

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

PASTOR, FATHER JOSE ISSAC

WEEKS OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

AND SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

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Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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## 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

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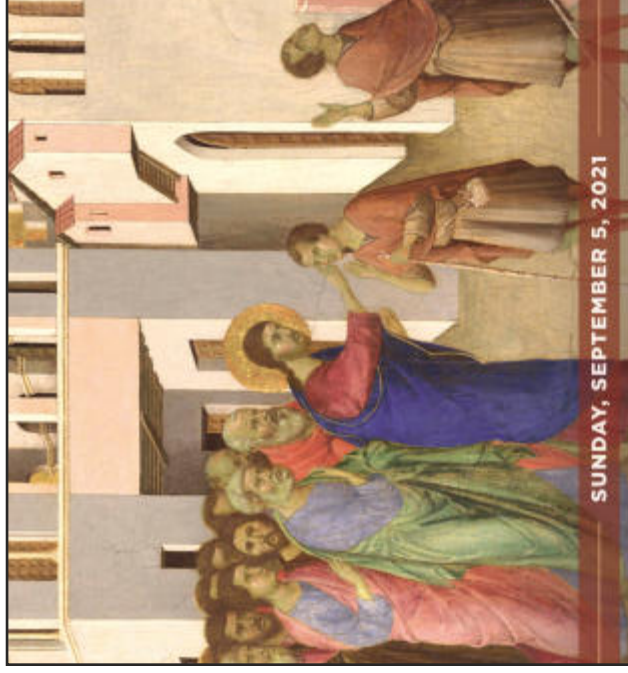
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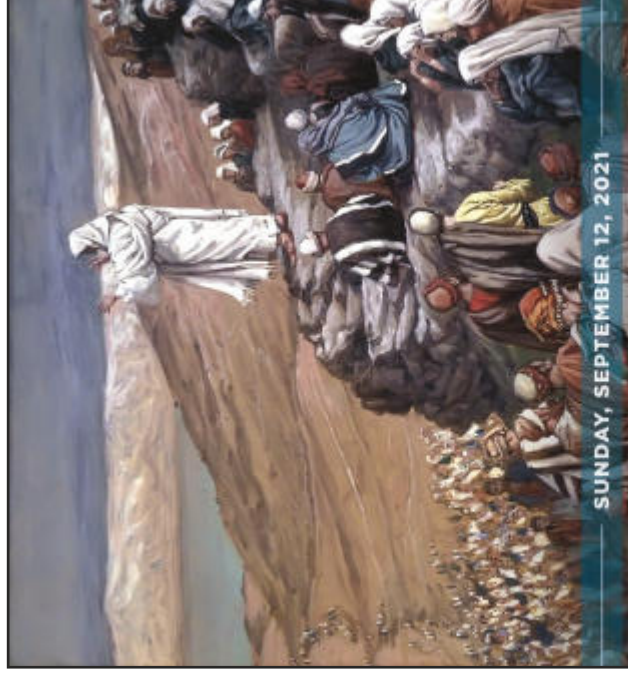
**RCIC:** Herbert Melendez



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

# Life changes ~ we are healed

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. We face brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. For no apparent reason, life can quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar is gone and something we relied upon is taken away. We are left sitting with our incompleteness and swimming in the pools of our sadness. Be strong! Fear not! These admonitions flow from the mouths of prophets and are echoed by Jesus. It is difficult to trust that restoration, healing, and rejuvenation

will one day come, and remain steadfast in our faith. But we are here because of a God who loves us, not as the result of a random occurrence. When we reach for that truth about who we are and who God is, life changes for us. We are healed from our old distorted way of seeing things. Our eyes, heart, and soul are opened to the beauty and magnificence of life. The pulse of our loving Creator is felt in all things and we can't wait for God to come and touch us again. God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. He has done all things well.



## Blessed and Thankful

Prayerful Greetings and best wishes 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 continued prayers.

Holy Cross did resume mass at Morning Star and Brookdale Vista. Their celebrations were moments of gratitude and joy for all. It was so nourishing for us and for Jim and Earlene from Holy Cross.

We just concluded a very successful registration campaign for Faith Formation. There are 178 families registered. Classes have started on the 22nd. I am so humbled that we have a large assembly of "Joyful Givers" or faithful facilitators. I am thankful.

These were a series of events that took place prior to the Catechetical Sunday Celebrations. Sonshine Summer Youth Camp, "Welcome back BBQ," the Facilitator dinner meeting, "We Gather Together as Disciples of Christ" prayer evening, Blessing of all parents, grandparents and honoring and commissioning of the volunteer facilitators during the Catechetical Weekend. They were events in which participants enjoyed a flooding of grace and blessings. I thank the army of "joyful givers" who made these

events happen. Fernando Martinez, Barbara Beverly, Alfredo Fuente, Denise Paul, Terri Bond, Haley Bond, Elizabeth Martinez, Lucy Villanueva, Angie Malone and Dulce Infante are just a few of them.

Work on the Prayer Garden has started. It is my hope to be completed by December. I am sure it will be a great addition to our prayer and worship experience here at Holy Cross.

A series of mini fundraisers are happening under the committed leadership of the Guadalupano Council. My sincere appreciation for Yazmin & Raul, Benjamin & Martha, Lupe & Iovana, Carlos & Raquel, Fernando & Lucila, Tony Oseguera, Lupe & Abel, Jose & Enedina, just a few of the generous "Joyful Givers."

I thank Andrew, Gene, Tony, Enrique, Paul and Elizabeth in re-arranging the worship area and the classrooms. I acknowledge with gratitude the generous support given to faith formation by the Women's group.

I wish that you all stay safe and healthy. I pray for your well-being and wholeness.

Love & Prayers  
*Father Jose*

## Weekly Offerings

| For the week ending August 15 |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Sunday Offering               | \$ 4,203.35  |
| Come and See                  | \$ 530.00    |
| Sisters of St. Joseph – Peru  | \$ 3,620.00  |
| Our Lady of Guadalupe         | \$ 74.00     |
| Children's Faith Form'tion    | \$ 250.00    |
| The Assumption                | \$ 750.00    |
| Catholic Home Mission         | \$ 65.00     |
| Women's Group                 | \$ 44.00     |
| RCIA                          | \$ 75.00     |
| Confirmation                  | \$ 375.00    |
| Religious Education           | \$ 750.00    |
| Mass Intentions               | \$ 1,890.00  |
| Total                         | \$ 12,626.35 |

| For the week ending August 22 |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Sunday Offering               | \$ 5,483.91  |
| Come and See                  | \$ 325.00    |
| Sisters of St. Joseph – Peru  | \$ 1,100.00  |
| Our Lady of Guadalupe         | \$ 1,392.00  |
| CSA Rebate                    | \$ 11,851.00 |
| The Assumption                | \$ 197.53    |
| Catholic Home Mission         | \$ 35.00     |
| RCIA                          | \$ 100.00    |
| Confirmation                  | \$ 500.00    |
| Religious Education           | \$ 550.00    |
| Mass Intentions               | \$ 1,120.00  |
| Total                         | \$ 22,654.44 |

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, September 4, 5 p.m.

Virginia Loranger † Req. by Loranger Family

### Sunday, September 5, 8 a.m.

Esperanza Rodriguez Moreno † Req. by Holy Cross

### Sunday, September 5, 10 a.m.

Jim and Caroline Jordan † Req. by Mary Neuhoff

### Sunday, September 5, Noon

Maria Lurdes Rios Cruz † Req. by Holy Cross

### Sunday, September 5, 4:30 p.m.

Parish Family

### Tuesday, September 7, Noon

Carla Martinez † Req. by Family

### Wednesday, September 8, Noon

Mary Sheets † Req. by Kalmanier and Grove Families

### Thursday, September 9, Noon

Ruth Oliveira † and Tom Oliveira † Req. by Kathleen Fralick

### Friday, September 10, Noon

Joseph Fournier † Req. by Claire Fournier and Family

### Saturday, September 11, 5 p.m.

Ramocity Santos † Req. by Family

### Sunday, September 12, 8 a.m.

Women of Afghanistan Req. by Libby Hoops

### Sunday, September 12, 10 a.m.

Parish Family

### Sunday, September 12 Noon

Natalia Trejo † Req. by Family

### Sunday, September 12, 4:30 p.m.

Palakovich deceased family members by Loranger Family

### Tuesday, September 14, Noon

Donovan Jordan Bartley †

### Wednesday, September 15, Noon

Agnes Youngsuk Kim † Req. by Theodora and Family

### Thursday, September 16, Noon

Modesta Soto De Valencia † Req. by Family

### Friday, September 17, Noon

Louis Eduardo Palsgard Jr. † Req. by Holy Cross

### Saturday, September 18, 5 p.m.

Helen Flores Req. by Tony

*"All that is Good, all that is True, all that is Beautiful, Brings us to God."*

— Pope Francis



## Our Liturgical Team

TEAM FOR WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 11-SEPTEMBER 12

**September 11, 5 p.m.**

**L:** Marcia McClain, Ron McClain  
**EM:** John Kadlic, Bob Bertschinger, Jim Shaw  
**A:** Kevin Malone  
**Greeters:** Cameron McClain

**September 12, 8 a.m.**

**L:** Jessica Guzman, Mike Morris  
**EM:** Joe Haggarty, Helen Martin, Bruce Seaver  
**A:** Higley Family  
**Greeters:** Rita Rollins

**September 12, 10 a.m.**

**L:** Maria Richards, Maggie Malone  
**EM:** Herbert Melendez, Silvia Garcia, Angie Malone  
**A:** Chidubem Ezenwa

**September 12, noon**

**L:** Mary Guerrero, Gustavo Gonzalez  
**EM:** Raquel Giron, Carlos Giron, Chely Canceco, Enrique Canceco  
**A:** Alex Medina, Ricky Medina, Diego Ruiz  
**Greeters:** Maricela Martinez y Familia

**September 12, 4:30 p.m.**

**L:** Gene Seidlitz, Makena Swenski  
**EM:** Sarah Naegele, Rhoda Denoncourt  
**A:** Matthew Zahradka  
**Greeter:** Kathleen Fralick

TEAM FOR WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 18-19

**September 18, 5 p.m.**

**L:** John Kadlic, Vilia Natchez  
**EM:** Jane Burke, Bob Bertschinger, Angie Malone  
**A:** Kevin Malone, Sammy Malone  
**Greeter:** McClain Family

**September 19, 8 a.m.**

**L:** John Bell, Sierra Higley  
**EM:** Bruce Seaver, Margaret Dively  
**A:** Higley Family  
**Greeter:** Guzman Family

**September 19, 10 a.m.**

**L:** Herbert Melendez  
**EM:** Yazmin Quintero, Jane Foreman  
**A:** Kaye Samaco, Khaylen Samaco

**September 19, noon**

**L:** Rosalia Hernandez, Anita Salazar  
**EM:** Sandra Ortiz, Lucila Martinez, Martha Flores, Luiz Campos  
**A:** Gabriela Olmos, Mia Estrada, Jenn Estrada, Makeyla Estrada  
**Greeters:** Lupita Guzman y Familia

**September 19, 4:30 p.m.**

**L:** Lily Nieminen, Amy Nieminen  
**EM:** Leo Humphreys, Marlene Humphreys, Susan Daly, Bob Daly  
**A:** Servers needed  
**Greeter:** Gene Seidlitz

## Calvacade of Horses and Kermes

Join us for our "Calvacade of Horses & Kermes" fundraising event.

There will be food, drinks, horse-back rides, bounce house and a show!

It will take place on Saturday, September 11, 2

p.m. to 7 p.m. at The Ranch 2075 Highland Ranch Parkway Sun Valley, NV 89433

All proceeds will go towards our new Prayer Garden.



## Cabalgata y Kermes

Acompáñenos con toda su familia a una cabalgata de caballos y kermes.

Habrá comida, bebidas, brincolin para los niños, y mas!

Sabado, 11 de septiembre, 2pm-7pm en El Rancho 2075 Highland Ranch Parkway Sun Valley, NV 89433

Todos los fondos recaudados serán para nuestro nuevo Jardín de Oración.

## Faith Formation registrations

We have begun our faith formation classes. Families who still wish to register for sacraments can do so and expect our next phase of classes to begin in November.

Thank You. 

Thank you to the teachers who have volunteer their time for faith formation:

**Religious Ed:** Maggie Malone, Chaz Dunn, Mary Anderson, Bonnie Miller, Becky Humphreys, Jennifer Maravilla, Candence Lambdin, Donna Mondini, Renee Mankee, Cindy Rosales, Luke Nesser, Diane Padilla, Terri Seaver, Luz Shanrock, Liz Deason, Marcia McClain, Sharon Cacas, Dulce Infante, Brenda Serafin, Sarah Perez and Erika Landa.

**Come and See:** Herbert Melendez, Icela Villanueva, Khris Melendez, Yisseth Melendez, Jessica Lima, Rhoda Denoncourt.

**Confirmation:** Stephanie Gonzalez, Alejandra Vazquez, Maggie Malone and Chaz, Andrew Serafico, Angie Malone

**RCIA:** Joe Haggarty, Bobbi Joyce, Joe Saiz, Don Dondero, Mike Morris, Barbara Beverly, Ken Peak, Steve Schiwart, Terri Seaver

# Congratulations

## Baptism

Analia Arana  
 Geovani Cabrera  
 Thiago Espita  
 Filberto Maya  
 Alessandra Dorado  
 Juan Munoz  
 Hezekiah Munguia  
 Jenelle Bugarin  
 Kahlea Manning  
 Erick Rios  
 Zoe Reyes



Adriel Lopez  
 Aaliyah Villalobos  
 Xzayvier Villalobos  
 Emiliano Caro  
 Leonardo Acosta  
 Kelsy Patiag

## 1st Communion

Destiny & Tiffani



## Wedding

Derrick Legaretta and Cristina Servin

# Sacrament of 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 September 12.

## Clases de Bautizo

Las clases de bautismo para padres y padrinos serán cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes en español a la 1 p.m. Las próximas clases serán el 12 de Septiembre y 26 de septiembre.

Holy Cross is holding communal baptisms every Saturday at 1 p.m. At this time, we are happy to accommodate 8 families per Saturday. Please visit the office to register for a baptism.

# CSA 2021

Number of Families in our Directory 1216  
 Parish Goal \$77,272.00  
 Number of Pledges 220  
 Total Amount Pledged \$142,082.00  
 Amount Received \$117,556.00  
 If you have not made a pledge yet, there is still time to do so, pledge cards are available in the gathering space.  
 Thank You and God Bless

# Prayer space at home a must

With Faith Formation, the home is the primary place where children will learn and practice their faith and it's our mission to help families grow in faith and grow as a family.

All faith formation programs whether in person or online are tran-

sitioning into family catechesis.

Either program you choose please remember these requirements, keep a prayer space in your home, parent participation in classes/lessons and weekly mass participation.



# 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. Holy Cross will like to continue and make this program a permanent one. May your kindness be returned to you tenfold.

# Dates to remember

- September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
- September 3, St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
- September 6, Labor Day
- September 8, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- September 9, St. Peter Claver
- September 13, St. John Chrysostom
- September 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows

# Parish Registration Form

Names of Your Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Two (2) phone numbers where you can be reached: \_\_\_\_\_

Email addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mass: \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry you would like to be involved in: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you registered for online giving? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you registered for offering envelopes? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

# Upcoming Events

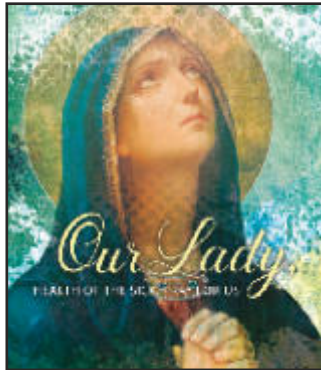
- September 6 – 7, Religious Education (4:15 p.m. Monday and 5:15 p.m. Tuesday)
- September 7, Guadalupano Council, 7 p.m.
- September 7, Knights of Columbus, 7 p.m.
- September 11 – 12, 2nd Collection: Seminarian Education
- September 11, Cabalgata & Kermes, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at The Ranch
- September 12, RCIA 9 a.m., Come & See 11 a.m., Confirmation 3 p.m.
- September 13 – 14, Religious Education (4:15 p.m. Monday and 5:15 p.m. Tuesday)
- September 14, Parish Council 6 p.m.
- September 15, Joy Group 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- September 16, Centering Prayer Group 6:30 p.m.
- September 19, RCIA 9 a.m., Come & See 11 a.m., Confirmation 3 p.m.
- September 26, Parish Picnic

## WE REMEMBER:

Pat Pettinari †

## PRAY FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Joshua Alarcon  
 Sandra Askins  
 Scott Anderson  
 Veronica Briggs  
 Nicholas Bushgens  
 Richard Chase  
 Benjamin Chavez  
 Deborah Chidester  
 Jackie DaMichele  
 Sandi DaSilveora  
 Patsy Dearing  
 James De Leon  
 Donald Dixon  
 Jim Ellis  
 Mercy Escobar  
 Connie Foxwell  
 Rosemary Geis  
 Adoralice Gibeau  
 Pat Grule  
 Mauricio Guillen  
 Dan Gustafson  
 Allan Hanssen  
 Katie Histing  
 Jeanette Jesch  
 Kenneth Jones  
 Peggy Johnston  
 Jose Jordana



Richard Kihs  
 Jennifer Krush  
 Richard Kunold  
 Sebastian Laird  
 Maria Larsen  
 Desiree & Zachary Lintz  
 Rebekah Lucey  
 Lisa Lyninger  
 Elizabeth Martinez  
 Dwight McKemy  
 Judy Medek  
 Mary Merucci  
 Joyce Montgomery  
 Majorie Ann Myers

Lori O'Connor  
 Alan Ortiz  
 Edlyn Ortiz  
 Sandra Ortiz  
 Bob Patterson  
 Berta Perez  
 Remi Plummer  
 Travis Porter  
 Becky Prevost  
 Howard Richner  
 Maria Rodriguez  
 Sam Salisbury  
 Rene Salomon  
 Frank Segura  
 Erick Smith  
 Nanette Smith  
 Carey Snyder  
 Frank Stewart  
 Brianna Stuart  
 Vincent Stuart  
 Isaac Vargas  
 Bill Wehinger  
 Bob Wolf  
 Sean Wolff  
 Steve Woods

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ANOINTING FOR HEALING

You are invited to **Mass at 9 a.m.** on Friday, October 1, and then join us on Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to sit with the Lord and pray for Vocations, Peace in our Lives, Peace in Our World and Respect Life, Parish Unity Anointing for Healing will be at 9 a.m. Friday, October 1



## Calling Youth Leaders!

Calling all youth leaders who feel a call and desire to participate in your parish community! This can include the leading of a youth group, participating in events, or being a part of our decision-making council. We need your energy, your talents and passion for

life and Faith. We need a safe and exciting place for youth to grow, learn and develop as the best-version-of-themselves. If you're called to make a difference for the future generations in a fun and exciting way, reach out to us in the office to start something new!

## Online Giving

Online giving is available on our website [www.HolyCrossSparks.com](http://www.HolyCrossSparks.com)

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## 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.

## 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.

Holy Cross celebrates Mass Tuesdays through Fridays at Noon



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