Holy Cross Catholic Community

Pastor, Father Jose Issac

Weeks of October 17, 2021 and October 24, 2021

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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: Tom Strudeman
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
Buildings & Grounds: Bob and Lisa Holleman
Bulletin: Angela Mann 475-0515
Lectors: John Bell 331-0377
Marriage Preparation: Father Jose
Parish Council: Sue Wolff 678-654-3535
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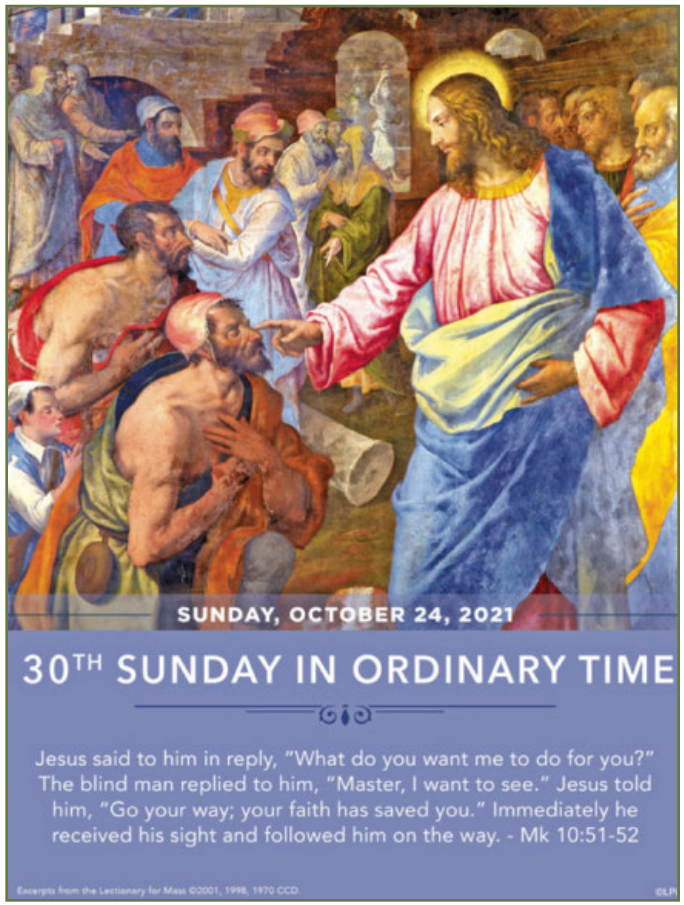
RCIA: Joe Haggarty
RCIC: Herbert Melendez



Humility, service, sacrifice = success

It's the positions of power and great authority that people often admire. We equate success with six figure incomes, high positions, management, and influence. We even go above and beyond to find favor with our bosses so that we can get a little extra recognition and maybe the next promotion when it comes up.

This is the way of the world. Those who have their values set on earthly things are going to work by earthly rules. We forget that it doesn't work that way in the Kingdom of God.

Success is measured not from the place of status, influence, or prestige but from the place of humility, service, and sacrifice. The authority that one hopes to achieve is not an authority over others but an authority that comes from wisdom and developing one's relationship with God. Jesus flips the tables on our priorities. Even the first disciples had a tough time understanding this. They really thought that they would somehow receive a privilege or bonus from being faithful. We often operate under that same illusion.

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.

All of us who are baptized are called in some way to minister to others. The gifts and talents we have are meant to be shared, to promote God's reign on earth. Most of our calls to ministry happen when we are spending some prayer time in God's presence.

Holy Cross Catholic Community has been a blessed experience for many of you. To be honest it has been my refuge, especially during this pandemic. I learned the hard way how significant is this community for the survival of my priestly ministry. The Covid 19 virus needs a human body to survive to multiply and mutate. In the same way, my priestly ministry needs this community to survive, to grow and be transformed. I knew it very well before, but this new awakening is like a homecoming.

During this pandemic, I have been blessed with some incredible parishioners who stepped up as ministers. I remember with gratitude parishioners who by their generous donations helped Holy Cross to remain open and ministering. They were not very vocal or even visible but were women and men of deep faith, silent prayer, courage and commitment. They have been blessed and became a blessing.

I asked that you spend some prayer time for the previously held ministry fair. Begin by making an honest assessment of your responsibilities and commitments. Take time to count your gifts and blessings. Try to discern if you hear a call or experience a longing in your heart. If your answer is an emphatic "yes" be thankful for the spirit of the Risen Christ is with you. Congratulations! You have made a commitment, be humble and mindful to renew your commitments daily in your hearts.

Please know you are sharing your gifts and blessings for God's glory, for the good of the community and for your happiness. May God bless you. You are "God's precious silver".

Love & Prayers
Father Jose

Weekly Offerings

For the week ending September 26

Sunday Offering	$	4,945.07
Prayer Garden Raffle	$	2,200.00
Seminarian Education	$	45.00
Votive Candles	$	303.00
Prayer Garden Donations	$	1,300.00
Religious Education	$	120.00
Mass Intentions	$	780.00
Total	$	9,693.07

For the week ending October 3

Sunday Offering	$	5,543.27
Prayer Garden Raffle Tickts	$	980.00
Seminarian Education	$	10.00
Seminary in India	$	100.00
Women's Group Gift Cab.	$	4.00
Come & See	$	100.00
Propagation of the Faith	$	40.00
Confirmation	$	100.00
Religious Education	$	102.00
Mass Intentions	$	1,580.00
Total	$	8,559.27

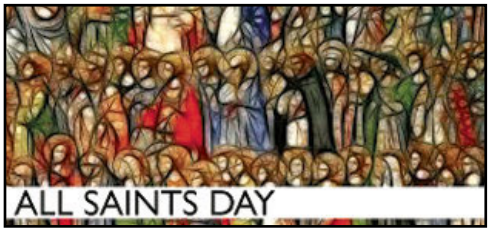
Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 16, 5 p.m.
Helen Neuhoff ✞ Req. by Mary Neuhoff
Sunday, October 17, 8 a.m.
Amalia Escalante Fabian ✞ Req. by Family
Sunday, October 17, 10 a.m.
Parish Family
Sunday, October 17, Noon
Natalia Trejo ✞ Req. by Family
Sunday, October 17, 4:30 p.m.
Jacob Roberts ✞ Req. by Susie and Randy Roberts
Tuesday, October 19, Noon
Natalia Trejo ✞ Req. by Family
Wednesday, October 20, Noon
Emerson Moreno ✞ Req. by Family
Thursday, October 21, Noon
Richard Arredondo Ortiz ✞ Req. by Family
Friday, October 22, Noon
Ramon Jordana ✞ Req. by Family
Saturday, October 23, 5 p.m.
Mark Remmel ✞ Req. by Family
Sunday, October 24, 8 a.m.
Parish Family
Sunday, October 24, 10 a.m.
Juliana Ortegoza ✞ Req. by Family
Sunday, October 24, Noon
Carla Martinez ✞ Req. by Family
Sunday, October 24, 4:30 p.m.
Lidia Mendez Garcia ✞ Ignacio Martinez Jr. ✞ Req. by Family
Tuesday, October 26, Noon
Zaneta Janiczak-Serafico S.I. ✞ Req. by Family
Wednesday, October 27, Noon
All Souls in Purgatory by Netty Cruz
Thursday, October 28, Noon
Beatriz R. Villanueva ✞ Req. by Lucia Villanueva
Friday, October 29, Noon
Antonio Jordana Jr. ✞ and Miguel Larraurri ✞ Req. by Escyderi Family
Saturday, October 30, 5 p.m.
Pat Pettinari ✞ Req. by Kathleen Fralick

Online Offering

For the Month September 2021

Sunday Offering	$	7,165.00
Capital Campaign	$	10.00
Votive Candles	$	6.00
CCD	$	10.00
Total	$	7,216 .00



November 1, All Saints Day Mass,
9 a.m. and Noon

November 2, All Souls Day Mass,
9 a.m., Noon and 6 p.m.

All Souls' Mass Offering Envelopes

We will remember all Souls during the month of November. Please drop off your All Souls donation envelope with the names of all those you would like to remember and any donation you wish.

Our Lady of Guadalupe schedule

Mañanitas and Refreshments
Saturday, December 11, 10pm

Prayer Garden Fiesta
Sunday, December 12, 2021

Prayer Garden Blessing 11:30 a.m.
Rosary and Choir 11:40 a.m.
Refreshments and Children's Danza 12:15 p.m.
Adult Danza 12:40 p.m.
Mass 1 p.m.
Auctions 2 p.m.
Raffle Drawing 3 p.m.
* Dinner will not be served this year

An important Message: Re-opening process continues

Holy Cross is still in the process of reopening. We are not yet 100% open. So, we are not ready for in person dinners & social gatherings. Kindly understand. Please be patient.

Our Liturgical Team

Team for Weekend of October 23-24

October 23, 5 p.m.
L: John Kadlic, Ron McClain
EM: Jane Burke, Bob Bertschinger, Marcia McClain
Greeter: Malone Family

October 24, 8 a.m.
L: Mike Morris, Jessica Guzman
EM: Joe Haggarty, Margaret Dively
A: Higley Family
Greeter: Rita Rollins

October 24, 10 a.m.
L: Carla McCloskey, Ophelia Wilson
EM: Yazmin Quintero, Silvia Garcia, Herbert Melendez

October 24, noon
L: Ashley Galvan, Carmen Dorat
EM: Sandra Ortiz, Manuel Alvares, Bertha Alvares, Julieta Paz
A: Liliana Martinez, Giovanni Lopez, Sheyla Guzman, Dylan Aguirre
Greeters: Sonia Galvan y Familia

October 24, 4:30 p.m.
L: Gene Seidlitz, Amy Nieminen
EM: Leo Humphreys, Marlene Humphreys, Rhoda Denoncourt
Greeter: Daly Family

Team for Weekend of October 30-31

October 30, 5 p.m.
L: Connor McClain, Jim Shaw
EM: Kathy Wegner, Jane Burke
Greeter: McClain Family

October 31, 8 a.m.
L: John Bell, Sierra Higley
EM: Kathy Geipel, Bruce Seaver, Helen Martin, Margaret Diveley
Greeter: Mike and Carla Morris

October 31, 10 a.m.
L: Herbert Melendez, Maggie Malone
EM: Angie Malone, Yazmin Quintero, Jane Foreman

October 31, noon
L: Mary Guerrero, Gustavo Gonzalez
EM: Lucila Martinez, Carlos Giron, Raquel Giron, Carmen Dorat
A: Alex Medina, Ricky Medina, Giovanni Lopez, Diego Ruiz
Greeters: Encuentro Matrimonial

October 31, 4:30 p.m.
L: Megan Pautler, Mike Cassady
EM: Bob Daly, Susan Daly, Doug Parry, Noreen Parry
Greeter: Kathleen Fralick

Congratulations

Baptism

Alyson Tinajero
Fatima Cano
Maribelle Mora
Ava Najera
Amarii Freeman
Hazel Tapia
Jasmine Tapia
Angela Aguirre
Julitza Benitez
Julian Benitez

1st Communion

Juliet Lopez
Sarah Lopez
Kayden Williams
Christopher Williams

Confirmation

Juliet Lopez
Sarah Lopez
Kayden Williams
Christopher Williams
Jeseña Lopez

Wedding
Joe & Itzel

"Take care of your body as if you were going to live forever; and take care of your soul as if you were going to die tomorrow."
– St. Augustine

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 November 14.

Clases de Bautizo

Las clases de bautismo para padres y padrinos serán cada segundo domingo del mes en español a la 1 p.m. Las próximas clases serán el 14 de noviembre.

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.

INNER PEACE TO WORLD PEACE

A Day of Reflection and Dedication

Sponsored by Fr. Chuck Durante and the Life Peace & Justice Commission of the Diocese of Reno

It feels like our world, our church, even our families, are divided and at odds with one another. How can we find that inner peace that provides a foundation for peace-building in our relationships? How can that peace-building ripple into the world? Come and spend a day in reflection, prayer and learning, flowing from the spiritual and social teaching traditions of our faith.

Date: October 23, 2021 | **Time:** 9:30-3:30pm
Location: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

There is no charge for this event but please bring your own lunch. Coffee, tea and water will be provided.

RSVP: https://bit.ly/LPJ_Register or via email: rwrksloan@hotmail.com

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

October 17, RCIA 9 a.m. /Come & See 11 a.m. / Confirmation 3 p.m.
October 18/October 19, Religious Education (4:15 p.m. Monday/5:15 p.m. Tuesday)
October 21, Centering Prayer Group, 6:30 p.m.
October 21, Women's Group, 6:30 p.m.
October 21, Knights of Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
October 24, RCIA 9 a.m. /Come & See 11 a.m. / Confirmation, 2 p.m.
October 25/October 26, Family Catechesis (4:15 p.m. Monday/5:15 p.m. Tuesday)
October 30, Teaching Mass + Family Get Together, 11 a.m.
October 31, RCIA 9 a.m. /Come & See 11 a.m. / Confirmation, 3 p.m.
November 1, All Saints Day Mass, 9 a.m. and Noon
November 2, All Souls Day Mass, 9 a.m., Noon, 6 p.m.
November 1/November 2, Family Catechesis (4:15 p.m. Monday/5:15 p.m. Tuesday)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Anointing for Healing

You are invited to **Mass at 9 a.m.** on Friday, November 5, 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, November 5.

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!

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
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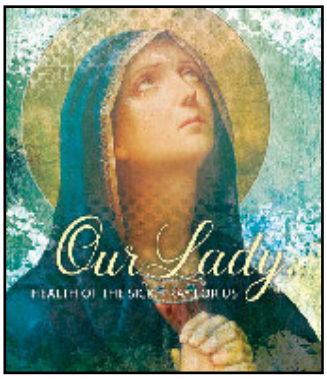
Jose Jordana



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
Sharon Vonderhaar
Bill Wehinger
Bob Wolf
Sean Wolff
Steve Woods

We Remember:

Richard Vial ✞
Ulises Amador ✞
Josephina Castillo ✞

Online Giving

Online giving is available on our website www.HolyCrossSparks.com

Set up a one-time OR recurring donation by following these 3 easy steps: 1. Click on the Give Online with WeShare link. 2. Select the offering y ou wish to donate and click to make a donation. 3. Enter your payment information. You can return at any time to edit your donation or to view your records.

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.

Holy Cross celebrates Mass Tuesdays through Fridays at Noon

Classes of Faith Formation still open

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.

Teaching Mass, Family Catechesis get together

A Teaching Mass / Family Catechesis Get Together will be held on Saturday, October 30 starting at 11 a.m. Lunch will follow at Noon and Games begin about 12:40 p.m.

All families and facilitators (teachers) are invited RCIA, RCIC, 1st Communion and Confirmation families on Monday, Tuesday and on Sunday are required to participate.

Dates to remember

October 18, St. Luke
October 20, St. Paul of the Cross
October 22, St. John Paul II
October 28, St. Simon and St. Jude
November 1, All Saints Day
November 2, All Souls Day

Save the Date

There will be a Parish Lenten Mission with Father Tony from March 19 to March 23, 2022.

There will be a Penance Service March 23.

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.

Centering Prayer group meeting again

Centering Prayer is a method of Christian contemplative prayer developed in the 1970s by three monks living at St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts. Their effort evolved into today's Contemplative Outreach.

The term Centering Prayer relates to Thomas Merton's description of contemplative prayer as prayer "centered entirely on the presence of God … His will … His love … (and) Faith by which alone we can know the presence of God."

The Holy Cross Centering Prayer group meets the first and third Thursdays of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. We begin each meeting by Centering. Afterward, we discuss readings and topics relating to contemplative prayer. If you are interested in attending a meeting or learning more about Centering Prayer, please contact Mark Miskulin at 775-771-5889.

Take care when recycling

Please be mindful when recycling in our bins. Remember no plastic bags are allowed whether loose or as bagged recyclables. Failure to comply will result in a fee for Holy Cross. Thank you for your cooperation.

CSA 2021

Number of Families in our Directory 1216
Parish Goal $77,272.00
Number of Pledges 222
Total Amount Pledged $143,222.00
Amount Received $121,296.00
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

Thank you to Rosalia and Farina who have joined us as our online Family Catechesis teachers.

Thank you to Iovana Robles and all who helped with the Fall environment change.

Thank you to Iovana Robles, her mom, and the Guadalupano Group for the beautiful altar cloths and vestments donated. This is a beautiful donation to Father Jose and to our parish community.

Ministry Fair

Thanks to all who signed up to volunteer their time with a ministry.

Parish Picnic

Thank You to all who participated and volunteered.

Fernando Martinez, Lupe & Iovana, Teri & Noli, Women's Group, Café Masala, teachers and parents, Enedina & Lupita, Eduardo Chavez, Theresa Jenkins, Joe Haggarty, Confirmation families and youth, Diane Padilla, Stephanie Gonzalez, Gerry Podhurst and many more.

Daniel Mueggenborg new Bishop of Reno

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September 24, 2021
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today I begin my ministry as the eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Reno. I am humbled, grateful and overjoyed with the opportunity to serve you, the people of Northern Nevada. I thank our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for this appointment and the opportunity to serve the Church in the American West. I grew up in rural western Oklahoma, so Nevada feels like home to me!

I am looking forward to working with you to continue important accomplishments through our faithful ministries of Catholic education, charitable services, and parish life. I also look forward to partnering with all who share our desire to protect and promote human life in all stages and states.

Visiting our parishes and schools is a high priority for me. I joyfully anticipate these visits and the opportunity to learn more about the many ways in which we are already fulfilling our God-given mission of making disciples. Though it may take some time for me to visit every parish and mission, I want you to know that I look forward to personal encounters with you and hearing about your experiences of life and faith.

Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg

As I embark on this chapter of pastoral life, I humbly ask you to pray for me — that I will be the bishop the People of God need to lead them closer to Jesus. With God's help, I hope to serve in this office in the best possible way so as to strengthen the Church and to promote the Gospel, which benefits us all.

Finally, I would like to thank Bishop Calvo for his nearly sixteen years of spiritual and administrative leadership of the Diocese of Reno. He accomplished many important works during his years here, and I am grateful to build on the foundation he has established.

There is so much I want to explore in Northern Nevada! I am looking forward to learning more about our diocese and about the rich history of this part of the United States. I cannot wait to share this journey with you. Be assured, you are already in my prayers, and I ask to remain in yours,

Yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Daniel H. Mueggenborg
Bishop of Reno

A prayer for Vocation

LORD of the Harvest,
BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.
Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving— for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families, with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen

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