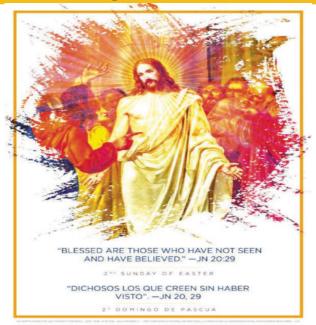
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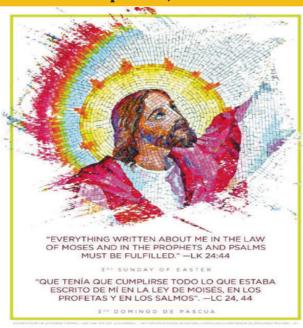
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Mass Schedule

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: 9:30am-5:00pm | Sundays: 9:00am-5:00pm | Office Closed On Fridays

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"Ours are the hands..."

For the second year in a row Holy Week gave our community an additional blessing—4 youth and their parents were the helping hands of Christ during Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday Vigil services. David Himes, Mitchell Hoven, Abner Lopez and Diego Velasquez said a great "YES" when they agreed to help. Although the help was asked of the 4 youth, their parents Georgia & Russel Himes, Josephine Hoven,

Maricela & Abner Lopez, as well as Yolanda Velazquez were also present and willing to jump in to help if needed. These four families put in a lot of time and effort, not only during Holy Week, as they began rehearsals two weeks prior to Holy Week. These 4 teens took to heart and truly answered the prayer of St. Teresa of Avila: "Ours are the hands, ours are the feet, ours are the eyes. We are your body..." The community is grateful and proud to have these 4 youth present & visible. We hope that this can be a new tradition that will continue as it shows the heart of the church leading the way – the youth of the Parish.

Upcoming Feasts to Remember

April

4/7 Divine Mercy Sunday

The Annunciation of the Lord Vocation 4/8

St. Stanislaus. 4/11

Bishop & Martyr

4/13 St. Martin 1,

Pope & Martyr 4/21 World Day of Prayer

for Vocations



- For your safety, when exiting the parking lot, please consider turning right & going towards the apartments or Raley's. Use the stoplight to turn in 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, 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.



Upcoming Events

<u>April</u>	
Sun 14	Baptism Class in Spanish 1:30pm
Mon 15	Baptism Class in English 6pm
Wed 17	Confirmation Family Mass 6pm
Thur 18	Mass at Morning Star 1:30pm
Sat 20	Quinceañera Retreat 9am
Sat 27	Eucharistic Congress at
	St. Rose of Lima 12:00pm

May

Wed 1 JOY Group Ilam

Anointing of the Sick & Mass 9am Fri 3

Adoration 9:30am to 3:30pm

Fri 3 Holy Cross Dinner 6:30pm Cena de la Santa Cruz 6:30pm

Sun 12 Group First Holy Communions 10am & 12:15pm

Sun 19 Group First Holy Communions 10am & 12:15pm

Tues 28 Confirmation Mass 6pm



The Diocesan Eucharistic Congress is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. The event begins at 12:00 noon with a Eucharistic Procession and ends after the 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Parishioners can register for the event by going online or following the QR code on the Posters. This event is Free but registration is LIMITED to 1100 persons on a first come first serve basis.

Family Catechesis schedule:

Family Catechesis: Come & See

April 14 & 21

Family Catechesis: Mondays

April 15 & 22

Family Catechesis: Confirmation

April 17 & 24





- To the Liturgical team for all of your help during Holy Week. Especially to Iovana Robles, David Himes, Mitchell Hoven, Abner Lopez and Diego Velasquez for giving their time and efforts in helping Fr. Jose during Holy Thursday, Good Friday and for the Easter Vigil.
- To the confirmation youth and Stephanie Gonzalez, who helped prepare and hosted a great Easter Egg Hunt.
- To the confirmation and RCIA families that helped with the change of liturgical environment from Lent to Triduum to an Easter environment— Holy week is a lot of quick changes and they made everything possible.
- To the community for joining us for Holy Week Services.



Sunday, April 7

8:00am Herrera Martinez Family S.I. by Adela Velasco

10:00am Chief Sam Okorie† by Okorie Family **12:15pm** Santiago Medina† & Francisca Cruz†

by Family

4:30pm Parish Family

Tues., April 9

12:00pm Arturo Flores Espinosa† by Family

Weds., April 10

12:00pm Claudia Flores† by Family

Thursday, April 11

12:00pm Rafael Zertuche Moreno† by Family

Friday, April 12

12:00pm Rosa & Felicisimo De Ocampo† by Sally Stone

Saturday, April 13

5:00pm Herrera Martinez Family S.I. by Adela Velasco

Sunday. April 14

8:00am Baudelia Santillun† by Luz Martinez

10:00am Fr. Jose S.I.

12:15pm Ulisses Amador† by Family

4:30pm Parish Family

Tues., April 16

12:00pm Raul Antonio Aguirre† Family

Weds., April 17

12:00pm Richard Aufiero† by Family

Thursday, April 18

12:00pm Steve Malaglowicz†

by Randy & Susie Roberts

Friday, April 19

12:00pm Ryan Morales† by Family

Saturday, April 20

5:00pm Stan Drakulichi† by Bob Bertschinger

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ioshua Alarcon Sandra Askins Scott Anderson Consuelo Barboza Christopher Beach **Bob Burns** Nicholas Bushgens Richard Chase Benjamin Chavez **Jackie DaMichele** Sandi DaSilveora Patsy Dearing **Heather Deason** Iim Ellis Mercy Escobar **Gwen Flores Jeannette Franklin Edward Fulton** Mary Gardenas Rosemary Geis Mauricio Guillen Dan Gustafson Mary Helen **Katie Histing Jeanette Jesch** Kenneth Iones Richard Kihs **Iennifer Krush** Richard Kunold Sebastian Laird Maria Larsen Sr. Marie Lemert Desiree Lintz Zachary Lintz

Rebekah Lucey

Rosario Lund John Lyninger Theresa Lyninger Judy Medek **Iovce Montgomery** Majorie Ann Myers Carl McAdams Michael McCarthy Shawnee McGraw Lori O'Connor Alejandra Ortiz Alan Ortiz Edlyn Ortiz **Bob Patterson** Berta Perez Remi Plummer Travis Porter Steve Podhurst **Becky Prevost** Samuel Prieto 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

Introductory Centering Prayer Workshop

We would like to invite you to a free Introductory Centering Prayer Workshop on **Saturday April 27th from** 9:00 - 12:00 pm, at the Carmel of Reno monastery, 1950 La Fond Drive, Reno, NV 89509

The centering prayer workshop will teach a method of silent prayer that is rooted in our 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 - 7:30 PM, starting May 2nd. The book "Open Mind Open Heart" written by Fr. Thomas Keating O.C.S.O., will be available for purchase, cash only. Coffee and tea will be provided. Participants are invited to bring a food item to share.

To assist in planning pre-register by calling or texting Ana at (775) 315-2553



Steve Woods

Sitting Quietly in God's Presence Can Change Your Life



Team for April 13-14 Sat. April 13 5:00pm

G: Patsy Liddick

L: Connor McClain and Morgan Liddick

EM: Ron McClain, Marcia McClain Jane Burke, Risa Ronan

U: Ron McClain

GP: Gina Morato & Family

AS: Gracian

Sun., April 14 8:00am

G: Stephanie Neder

L: Mike Morris and Rita Rollings EM: Ophelia Wilson, Kris Evans,

Allegra Welton, Deacon Herbert

U: Charlie H

GP: De La Torre Family

R: Jimena Barajas

AS: Giada & Sierra

10:00am

G: Grace McCloskey & Family

L: Carla McCloskey & Briana Esquivel

EM: Mae Doreza, Briana Esquivel, Isabella McCloskey, Deacon Herbert

U: Tom McCloaskey

GP: David & Esmeralda Garcia

R: Maia & Mia Sanchez

AS: Diego, Benicio & Khaylen

12:15pm

B: Evelyn Martinez y Familia

L: Lourdes Ramirez y Raul Macias

ME: Lucila Martinez, Carlos Giron v Raquel Giron

U: Jose Villanueva

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GP: Adriana Camila Munoz y Familia

R: Leticia Zavala y Familia

AS: Lucia Olivares y Lilianna Martinez

4:30pm

G: Sinsay Family

L: Doug Parry and Theresa Choman

EM: Susan Daly, Bob Daly,

Noreen Parry, Sarah Naegele

U: Bob Daly

GP: Doukakis Family

AS: Mitchell

Team for April 20-21 Sat., April 6 5:00pm

G: Turley Family

L: John Kadlic and Mary Diebel

EM: Paul Danen, Earlene Rummel,

Jim Shaw, Cindy Maria

U: Bob Bertschinger

GP: Danelisa Garon

AS: Sammy & Michael

Sun., April 21 8:00am

G: Jay Campbell

L: Kris Evans & Sierra Higley

EM: John Bell, Dannette Suhl,

Gretchen Oney, Cathie Bundesen

U: Michael McGraw

GP: Rosa Martinez & Family

R: JoAnne Jones

AS: Grace & Hayley

10:00am

G: Martina Lopez & Family

L: Tony Pagano & Jeannette Troise

EM: Yunuhen Espinosa, Shelly Register, Maricela Lopez

U: Doug Hensen

GP: Naima Salazar & Family

R: Jose Angel Rodriguez & Family

AS: Maria and Ben

12:15pm

B: Kiahanna Cabrera y Familia

L: Rosy Chavez y Adriana Chagolla

ME: Julieta Paz, Cecilio Urias y Arnoldo Olivares

U: Abel Guzman

GP: Veronica Mendoza y Familia

R: Leticia Macias y Familia

AS: Diego Ruiz y Alex Medina

4:30pm

G: Barlett Family

L: Dave Joyce & Kathleen Fralick

EM: Noreen Parry, Doug Parry.

Annette Granberg, Sara Naegele

U: Doug Parry

GP: Barlett Family

AS: Eleanor & Matthew

Outstanding Volunteers

Help us congratulate
Yunuhen Espinosa and
Ron McClain who have been
nominated as Outstanding
Volunteers of Holy Cross
Catholic Community.
They will be recognized at
the Diocesan Volunteer
Appreciation Dinner
on April 26.

Yunuhen, is a talented photographer & graphic designer—who has been willing to share her time & talent with the community. All the great looking photos that are on the Parish website, social media & tv monitor in the gathering space have been taken by her!

Ron is a man of many giving talents—he has been a lector and a Eucharistic Minister at the 5pm Saturday Mass for many years. He has also given his time to help the parish with the past 2 years Catholic Service Appeal campaign, he leads the committee in formulating the scholarship application and putting forth their recommendations for the Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship.

Holy Cross is truly Blessed to have these two talented individuals as part of our community, Please help us thank them for their time and dedication!

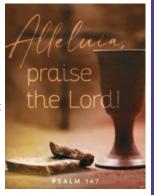
Eucharistic Prayer #12 - Doxology

"Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom."
- Psalm 145:3 NIV

The final act of the priest in the Eucharistic prayer is the Doxology, in which the paten and chalice are elevated while the priest praises the Father, through, with, and in the Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. However, the Eucharist is not elevated so that the people might see it

-that took place immediately after the consecration. Rather, during the Doxology, the Eucharist is elevated as an offering to the Father. And it is through the offering of the Son to the Father that we enter into union with Him.

Doxology means literally 'a word of praise.' How do you praise God?



MEMORIAL TREE

The Memorial Tree will be a great addition to our Prayer Garden. It is a great space one can sit outside and pray. The surroundings are very quiet and peaceful. We enjoy real Communion with nature. We experience real solitude and assurances. The Memorial Benches are a great place to sit, reflect, give thanks and pray. The setting here upon the hill overlooking Reno/Sparks is quite amazing and almost otherworldly. The Memorial tree will reflect our enduring relationship with our departed loved ones. At Holy Cross Catholic Community our emphasis is on relationality. We are relational beings and death does not destroy our relationships. I encourage all parishioners to support this new addition: Thank you and God Bless.

Fr. Jose Issac

Memorial Tree Update

So far the community has purchased:

17 Copper Leaves12 Silver Leaves25 Gold Leaves

4 of the 8 Small Stones 3 of the 3 Large Stones 5 of the 5 X-Large Stones



April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

GOSPEL MEDITAION

A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

April 14, 2024 3rd Sunday of Easter

GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!



Join us for our annual

HOLY CROSS DINNER

Friday May 3, 2024

6:30pm Adults \$18 Children 12 & under \$12



All funds raised will go towards Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund for the Parish Youth

Come enjoy some delicious Mexican food, Music, Raffles and share a great time in community!











SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

THE DOMINICANS ARE COMING TO THE CATHEDRAL!

8:00 AM Mass—Fathers Augustine Hilander, & Vincent Kelber, of the Western Dominican Province, will concelebrate Mass at the Cathedral which will include a Rite of First Profession for a local Lay Dominican.

1:00–1:30 PM – Fr. Augustine to lecture on "St. Thomas Aquinas and the Eucharist, his life and teachings".

1:30–2:00 PM -Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction.

2:00–2:30 PM –Fr. Vincent to lecture on "The Literal Interpretation of the Benediction Prayers of St. Thomas Aquinas".

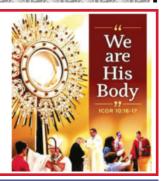
2:30 PM - Q & A followed by coffee & cookies.



Parish Goal: \$94,090.00 Number of Pledges: 131

Total Amount Pledges Received: \$95,720.00 Total Amount of Pledges Redeemed: \$61,255.00

Thank you for your kind and generous support, we are more than half way to reaching our goal in received pledges!



Youth Corner

Hygiene Kit Drive: The Holy Cross Middle School Youth were able to make over 500 hygiene kits for the Eddy House! Thankfully We had a lot left over items that we were able to still donate to them individually. Thank you so much to the community for their overwhelming support of this drive, and we are so excited to be able to do this again next year!

The Live Stations of the Cross: Thank you to all the parishioners who came out to support these amazing youth in their play. It was a successful showcase and the youth are extremely proud of themselves for all they accomplished. We are all so excited to come back next year to start it again!

Easter Egg Hunt: Thank you to all the confirmation youth who helped out during our egg hunt on Easter, along with the games. It was a huge blast and a success! Thank you Stephanie for organizing the egg hunt and games. BALLET MX: Over the past year, my Folklorico dance groups combined under the name « Ballet MX », in which there are 20 talented youth dancers that will be performing in our 2024 season at Holy Cross events.

We are kicking off our first performance of the year at our Holy Cross Dinner May 3rd @6:30pm with both groups performing. Ballet MX's Folkroico dancers are looking forward to a year's worth of performances at Holy Cross in 2024.

Family Mass: A reminder to all our WEDNESDAY confirmation families that we will be having our mandatory family Mass and potluck on <u>April 17th from 6-8pm</u> here at Holy cross. It will be during normal class time, so attendance is mandatory for all youth and at least 1 adult family member to accompany each youth. Please email <u>infantesilvadulce@gmail.com</u> for any questions and to confirm meal item you will be bringing for the potluck dinner.

-Dulce



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

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Weekly Offering March 10, 2024

Total	\$ 16,892.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 3,390.00
Holy Cross Dinner	\$ 36.00
Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$ 166.00
Memorial Tree	\$ 2,265.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 2,769.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 90.00
Sunday Offering	\$ 8,176.00

Weekly Offering March 17, 2024

Sunday Offering	\$ 7,638.11
Youth Ministry	\$ 140.00
Votive Candles	\$ 150.00
Operation Rice Bowl –CRS	\$ 602.00
Good Friday –Holy Land	\$ 5.00
Women's Gift Cabinet	\$ 100.00
Easter	\$ 10.00
Priest's Relief	\$ 20.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 45.00
Memorial Tree	\$ 2,425.00
Fr. George Memorial Scholarship	\$ 5,286.01
Holy Cross Dinner	\$ 602.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 1,745.00
Total	\$ 18,768.12

Weekly Offering March 24, 2024

Total	\$ 14,094.79
Mass Intentions	\$ 2,405.00
Holy Cross Dinner	\$ 1,252.00
Church in Eastern Europe	\$ 10.00
Memorial Tree	\$ 760.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 45.00
Priest's Relief	\$ 5.00
Easter	\$ 155.00
Women's Gift Cabinet	\$ 94.00
Good Friday –Holy Land	\$ 75.00
Operation Rice Bowl –CRS	\$ 752.00
Votive Candles	\$ 169.00
Sunday Offering	\$ 8,372.79

Parish Registration Form						
Names of your Family Members:						
Mailing Address:						
Phone Number:	Alt Phone Number:					
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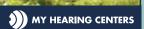


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