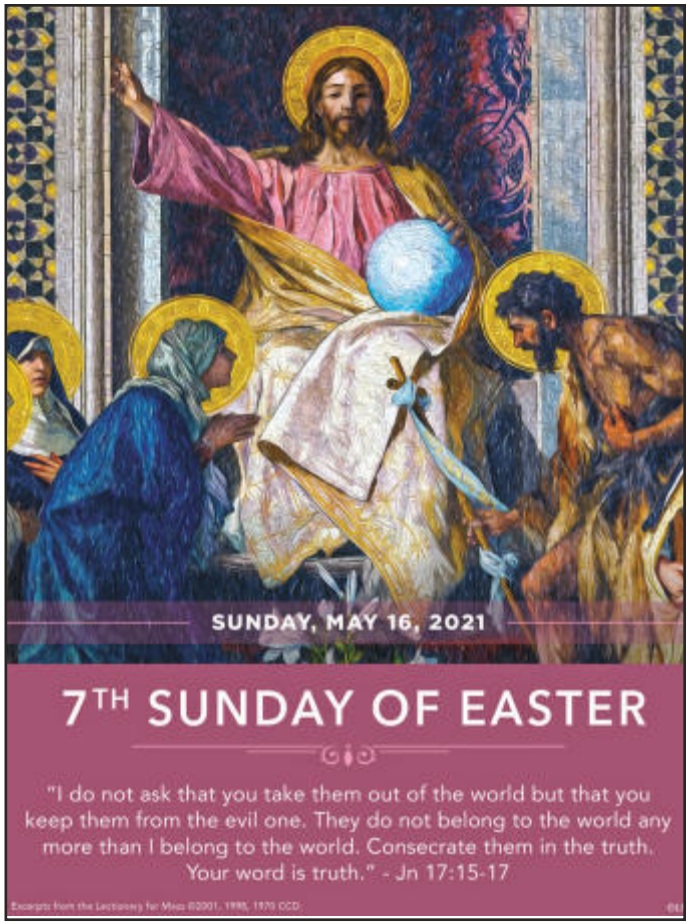


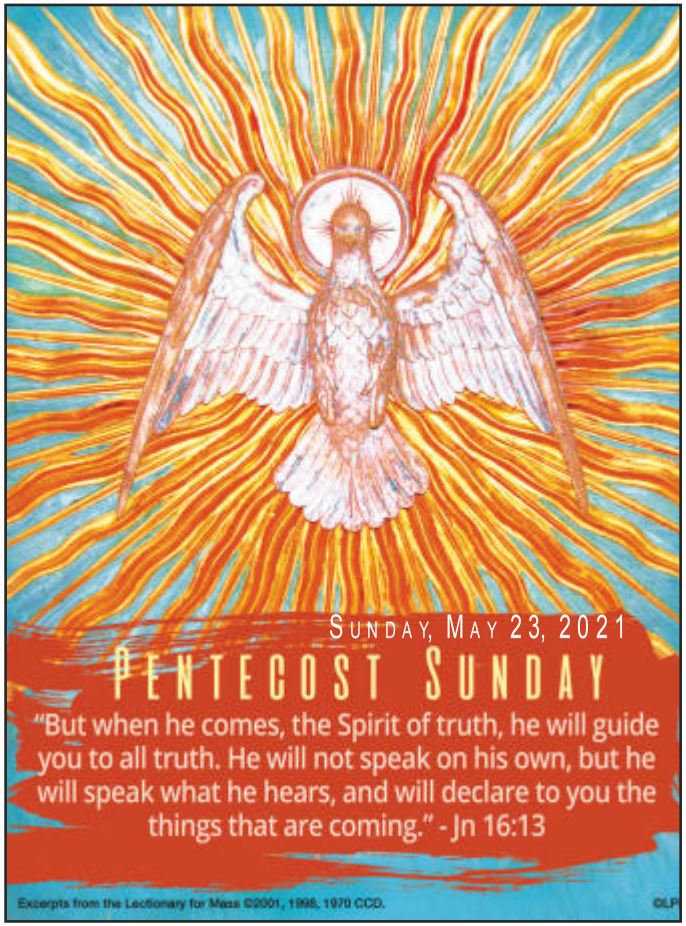


# We need to trust in God

When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us.

The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls.

We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all of the good and the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains

# *Blessed and Thankful*

Prayerful Greetings to you from Holy Cross Catholic Community. Hope and pray that you and your loved ones are safe, healthy, and doing well. Please be assured of my prayers.

We have been in this pandemic for more than a year. It is my wish that we will soon see some changes in the restrictions due to Covid-19. As of now, we are allowed to have 250 parishioners for in-person worship. However, our average attendance is only about 70 to 150.

I do believe that it is going to take some time for parishioners to return to in-person worship. I fully support the 'in-person-worship-hesitant parishioners' taking their time. For it is so important that they feel comfortable and safe before they choose to return.

Please know, Holy Cross will do everything it can, for the safety and protection of the common good and for every parishioner who walks in. I consider myself so blessed to have been at Holy Cross during this difficult time and I am thankful for the same. It is all by God's loving kindness and mercy.

*"And all day long, both at the temple and in their homes, they did not stop teaching and proclaiming the messiah, Jesus"* ***Acts: 5/42***

Holy Cross is also working on re-starting its faith formation program. RCIA for adults; RCIC for older unbaptized children, youth and their parents, in-person faith formation for families, and family catechesis which is open to all parishioners. I hope and pray that our faith formation ministries will have a very high level of parental/family participation.

I welcome suggestions and recommendations from all.

Love & Prayers

*Father Jose*

# Weekly Offerings

**For the week ending April 25**

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|---|---|
| Sunday Offering | $ 4,834.18 |
| CSA 2021 | $ 4,865.00 |
| Faith Formation | $ 50.00 |
| Catholic Home Mission | $ 5.00 |
| Miscellaneous | $ 10.00 |
| Easter | $ 80.00 |
| Pastor's Charity | $ 186.00 |
| CSA Rebate from 2020 | $ 617.00 |
| Religious Education | $ 15.00 |
| Mass Intentions | $ 1,500.00 |
| Total | $ 12,162.18 |

**For the week ending May 2**

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|---|---|
| Sunday Offering | $ 5,513.78 |
| CSA 2021 | $ 2,425.00 |
| Catholic Home Mission | $ 80.00 |
| Support for India Covid Pandemic | $ 1,505.00 |
| Votive Candles | $ 521.00 |
| Operation Rice Bowl | $ 77.00 |
| Lector Book | $ 10.00 |
| Pastor's Charity | $ 55.00 |
| The Ascension | $ 80.00 |
| Religious Education | $ 10.00 |
| Mass Intentions | $ 1,970.00 |
| Total | $ 12,326.78 |

**Confirmation Retreat**

A small retreat for the 27 second-year youth who will be confirmed this year will be taking place on Friday, May 21 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit.

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, May 15, 5 p.m.**
Carol Prazer ✞ Req. by John and Denise Loranger
**Sunday, May 16, 8 a.m.**
Angel De Vega ✞ Req. by Elsa Tongson
**Sunday, May 16, 10 a.m.**
Rosa and Felicisimo De Ocampo ✞ Req. by Rosalie Stone
**Sunday, May 16, Noon**
Samuel Ayala ✞ Req. by Wife and Children
**Sunday, May 16, 4:30 p.m.**
Parish Family
**Tuesday, May 18, Noon**
Communion Service
**Wednesday, May 19, Noon**
Communion Service
**Thursday, May 20, Noon**
Communion Service
**Friday, May 21, Noon**
Communion Service
**Saturday, May 22, 5 p.m.**
Parish Family
**Sunday, May 23, 8 a.m.**
Jessica Guzman S.I. Req. by Parents and brother
**Sunday, May 23, 10 a.m.**
Juliana Ortegoza ✞ Req. by Rosalie Stone
**Sunday, May 23, Noon**
Francisca Cruz de Medina ✞ Req. by Family
**Sunday, May 23, 4:30 p.m.**
Jacob Roberts ✞ Req. by Family
**Tuesday, May 25, Noon**
Konnie Moore ✞ Req. by Diana Padilla
**Wednesday, May 26, Noon**
Maura Walsh ✞ Req. by Mary Neuhoff
**Thursday, May 27, Noon**
Ray and Ruth Oliveira ✞ Req. by Kathleen Fralick
**Friday, May 28, Noon**
Chester Simmons ✞ Req. by Bryan and Sandy Recla
**Saturday, May 29, 5 p.m.**
Sonny Escudero ✞ Req. by Escudero Family

*Please bring mask and practice social distancing*

**Clergy Retreat**

All priests of the Diocese are going to be at Christ the King retreat at Citrus Heights, California from May 17 to May 21. Kindly keep them in your prayers. There will not be daily mass but there will be Communion Service Tuesday through Friday at 12 noon.

# Our Liturgical Team

Team for Weekend of May 22-23

**May 22, 5 p.m.**

**L:** Ron McClain, Jim Shaw
**EM:** Marsha McClain, Earlene Rummel, Bob Bertschinger, Jane Burke
**A:** Connor McClain, Cameron McClain
**Greeter:** Bob Bertschinger

**May 23, 8 a.m.**

**L:** Mike Morris, Jessica Guzman
**EM:** John Bell, Margaret Dively, Helen Martin
**A:** Higley Family
**Greeters:** Guzman Family

**May 23, 10 a.m.**

**L:** Bob Holleman, Lisa Holleman
**EM:** Jane Foreman, Bob Holleman, Lisa Holleman, Innocent Ezenwa
**A:** Kevin Malone, Manny Padilla

**May 23, noon**

**L:** Antonio Osegueda, Enrique Canceco
**EM:** Julieta Paz, Cecilio Urias, Chely Canceco
**A:** Mia Estrada, Adanali Garcia, Gabriela Olmos
**Greeters:** Sonia Galvan y Familia

**May 23, 4:30 p.m.**

**L:** Amy Nieminen, Lily Nieminen
**EM:** Rhoda Denoncourt, Gene Seidlitz, Sarah Naegele, Bob Daly
**A:** Servers needed

Team for Weekend of May 29-30

**May 29, 5 p.m.**

**L:** Vilia Natchez, John Kadlic
**EM:** Kathy Wegner, Nik Shulenberger, John Kadlic, Risa Ronan
**A:** Servers needed
**Greeter:** Jim Shaw

**May 30, 8 a.m.**

**L:** Herbert Melendez, Sierra Higley
**EM:** Kathie Geipel, Veronica Alimurung, Herbert Melendez, John Bell
**A:** Higley Family
**Greeter:** Jay Campbell

**May 30, 10 a.m.**

**L:** Maggie Malone, Joe Haggarty
**EM:** Innocent Ezenwa, Yazmin Quintero, Angie Malone, Ophelia Wilson
**A:** Chidebon Ezenwa

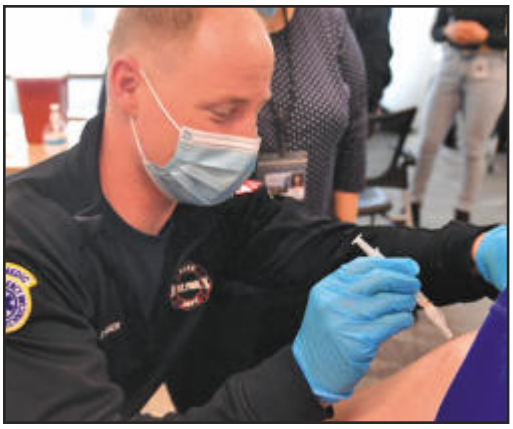
**May 30, noon**

**L:** Yolanda Velasquez, Bertha Alvarez
**EM:** Iovana Robles, Manuel Alvarez, Lucila Martinez
**A:** Jenny Estrada, Giovanni Lopez, Makeyla Estrada
**Greeters:** Lupita Guzman y Familia

**May 30, 4:30 p.m.**

**L:** Leo Humphreys, Marlene Humphreys
**EM:** Noreen Parry, Leo Humphreys, Marlene Humphreys, Kathleen Fralick
**A:** Matthew Zadhradka

# Vaccine to be given at Holy Cross



The Johnson & Johnson's Vaccine will be administered at Holy Cross by the Sparks Fire Department on Sunday, May 23 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hall. This is open to all age 18 years or older. No appointments, walk in's only. Please wait 15-30 minutes after the vaccine. Please bring your ID.

# CSA 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Our parish goal is only $77,272. The ministries that Bishop supports with CSA are:

- The Diaconate Formation Program
- Ongoing Education for Clergy
- Financial Assistance to Retired Priests
- Seminarian's Education
- The Lay Ministry Formation and Leadership Program
- Adult Faith Formation Program
- Religious Education and Catechetical Programs
- Catholic Schools
- The High Desert Catholic Magazine
- Annual Diocesan Conference
- The Safe Environment Program
- Youth and Young Adult Ministries
- Respect Life and Family Programs
- Hospital Ministry, Prison Ministry
- TV Mass
- Ethnic Adult and Youth Ministries
- The Newman Center and Subsidies to smaller parishes

I ask all Holy Cross parishioners to prayerfully consider making a pledge to support the ministries mentioned above. These ministries can be done only by Bishop and the Diocese. We will have time from March 2021 to February 2022 to gather pledges and donations. Thank You for your continued support to CSA 2021. May God Bless You for your kind and generous support.

Love and Prayers,
Father Jose

# Confirmation dates coming in June

Holy Cross has been preparing 28 youth for Confirmation. They had already completed their 1st year before the Covid 19 happened. They were preparing for the sacrament online and in person. Please note the dates for the sacrament of Confirmation: June 6 or June 13 at 4:30 p.m. Please call the parish office to schedule.

# AmazonSmile usage will aid Diocese

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# Scholarships for 4 parishioners

**The Class of 2021**

Ponderosa Council 4928 is pleased to announce the following parish student scholastic financial aid program recipients for 2021:

From Bishop Manogue Catholic High School: Donoven N. DeRicco. From Spanish Springs High School: Sierra R. Higley and Carleen M. Rauh. From Edward C. Reed High School: Dulche A. Infante-Silva. We wish them all success in their future scholastic endeavors.

For further information regarding this or other Knights of Columbus programs, contact Grand Knight Chuck Goucher at (707) 484-4562.

# COVID vaccines

Hagamos nuestra parte para detener la propagación del virus y vacunémonos.

La vacuna COVID-19 ya está disponible para todos los adultos mayores de 16 años.

Para obtener más información sobre la vacunación, visite el departamento de salud del condado de Washoe en línea en: http://covid19washoe.com/espanol/

- llame al: 775-328-2427. Para encontrar la clínica de vacunas más cercana, visite a la pagina web: www.nvcovidfighter.org/

Let's do our part to stop the spread and let's get vaccinated.

The COVID-19 Vaccine is Now Available to All Adults 16+

For more information on the vaccination, visit the Washoe County health department online at www.covid19washoevaccine.com/ or call: 775-328-2427

# Welcome Bob & Lisa Holleman

Our sincere gratitude to Bob & Lisa Hollman for volunteering their time to help maintain and take care of our building and grounds. Please extend your support to them.

# Congratulations

**Wedding**

Andrea Corral & Joseph Lozano

**Baptism**

Mateo Salazar

Dolba Gonzalez

Nickolai Arevalo

# Lenten Rice Bowls

Thank you to all who picked up a CRS Rice Bowl during Lent. We are collecting the Rice Bowls through the end of May, please drop off your Rice Bowl Donations before the end of May.

# *Welcome Libby Ballesteros*

Libby is a graduate from Bishop Manogue and current UNR student. She is new in the office and will be helping with special masses on Saturdays and Sundays. Please give Libby a warm welcome.

# Sacrament of Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Saturdays at 1 p.m. At this time, we are happy to accommodate 8 families per Saturday. Please visit the office to register for baptism.

**Baptism Classes**

Baptism classes for parents and godparents are held every 2nd Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. Next baptism class will be June 13.

**Clases de Bautizo**

Las clases de bautismo para padres y padrinos serán cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes a la 1pm. Las próximas clases serán el 13 de junio.

# Plan your 1st Communion

Those who are in the 2nd Year of 1st Holy Communion may schedule the celebration during the weekends in June, July or August. Parents may choose any mass according to their convenience. Please contact the parish office to schedule. Thank you and God Bless you.

**Save the Date:** 1st Communion Retreat for 2nd Year families is May 22, from 9 a.m. to Noon, 12 p.m.

Last meeting will be May 27 at 5:15 p.m.

# Family Catechesis

Family Catechesis is an open-ended program where families are encouraged to live and share their faith. We require weekly mass participation, a prayer station in the home, and 30-40 minutes to gather as a family for the weekly sessions. We are planning to celebrate sacraments in the months of June, July, or August. Please keep this program, the families and leadership in your prayers. If you are in need of sacraments or would like to continue with the faith formation, please visit the parish office to register.

Family Catechesis meeting dates for 2nd Year are:

1st Communion – Retreat on May 22, 9 a.m. to Noon; last meeting is May 27 at 5:15 p.m.

Confirmation – 3rd or 4th Sunday of the Month at 2:30 p.m.

RCIC – 3rd AND 4th Sunday of Month at 11 a.m.

RCIA – All Sundays at 11 a.m. except 2nd Sunday of the Month

# Watching Mass from home

Holy Cross Catholic Community's Masses on Sundays at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. are live streamed. To watch live or view a recorded Mass, please visit Holycrossparks.com and click on the YouTube or Facebook link on the main page.

# Welcome Home

Holy Cross is glad to welcome you back. Many of you who have been staying home due to the pandemic are invited to join us for in person worship. Our capacity has been increased to 50 percent or 250, whichever is less. Our classrooms with open windows have significantly increased our capacity.

Those of you who are still hesitant, I invite you to join us on weekdays, Tuesday through Friday at 12 noon. There is plenty of space.

We are still waiting to start in-person group gatherings. I hope and pray that it will be happening soon.

Meanwhile, we continue to practice social distancing, hand sanitizing, disinfecting, and wearing masks. I ask everyone to be mindful of all such public health measures until we defeat this virus for sure. So, your patience is well appreciated as you return.

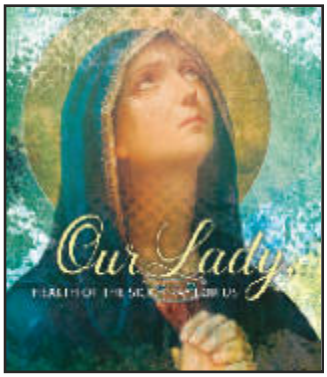
## Five Loaves

Thank you for your continuous generosity with this program. The food you donate is an answered prayer to families in our community and senior citizens in need. May your kindness be returned to you tenfold.

## We Remember:

Emerson Moreno ✞

## Pray for Members of our Parish Family

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Nicholas Bushgens
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Carey Snyder
Frank Stewart
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Vincent Stuart
Isaac Vargas
Bill Wehinger
Bob Wolf
Sean Wolff
Steve Woods

## *Come to Mass, we're here for you*

Father Jose is encouraging all parishioners to attend weekday Masses at noon. There are plenty of seats available! Holy Cross can accommodate more worshipers.

## Mass Intentions

In these difficult times, prayers continue to be needed for our late loved ones and those in need of Special Intentions through Mass Intentions. Mass Intentions are available.

## Cry Room available

We are grateful to see families back at Mass. We would like to remind and encourage parents with small children to use the Cry Room where you still have visibility and sound of the Mass.

*"From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God."*

**– St. Pope John Paul II**

## Upcoming Events

May 17-21, Clergy Retreat/Communion Services, 12 p.m.
May 22, 1st Communion Retreat 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
May 22, Baptisms, 1 p.m.
May 22, Memorial Mass, 2 p.m.
May 23, RCIA Family Catechesis, 11 a.m.
May 23, RCIC Meeting, 11 a.m.
May 23, Baptism Class, Spanish, 1 p.m.
May 23, Confirmation Meeting, 2:30 to 4 p.m.
May 25, 2nd Year First Communion Meeting, 5:15 p.m.
May 28, Quinceanera, 10 a.m.
May 29, Quinceanera, 10 a.m.
May 29, Quinceanera, 11:30 a.m.
May 29, Baptisms, 1 p.m.
May 30, RCIA Family Catechesis, 11 a.m.

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