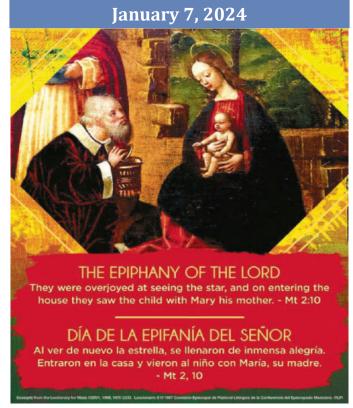
Holy Cross Catholic Community

Pastor, Father Jose Issac

Deacon Joe Haggarty

Deacon Herbert Melendez





BIBLE STUDY

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil | 5 pm Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am, 4:30pm (English) 12:15pm (Spanish)

Daily Mass | Tuesday—Friday 12:00pm Noon Reconciliation | Saturday 4:00pm

Office Hours Monday—Thursday:

9:00am to 5:30pm Lunch 12:30 to 1:00pm Saturdays: 9:00am–5:00pm Sundays: 9:00am–5:00pm Office Closed Fridays

Parish Staff
Parish Secretary:

Elizabeth Martinez

Associate Assistants:

Maria Ayala Dulce Infante

Building & Grounds: Randy Roberts

Janitorial Services:

Eduardo Chavez

A NEW ADVENTURE: YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY!

Are you between the ages of 18-35? Join our vibrant Catholic Bible study group for young adults!! Immerse yourself in meaningful discussions, deepen your Faith, and build a supportive community.

Meetings will be every Monday at 7pm starting Monday January 8th in St. Joseph's Hall. Open your heart to spiritual growth and fellowship! All are welcome.

¿Tienes entre 18 y 35 años de edad? Ven y unete a nuestro grupo de estudio bíblico Catolico para jóvenes adultos! Sumérgete en conversaciones significativas, profundiza tu

fe y construye una comunidad de apoyo. Nos reuniremos cada lunes a las 7 de la tarde a partir del 8 de Enero en St. Joseph's Hall. Abre tu corazón al crecimiento espiritual y sanas amistades! Todos son bienvenidos.

Upcoming Events

<u>January</u>

Fri 5 Healing Mass & Adoration 9am
Sat 13 FHC Communion Retreat 9:30am
Sun 14 Baptism Class Spanish 1:30pm
Mon 15 Baptism Class, English 6pm
Sat 20 Come & See– FHC Retreat 9:30am

Fr. Jose, will be on vacation beginning December 28th to February 1st.

During this time, we will have Priests from around the Diocese helping with daily Mass and Sunday Mass. Fr. Justin, Fr. Bobin and Fr. Rodel will be celebrating Masses here at Holy Cross, along with Fr. Norm, Deacon Herbert & Deacon Joe.

Please help us give them a warm welcome and Thank them for their willingness to help.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- For your safety, when exiting the parking lot, please consider turning right & going towards Raley's. Use the stoplight to turn left and go to the roundabout. This will save you time, is safer & eases up the traffic at the entrance of Holy Cross.
- When writing a check for Holy Cross, whether it be for Sunday offering, CSA, WTSA, Second Collections, etc. Please make the check payable to Holy Cross Catholic Community and in the memo line note the intended purpose.

GOOD TO KNOW

- The local hospitals in town have a priest that is available to visit you or family members that are ill and in the hospital.
- At Renown Regional Medical Center & the VA Hospital, Fr. Joseph Infante is able to be contacted by the hospital's staff to visit you.
- At St. Mary's Hospital, Fr. Conrado Lomibao is the chaplain available to all who are admitted to the hospital— Fr. Conrado can be contacted by the nursing staff for a visit.

There will be Family Catechesis class schedule:

Family Catechesis; Come & See January 7 & 14

Family Catechesis: Mondays
January 8 & 15

Family Catechesis; Confirmation January 10 & 17

OCIA (RCIA)

January 11 & 18

All Family Catechesis Programs are on break for Christmas and will resume from Sunday January 7th.

Upcoming Feasts to Remember December

12/31 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph January

1/1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 1/4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1/7 The Epiphany of the Lord 1/8 The Baptism of the Lord



CONFIRMATION

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, January 31, 2024 | 4:00pm—9:00pm

Confirmation Retreat for all high school youth in the Wednesday program. This is a required retreat for all Confirmation students. We ask the community to please keep these 88 youth in your prayers as they engage in this retreat with the NET Team!



Holy Cross is excited to welcome Maria de Jesus who goes by "Marichuy" as part of the Parish staff. She has said a answered yes and is going to be a great asset to the Parish community. Holy Cross is truly blessed to have her become a greater part of this community, please help give her a warm welcome!



Holy Cross Catholic Community is looking to fill a full-time building & Grounds/Janitorial position.

Are you good with landscaping, know your way around a tool-box, and looking to put your talents and gifts to good use? If so, please submit your resume to the Parish office.

Pay is negotiable and will rely on experience. This position is full-time, with medical & dental benefits.



Sunday, December 31

8:00am Parish Family

10:00am Chief Sam Okorie† by Okorie Family12:15pm Arturo Flores Espinosa† by Family4:30pm Jacob Roberts† & Robert Dunaway†

by Susie & Randy Roberts

Mon., January 1

9:00am Santiago Martinez† by Family

Tues., January 2

12:00pm Jose Luis Marquez Alonso† by Family **Weds.** January 3

12:00pm Victor Guadalupe Silva Lara† by Family **Thurs., January 4**

12:00pm Antonio Cruz Madera† by Family **Friday, January 5**

9:00am Jamie Nussbaumer† by Family

Sat., January 6

5:00pm John Montaluo† by Family

Sunday, January 7

8:00am Parish Family

10:00am Simona Noreriga-Nunez†

by Daughters & Granddaughters

12:15pm Santos Martinez Trejo† by Family **4:30pm** Vivencio Limoran Jr† by Anne Hazen

Tues., January 9

12:00pm Communion Service—No Noon Mass **Weds., January 10**

12:00pm Communion Service—No Noon Mass **Thursday, January 11**

12:00pm Communion Service—No Noon Mass **Friday, January 12**

12:00pm Communion Service—No Noon Mass **Saturday, January 13**

5:00pm John Kulak† by Kulak Family

Sunday, January 14

8:00am Parish Family

10:00am Gregorio Perez Loza† by His Children

12:15pm Hector Delgado† by Family **4:30pm** Joseph Anthony Sebastian† by Hoven Family

Tues., January 16

12:00pm Maria de Lourdes Rios Cruz† by Family **Weds., January 17**

12:00pm Rosa Rangel Lopez† by Family **Thursday, January 18**

12:00pm Milagros Peneyra† by Hoven Family **Friday. Ianuary 19**

12:00pm Lois Robson Cole† by Janice, Brian & Fam.

Liturgical Ministers

Team for Jan. 7 & 8 Sat., Jan. 6 5:00pm

G: Frybarger Family **L:** Lauren Frybarger

Teresa Tighe

EM: Tom Tighe
Paul Danen
Bob Bertschinger

Jim Shaw

U: Earlene Rummel

GP: Jessica Rios & Fam.

Sun., Jan. 7 8:00am

G: Guzman Family

L: Sierra Higley Mike Morris

EM: Bruce Seaver Cathie Bundesen Veronica Alimurng Megan Lambdin

U: Harvey Ibarra

GP: Brian & Beckie T.

R: Rita Rollings

10:00am

G: Mary Burlie

L: Jeannette Troise Barbara Beverly

EM: Mae Doreza Shelly Register Maricela Lopez

U: Doug Hensen

GP: Miriam Garcia & Fam.

R: Jose Hernandez & Fam. 12:15pm

B: Lupita Guzman & Fam.

L: Gustavo Gonzalez Mary Guerrero

ME: Sandra Ortiz Bertha Alvarez Manuel Alvarez

U: Abel Guzman

GP: Familia Martinez **R:** Maria Garcia & Fam.

4:30pm

G: Hoven Family

L: Nathan Carpenter Dave Jovce

EM: Bob Daly Susan Daly Sarah Naegele Gene Seidlitz

U: Bob Daly

GP: Juan Diaz & Family

Team for Jan. 13 & 14 Sat., Jan. 13 5:00pm

G: Mary Diebel

L: Vilia Natchez Carol Brown

EM: Earlene Rummel Ron McClain Marcia McClain

Risa Ronan **U:** Paul Danen

O: Paul Dallell

GP: Elba Calderon & Fam.

Sun., Jan. 14 8:00am

G: Jay Campbel

L: Helen Martin John Bell

EM: Danette Suhl Gretchen Oney Allegra Welton

U: Michael McGraw

GP: De La Torre Family

R: Aiden Crosbie & Fam.

10:00am

G: Yolanda Garcia

L: Carla McCloskey

Tony Pagano

EM: Terry Jenkins Yunuhen Espinosa

Sonia Deleon

U: Tom McCloskey

GP: Ernesto Diaz & Family

R: Miriam Garcia & Fam.

12:15pm

B: Enedina Guzman

L: Lourdes Ramirez Raul Macias

ME: Lucila Martinez

Sandra Ortiz Arnoldo Olivares

U: Jose Guzman

GP: Dinora Mendez & Fam

R: Jose Noriega & Fam.

4:30pm

G: Barlett Family

L: Doug Parry

Theresa Choman

EM: Noreen Parry Annette Grandberg Marlene Humphreys

Leo Humphreys **U:** Gene Seidlitz

GP: Jessica Rios & Family

Dear Liturgical Ministers,

Wish you a very fruitful season of advent. Hope and pray that you and your loved ones are doing well.

I am writing this letter to humbly ask you to read the "Liturgical Ministers Guidelines" I have prepared them after deep study, reflection and very carful observation. They are not new! They have been discussed in the Training sessions.

These guidelines are important and urgent. Holy Cross Catholic Community is growing. Many new parishioners are joining the Community. Many more are returning to the Catholic faith after having been away for years.

The liturgical ministers are our front-line leaders. They are the face of Holy Cross Catholic Community. So, it is important to present a united and welcoming face at all times, especially during the Liturgical Celebrations.

Thank you for being a leader! Your gift of time and talent are well appreciated. May Jesus continue to Bless you and reward you. Please be assured of my prayers.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Jose Issac

Pastor



Liturgical Ministers Guidelines

Greeter:

- There will be two greeters or they can be a family.
- Please arrive 30 minutes before Mass.
- Please stand on either side and in front of the wooden Cross.
- Please do not engage in any lengthy conversations while greeting.
- Continue to stay in the Gathering Space and greet even after the opening bells are rang.
- Kindly close the front doors and the doors to the worship space as the 1st reading starts only.
- Return to your seats and join your family

Lectors:

First Lector

- Arrive at least 20 minutes before Mass.
- Please sign in, greet the members of the team and find your seat in the worship space.
- First Lector, do not process in from the gathering space to the ambo.
- Please take a few minutes for centering before you get to the Ambo

Second Lector

- Arrive at least 20 minutes before Mass.
- Please sign in, meet the team and stay in the gathering space.
- Kindly fill in the welcoming binder & take it to the Ambo at least 5 minutes before the opening bell.
- Please return to the gathering space to join the entrance procession
- Lectors, please be seated in front of the Altar or at the Baptismal Font side
- Lectors, please do not adjust the Ambo microphone or " speak into" it.

Offertory Rites

Gift Presenters

- Arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass
- Gift Presenters are going to be a family
- Please be in the gathering space, as soon as the Prayers of the Faithful is concluded.
- Please wait for the Ushers to start taking up the collection & move away from Infront of the Altar to process in.

Ushers

- Gather at the center isle as soon as the "Prayers of the Faithful" is concluded.
- Start taking up the collection from in front of the Altar and move towards the classroom.
- Make sure to go to the classrooms, even if there is no one in the room.
- After the collection is taken ushers may proceed to the Altar, place the offertory basket in front of the Altar, bow to the Altar and return to your seats.

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Arrive 15 minutes before Mass.
- Only 3 Eucharistic Ministers at each Mass.
- Priests and Deacons will be distributing Communion.
- Eucharistic Ministers who serve on the west and east sides of the Altar, please stand closer to the podium so as not to interrupt the Communion line.
- After serving at your station, please do not go over to another station to help. Just return to the Altar.

Blessed & Thankful

Dear Friends in Christ,

Prayerful greetings to you from Holy Cross Catholic Community. Hope and pray that you and your loved ones are safe, healthy, and doing well. Wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Let us take this opportunity to pray our Good-Byes to 2023 with gratitude. This past year has brought many great blessings to our community. The week-end liturgical celebrations are well attended with greater participation. Our faith formation program for children, youth, parents (family catechesis) is going well. Most of the special events like Sonshine Summer Youth Camp, Parish Picnic, Wine Tasting & Silent Auction, Tom Sawyer Village Thanksgiving dinner, feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, "Five Loaves", etc. all took place successfully. Children's Stewardship, Children's Liturgy, and Ministry to the Homebound re-started with excellent participation. Daily Mass and Adoration have contributed to an increase in attendance. All the mini-fundraisers with a strong social and community building components have gone very well.

Fr. Norm, Deacons Joe & Herbert have become a great support to our community. The parishioners took very good care of the community and its many needs. I am grateful.

"Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund" has started with a deposit of \$300,000.00. Of which we have already raised \$222,970.10, so far. Thank You!

Finally, I am so blessed to have Holy Cross Catholic Community in my journey. Also, I am very thankful that God was very gracious in allowing me to be part of everyone whom I served in 2023.

Let us welcome 2024 with hope, trust and optimism: Our God is a God of surprises. Without the surprises, twists and turns, faith journey is dull.

Thank you to all.

Once again, wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Jose Issac Pastor



Prayer_ REQUESTS

Joshua Alarcon Sandra Askins Scott Anderson Consuelo Barboza Nicholas Bushgens Richard Chase Benjamin Chavez Jackie DaMichele Sandi DaSilveora Patsy Dearing Heather Deason Iim Ellis Mercy Escobar Jeannette Franklin Susan Fanchar Edward Fulton Mary Gardenas Rosemary Geis Mauricio Guillen Dan Gustafson Katie Histing Jeanette Jesch Kenneth Iones Richard Kihs Jennifer Krush Richard Kunold Sebastian Laird Maria Larsen Desiree Lintz Zachary Lintz Rebekah Lucev

Rosario Lund Judy Medek Joyce Montgomery Majorie Ann Myers Shawnee McGraw Lori O'Connor Alejandra Ortiz Alan Ortiz Edlyn Ortiz Bob Patterson Berta Perez Remi Plummer Travis Porter Steve Podhurst Becky Prevost Maria Rodriguez Sam Salisbury Rene Salomon Erick Smith Nanette Smith Carey Snyder Brianna Stuart Vincent Stuart Angela Teague Isaac Vargas James Vonderhaar Bill Wehinger Bob Wolf Sean Wolff Steve Woods



New Scripture Class to begin on January 4th, 2024

All adults are welcome.
Teacher is John Bell, Holy Cross
parishioner since 1988.
If interested come join us on
Thursday January 4th at 7p.m.

Bring a Catholic Bible with you.

December 31, 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

GOSPEL MEDITAION

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him.

Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

Father John Muir ©LPi

January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

GOSPEL MEDITATION

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I truly at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." This star will bring them home, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

Father John Muir ©LPi

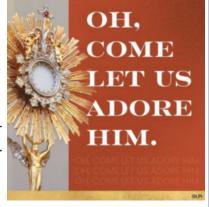
Eucharistic Prayer #5 - The Eucharistic Presence

"...unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."

- John 6:53

When we discuss the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist we usually speak of Him being "really, truly, and substantially" present. Each of these words hammers home the same idea—that the Eucharist isn't a symbol but Jesus Himself. Of course we can encounter Jesus in other ways, whether that be through reading the Bible, or through holy people, or through encounters with beauty, or a host of other things. But in the Eucharist, we encounter Christ Himself; not an icon or a symbol, but Jesus. As such, when we receive the Eucharist, we enter into communion with Jesus in a manner unparalleled by any other prayer, devotion, or experience. We become united in body and spirit and so become what we receive.

Do you have a favorite Eucharistic devotion?





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Weekly offering beceing	CI	10,2025
Sunday Offering	\$	7,545.17
CSA 2023 Rebate	\$	4,267.51
Capital Campaign for Human Development	\$	35.00
Pastor's Charity	\$	800.00
Christmas	\$	220.00
Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$	100.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$	3,652.00
WTSA Event	\$	280.00
Feast of the Immaculate Conception	\$	336.00
Retirement fund for the Religious	\$	3,556.25
Mass Intentions	\$	2,045.00
Total	\$	22,836.93

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2nd Collection: January 6 & 7, 2024 Church in Latin America

The countries of South America have diverse populations from Indigenous, African, European, and Asian ancestries, all with different cultural experiences. By welcoming and understanding people

from so many backgrounds, the Church grows and continues its mission of making disciples of all peoples. In Peru, missionaries working in the Peruvian Amazon bring the Gospel to the Ashaninka and Matsigenka communities of a bout 60,000 people. Such encounters and engagement with the peoples of South America are made possible when Catholics in our diocese are generous to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your participation in the collection truly becomes a way to share your faith and support evangelization efforts among all peoples.

Weekly Offering December 17, 2023

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Sunday Offering	\$ 6,501.26
Votive Candles	\$ 270.00
St. Peter Canisius	\$ 25.00
Christmas	\$ 1,235.00
Women's Gift Cabinet	\$ 35.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$ 2,068.54
Feast of the Immaculate Conception	\$ 650.00
Retirement fund for the Religious	\$ 105.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 548.00
Total	\$ 11,437.80

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