# Holy Cross Catholic Community

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#### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5 pm

**Sunday** 8:00am, 10:00am, 4:30pm English)

12:15pm (Spanish)

Reconciliation |

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

#### 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

#### Ministries & Parish Groups

Adult Faith Formation: Father Jose **Lectors:** John Bell 775~331~0377 Altar Servers: Angela Malone Liturgical Ministers Co-Chairs

Barbara Beverly & Yrma Placencia

Baptism Class

(Eng) Libby Hoops 775-223-2809

(Span) Yrma Plascencia & Herbert Melendez

Marriage Preparation: Father Jose Nursing Home Ministry: Vilia Natchez RCIA / Come & See: Parish Office

Centering Prayer:

Mark Miskulin 775-771-5889

Women's Group: Debbie Schiwart 626-7196

Confirmation: Elizabeth Martinez

Respect Life: Mike Morris 775-722-3789

Iov Group: Earlene Rummel





## **JOIN US FOR A PARISH VISIT FR** BISHOP DANIEL MUEGGENBORG!

Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg will be visiting Holy Cross on Saturday January 20, 2024. Bishop Daniel will be celebrating 5pm Mass followed by a light reception after Mass for all who join us. We invite the community to please join us on

Saturday January 20th for the 5:00pm Mass.

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### January

Sun 14 Baptism Class Spanish 1:30pm Mon 15 Baptism Class, English 6pm Sat 20 Come & See– FHC Retreat 9:30am February

Fri 2 Healing Mass & Adoration 9am

Fr. Jose, is on vacation thru February 1st.

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

Please help us to continue to 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 14, 21 & 28

Family Catechesis : Mondays January 15, 22 & 29

Family Catechesis; Confirmation January 17 & 24 OCIA (RCIA)

**January 18 & 25** 



On January 20: All 2nd year Come & See children & Youth will be participating in a retreat from 9:30am-1pm. Please keep these 79 youth in your prayers.

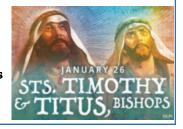
On January 31: All 2nd year High School Youth will be participating in a retreat from 4pm-9pm.

Please keep these children &youth in your prayers as they embark on their final months to of preparation to receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharists and/or Confirmation.

#### **Upcoming Feasts to Remember**

#### **Ianuary**

1/20 St. Sebastian, Martyr 1/23 St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr 1/26 St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops 1/31 St. John Bosco, Priest



### **Weekly Offering Envelopes**

Thank you to all who picked up their boxes of envelopes. Kindly stop by the table in the gathering space. Those of you who do not want to use the envelopes, please let the parish office know.



The remaining boxes will be mailed after January 28th, 2024.

Your stewardship of Holy Cross Catholic Community is greatly appreciated!



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, 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, January 19** 

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

Sat., January 20

5:00pm Margaret Drakulich† by Bob Bertschinger

Sunday, January 21

**8:00am** David Brown† by Tom Tighe **10:00am** Ryan Morales† by Family

12:15pm Parish Family

**4:30pm** Jacob Roberts† & Robert Dunaway†

by Susie & Randy Roberts

#### Tues., January 23

**12:00pm** Luke Simpkins† by Janeth Simpkins **Weds., January 24** 

**12:00pm** Jose Dolores Lozano Solorio† by Family

Thursday, January 25

**12:00pm** Antonio Garcia† by Silvia Garcia

Friday, January 26

**12:00pm** Marciano Ramirez† by Family

Saturday, January 27

**5:00pm** Parish Family

Sunday, January 28

**8:00am** Pablo Hernandez† & Noe Cipriana Salas† by Family

10:00am Jamie Hernandez† by Maria Hernandez

12:15pm Raul Antonio Aguirre† by Family

**4:30pm** Rodrigo C. Tumylak† by Anne Hazen

Tues., January 30

12:00pm Richard Aufiero† by Family

Weds., January 31

**12:00pm** Chief Sam Okorie† by Family

Thursday, February 1

**12:00pm** Maria de Lourdes Rios Cruz† by Family

Friday, February 2

**9:00am** Simpkins Family S. I. by Janeth Simpkins

Saturday, February 3

**5:00pm** Jose Luis Marquez Alonso† by Family

# Liturgical Ministers

#### Team for Jan. 20 & 27 Sat., Jan. 20 5:00pm

**G:** Dee Fedore **L:** Jim Shaw

Connor McClain

EM: Jane Burke Vilia Natchez Bob Bertschinger John Kadlic

U: Ron McClain

**GP:** Frybarger Family

#### Sun., Jan. 21 8:00am

**G:** Mike Morris

L: Ophelia Wilson Kris Evans

EM: Veronica Alimurng Irma Knapp John Bell Helen Martin

U: Martin L.

**GP:** Holleman Family

R: JoAnn Jones

#### 10:00am

**G:** Kathia Olguin & Fam.

**L:** Terri Jenkins Briana Esquivel

EM: Barbara Beverly Isabella McCloskey Linda Navarrete

**U:** Jose Navarrete

**GP:** Fonseca Espinosa Fam.

R: Sandoval Family

#### 12:15pm

B: Carlos Segura & Fam.

L: Icela Villanueva Rosi Chavez

**ME:** Julieta Paz Lupita Guzman Cecilio Urias

**U:** Arnoldo Olivares **GP:** Familia Berumen

R: Maria Garcia & Fam.

#### 4:30pm

**G:** Eliza Balant & Fam.

L: Gene Seidlitz Kathleen Fralick

EM: Sarah Naegele Gene Seidlitz Leo Humphreys Noreen Parry

U: Sarah Naegele

**GP:** Doukakis Family

## Team for Jan. 27 & 28 Sat., Jan. 27 5:00pm

**G:** Patsy Liddick

L: Morgan Liddick Ron McClain

**EM:** Marcia McClain Kathy Wegner Earlene Rummel

Risa Ronan

**U:** Ernie Rodriguez

**GP:** Bautista Family

#### Sun., Jan. 28 8:00am

**G:** De La Torre Family

**L:** Rita Rollings Bob Holleman

**EM:** Lisa Holleman Kathie Geipel Cathie Bundesen

U: Bob Holleman

**GP:** Rollings Family

R: Veronica Alimurng

#### 10:00am

**G:** Eneida Juarez & Fam.

L: Tony Pagano Carla McCloskey

EM: Mae Doreza Shelly Register Maricela Lopez

U: Eliseo Alarcon

**GP:** Doug Hensen & Family

R: Vasquez Family

#### 12:15pm

**B:** Hugo Villa & Fam.

L: Ashley Galvan Yolanda Velazquez

**ME:** Bertha Alvarez Manuel Alvarez Arnoldo Olivares

**U:** Jose Villanueva

**GP:** Dinora Mendez & Fam

R: Francisco Garcia & Fam.

#### 4:30pm

**G:** Sinsay Family

L: Marlene Humphreys Leo Humphreys

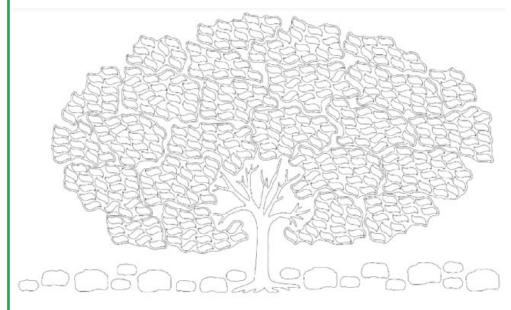
EM: Kathleen Fralick
Doug Parry

Noreen Parry Leo Humphreys

**U:** Kathleen Fralick

**GP:** Juan Diaz & Family

## **MEMORIAL TREE**



Holy Cross Catholic
Community would like to
present the proposed image of
the upcoming project for the
Memorial Tree.
This tree will be placed on the
end wall of the Prayer Garden.
There is a sample of what the
leaves will look like, on the
table in the gathering space,
please stop by to take
a closer look.

More details will become available in February.

We ask the community to please keep this project in your prayers.

## **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 Christopher Beach 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 Iennifer Krush Richard Kunold Sebastian Laird Maria Larsen Desiree Lintz Zachary Lintz

Rebekah Lucey 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

## Generosity is Selfless

Give someone space when they need it.

Most of us are aware when someone needs some time and space to work through whatever it is they are working through. It is loving and generous to give them that space.

Don't hover. Don't ask them every five minutes if they are okay.

Just give them the space they need.

"Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind.
The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind." -Henry James

Excerpt from Matthew Kelly book "The Generosity Habit"

#### January 14, 2024 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### GOSPEL MEDITAION

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon." Why does that tiny detail matter? Because that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a human relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

Father John Muir ©LPi

#### January 21, 2024 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "Repent!" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..."

Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

Father John Muir ©LPi

#### Eucharistic Prayer #6 - The Eucharist

#### "Truth Himself speaks truly or there's nothing true." - St. Thomas Aquinas

The real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is one of the most important dogmas of the Church. In the Eucharist we encounter Jesus, not just a symbol but the reality of His very person hidden under what looks like bread and wine. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive the body, blood, soul, and divinity of our savior. The Eucharist is the "source and summit of our Christian faith" (CCC 1324) because it is Jesus Himself from whom we receive our identity, and to whom we direct our lives. This is indeed a great mystery, one that transcends our understanding. And yet it is also the thing that makes us Catholic—the Church's entire identity, mission, outreach, and prayer comes from the Eucharist and leads us back to it.

How silently, how silently this wonderous gift is given.

Have you ever spent time with Jesus in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament?



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#### **QUESTIONS?** Contact the parish office at 775-358-2544

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#### Weekly Offering December 24 2023

weekly Offering December 24, 2023				
Sunday Offering	\$	8,414.25		
Pastor's Charity	\$	500.00		
St, Peter Canisius Collection	\$	6,048.00		
Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$	21,425.00		
Solemnity of Mary	\$	35.00		
Children's Stewardship	\$	403.00		
CSA 2023	\$	250.00		
Seminary in India	\$	1,500.00		
Our Lady of Guadalupe Youth Scholarship Fund	\$	1,301.00		
Christmas	\$	13,971.47		
Feast of the Immaculate Conception	\$	25.00		
Retirement Fund for the Religious—2nd Collection	\$	30.00		
Mass Intentions	\$	700.00		
Total	\$	54,602.72		

Sunday Offering	\$ 9,860.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 333.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 1,000.00
Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$ 65.00
Retirement Fund for the Religious	\$ 50.00
CCD	\$ 45.00
Pastor's Charity	\$ 352.00
Total	\$ 11,725.00

#### **Introductory Centering Prayer Workshop** January 20, 2024, 12:30 - 3:30PM Our Lady of Snows Parish Center 1200 South Arlington Ave, Reno, NV 89509

The centering prayer workshop will teach a method of silent prayer that is rooted in the Christian contemplative heritage. It is a gentle silent method of consenting to God's presence and healing action within us. By taking time to "rest in God" each day, we open our awareness to the gift of God's presence.

Come learn more about this prayer method. There will be six follow-up sessions on zoom each Thursday evening thereafter, 6:30 - 8PM, January 25th, February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

Fr. Keating's book "Open Mind Open Heart" will be available for cash purchase.

Coffee and tea will be provided, participants are invited to bring a food item to share.

For more information about Centering Prayer and to register for the workshop, please contact Jennifer at jen74hen@gmail.com or phone (703) 346-6866.

Parish Registration Form				
Names of your Family Members:				
Mailing Address:				
Phone Number:	Alt Phone Number:			
Email Address:				
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Ministry you/your family would like t	o be involved in:			

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