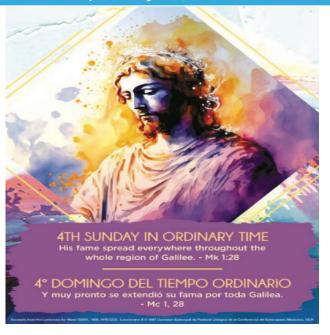
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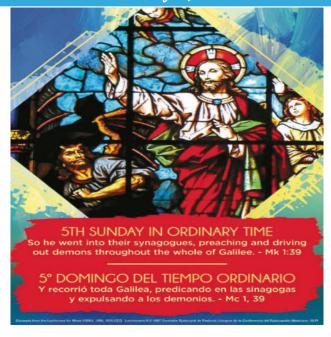
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January 28, 2024



February 4, 2024



Mass Schedule

Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am, 4:30pm (English) 12:15pm (Spanish) Saturday Vigil | 5 pm Daily Mass | Tuesday—Friday 12:00pm Noon Reconciliation | Saturday 4:00pm

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

Joy Group: Earlene Rummel

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9:00am to 5:30pm **Lunch** 12:30 to 1:00pm Saturdays: 9:30am-5:00pm **Sundays:** 9:00am~5:00pm Office Closed On Fridays

Parish Staff

Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Martinez

Associate Assistants:

Maria Ayala & Dulce Infante

Building & Grounds: Randy Roberts Janitorial Services: Eduardo Chavez

Upcoming Events

February

Fri 2 Healing Mass & Adoration 9am

Wed 7 Joy Group 11am

Sun 18 RCIA Rite of Sending & Election

Sun 25 RCIC Rite of Sending & Election

Fr. Jose will be returning from vacation on February 1st.

The Community at Holy Cross greatly appreciates the Priests from around the Diocese that helped with daily Mass and Sunday Mass.

Fr. Justin, Fr. Bobin, Fr. Lucio and
Fr. Rodel along with Fr. Norm,
Deacon Herbert & Deacon Joe.

When you see them, please thank them for their

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

willingness to help and serve.

- 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 28, February 4 & 11

Family Catechesis: Mondays

January 29, February 5 & 12

Family Catechesis; Confirmation

February 7 & 21

OCIA (RCIA) February 1, 8 & 15 † **

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

On February 18, Holy Cross Catholic Community will be presenting the following adults to Bishop Mueggenborg in the Rite of Election. A step further into their journey into being fully initiated into the Catholic Community. Please pray for: Natalie Armas Estrada, Dylan Bergsen, Leslie Camarena, Demetrio Cerda Cuevas, Bill Manke

Devron Gonzalez, Jesus Perez, Gael Lopes-Madera,

Brisa Rodriguez Duenez, Cindy Salazar, Jacob White, Haley White, Gabriel Reynaga, Alejandra Mederos, Brian Aguirre and Alicia Ramirez.



Prayer for Catechumens

Good and gracious God, giver of all that is good, we bring before you today our brothers and sisters who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. St. Paul says to the Romans, "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart..."

Keep safe these catechumens who long for your saving sacraments. Perfect them and make them worthy to be called your sons and daughters. We pray also for ourselves and ask for the same gifts that your freely give to them. Make us all worthy to call you our Father.

We ask all this in Jesus' name, who is our savior and our brother.

Amen.



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, February 4

8:00am Macarrio Carrillo† by Family

10:00am Parish Family

12:15pm Zelerino Bonilla† by Norma & Family **4:30pm** Dorothy Hynes† by Cathie Pettinari

Tues., February 6

12:00pm Linda Coleman† by Anna Rose Anderson

Weds., February 7

12:00pm Ingrid Sarantitis† by Joy Group

Thursday, February 8

12:00pm Fernando Alvarenga† by Family

Friday, February 9

12:00pm Jamie Nussabumer† by Family

Sat., February 10

5:00pm Irma Carrol Guzman† by Family

Sunday, February 11

8:00am Larry Cirio† by Gretchen Oney

10:00am Parish Family

12:15pm Maria Teresa Vagas† by Family

4:30pm Dinah Panyandoyan† by Anne Hazen

Tues., February 13

12:00pm Rosa Rangel Lopez† by Family

Weds., February 14

9:00am Bernabe† by Gwen Flores

12:00pm Chief Sam Okorie† by Okorie Family **6:00pm** Teodoro Paredes† by Wife & Kids

Thursday, February 15

12:00pm Marciano Ramirez† by Family

Friday, February 16

12:00pm Victor Lopez Sanchez† by Family

Saturday, February 17

5:00pm Daniel Keating† by Libby & Rich Hoops

Sunday, February 18

8:00am Maxima Jose† by Carolyn & Elibert Pascual

10:00am Lorenzo Asencio† by Family

12:15pm Raul Antonio Aguirre† by Family

4:30pm Parish Family

Tues., February 20

12:00pm Julian Niave Luna† by Family

Weds., February 21

12:00pm Arturo Flores Espinosa† by Family

Thursday, February 22

12:00pm Jose Dolores Lozano Solorio† by Family

Friday, February 23

12:00pm Victor Guadalupe Silva Lara† by Family

Saturday, February 24

5:00pm Babysitting Coop Families S.I. by Libby Hoops



PRAYER REQUESTS

Ioshua 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 Jovce 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 Iames Vonderhaar Bill Wehinger **Bob Wolf** Sean Wolff Steve Woods

Generosity is Brilliant



Send flowers. Send an amazing women you know flowers. Send an amazing man you know a plant for his office (most men's offices could use one). Plants and

flowers remind us that life is beautiful but fleeting, and that seasons come and go.

"Of the various kinds of intelligence, generosity is the first." - John Surowiecki

Excerpt from Matthew Kelly book "The Generosity Habit"





Team for Feb. 3 & 4 Sat., Feb. 3 5:00pm

G: Bob Bertschinger

L: John Kadlic & Kris Dondero **EM:** Marcia McClain, Jane Burke

Ron McClain. Earlene Rummel

U: Bob Bertschinger **GP:** Gina Morato AS: Gracian & Benicio

Sun., Feb. 4 8:00am

G: Higley Family

L: Ophelia Wilson & Gwen Flores

EM: Veronica Alimurng, Gretchen Oney EM: Bruce Seaver, Bob Holleman

Allegra Welton Cathie Bundesen

U: Harvey Ibarra

GP: De La Torre Family R: Adien Crosbie & Family AS: Grace, Hailey & Arden

10:00am

G: Grace McCloskev

L: Barbara Beverly & Carla McCloskey

EM: Mae Doreza, Isabella McCloskev

Shelly Register

U: Tom McCloskey

GP: Jasmine Sanchez & Family

R: Maia & Mia Sanchez

AS: Maria & Diego

12:15pm

B: Lupita Guzman y Familia

L: Gustavo Gonzalez y Mary Guerrero

ME: Sandra Ortiz. Bertha Alvarez Manuel Alvarez, Diacono Hernert

U: Abel Guzman

GP: Martina Lopez y Familia

R: Lilianna Martinez y Familia

AS: Alex y Ricky

4:30pm

G: Hoven Family

L: Leo Humphreys & Doug Parry

EM: Noreen Parry, Sarah Naegale

Marlene & Leo Humphreys

U: Noreen Parry **GP:** Sinsay Family

AS: Mitchell

Team for Feb. 10 & 11 Sat., Feb. 10 5:00pm

G: Bautista Family

L: Ron McClain & Marcia McClain

EM: Jim Shaw, Risa Ronan Cindy Maria, John Kadlic

U: Earnie Rodriguez

GP: Danelisa Garon **AS:** Sammy & Michael

Sun., Jan. 14 8:00am

G: Guzman Family

L: Kris Evans & John Bell

Lisa Holleman, Deacon Herbert

U: Michael McGraw

GP: Peter & Missy Nuti

R: JoAnn Jones

AS: Thomas, Bella & Jacob

10:00am

G: Miranda Family

L: Terry Jenkins & Jeannette Troise

EM: Maricela Lopez, Debbie Schiwarts

Deacon Herbert

U: Derek Moore **GP:** Ernesto Diaz & Family

R: Jennifer Reyes

12:15pm

B: Enedina Guzman y Familia

L: Lourdes Ramirez y Raul Macias

ME: Lucila Martinez, Sandra Ortiz

Arnoldo Olivares

U: Jose Guzman

GP: Lupita Guzman y Familia

R: Rosalina Noriega y Familia

AS: Lilianna y Lucy

4:30pm

G: Travers Family

L: Nathan Carpenter & Gene Seidlitz

EM: Sarah Naegale, Kathleen Fralick Annette Grandberg, Gene Seidlitz

U: Sarah Naegale

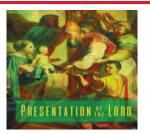
GP: Jessica Rios & Family

AS: Matthew

Upcoming Feasts to Remember

February

2/2 The Presentation of the Lord 2/3 St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr 2/5 St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr 2/14 Ash Wednesday





Ouestion:

Is Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation?

Answer:

Despite the often packed churches, you may be surprised to hear that the answer is no! Holy days of obligation commemorate a particular event (such as the birth of Christ at Christmas) or celebrate particular people (such as Mary's Immaculate Conception or the feast of All Saints). Ash Wednesday is a day of penance, fasting, and abstinence to begin the season of Lent. In a sense, it focuses on a concept rather than something particular and concrete.

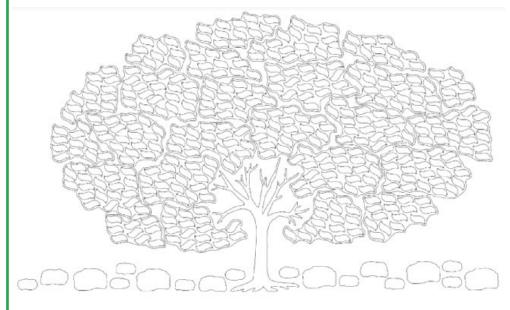
Of course, repentance ought to be reflected in particular, concrete ways! That's one of the reasons that attending Mass on Ash Wednesday is a very good idea. It marks the beginning of a solemn season of penance. Despite all its comparisons to the desert, Lent can be very fruitful for our spiritual growth! Beginning this season with the celebration of Mass and the reception of ashes is a sign of our commitment to God and to spiritual growth.

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Join us for Mass on Ash Wednesday on February 14 at 9:00am, 12:00pm, or 6:00pm



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.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What Have You to Do with Me, Jesus of Nazareth?

Inevitably, when we read the story of the Garden of Eden, my children try to imagine what life would be like if Adam and Eve had not sinned against God.

"Would we have to go to school?" they ask me. "Would we get sick? Could we eat whatever we want? Would we get older?"

I tell them the only thing I know for sure about a world without sin is that we would be happier. I can see confusion in their faces — Why? How? — but I have none of the concrete answers they want. I don't know how to describe a happiness untouched by sin.

The moment sin entered the world, a chasm erupted between God and mankind. There is now a space between humanity and the divine, a cavernous and seemingly impassable void into which God calls for us, unendingly. And because we are lost in the dark, and miserable, instead of following his voice when we hear it, instead we reply: "What do you want?"

"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"

Did the unclean spirit know, when he cried out all those thousands of years ago in Capernaum, that he was giving voice to a question which defined the human condition? They are the words of a demon, yes, but they are also my words. Far, far more often than I care to admit, when God is reaching for me, I look upon His hand with contempt and confusion. When I am grappling with a problem or a sin which overwhelms me, again and again I forget that I already know the solution.

The tragedy of original sin is not that we live in a world where we cannot eat what we want, where we age, and where we become sick and die. The tragedy of sin is that we have forgotten how to be happy. We look at happiness and we think: "What do you want with me?"

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." — Psalm 95:7

January 28, 2024 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITAION

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie "Nefarious" features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, "Quiet! Come out of him!" Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity — him — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

Father John Muir ©LPi

February 4, 2024 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

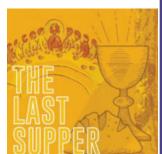
Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. "...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door." The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

Father John Muir ©LPi

Eucharistic Prayer #7 – The event character of The Eucharist "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." - Luke 22:19 NIV

In the Old Testament, God made covenants with individuals like Abraham and Moses. However, the covenants were then open to all people by a ritual act, whereby each person was made present to the moment of the establishment of the covenant. This is seen in things like circumcision or the Passover. Even to this day at the Seder meal (the Passover meal), the youngest person will ask "Why is this night different from all other nights?" This ritual makes those gathered present to the moment of the Passover. Hence, God commanded that the Passover be done every year (c.f. Exodus 12:14). And the same is true of the Eucharist. We too partake in a ritual act. We too are made present to the establishment of the New Covenant at the Last Supper. We too do this because of a divine command: "do this in remembrance of me." The Eucharist is indeed the New and Eternal Covenant.



When you imagine the Last Supper, what does it look like? Which apostle would you most like to speak with?



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Total	\$ 16, 343.56
Mass Intentions	\$ 430.00
Retirement Fund for the Religious	\$ 100.00
Seminarian Education	\$ 100.00
Christmas	\$ 1,125.00
Women's Gift Cabinet	\$ 30.00
Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship	\$ 300.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 30.00
Sunday Offering	\$ 14, 228.56

Weekly Offering January 7, 2024

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,984.29
Church in Latin America	\$ 1,426.00
Prayer Garden	\$ 203.00
Women's Gift Cabinet	\$ 14.00
Christmas	\$ 1,050.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 70.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 820.00
Total	\$ 9,567.29

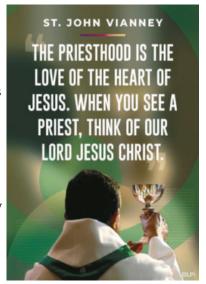
Second Collection: Priests' Relief February 3 & 4, 2024

Once a year the Diocese of Reno takes up a special second collection for the benefit of the Diocesan Clergy. The Priests' Relief collection gives us an opportunity to express our thanks to all the Priests of the diocese of Reno who have touched the lives of so many in Northern Nevada.

This collection will be taken up on February 3 & 4, 2024.

We are all aware that as we live longer, our health care needs also increase.

All proceeds donated for this collection stay here in the Diocese and are set aside to maintain the special help, care and retirement needs of our Priests.



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