Holy Cross Catholic Community

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April 21, 2024

April 28, 2024



4[™] SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

"Yo soy el buen pastor, porque conozco a mis ovejas y ellas me conocen a mí, así como el Padre me conoce a mí y yo conozco al Padre. Yo doy la vida por mis ovejas". - Jn 10, 14-15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

"Yo soy la verdadera vid y mi Padre es el viñador. Al sarmiento que no da fruto en mí, él lo arranca, y al que da fruto lo poda para que dé más fruto". - Jn 15, 1-2 Exercit hum the leasance for Mas 2020, 1988, 1980 CED

Mass Schedule

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

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 Fridays

Parish Staff |Parish Secretary: Elizabeth MartinezAssociate Assistant: Maria Ayala & Dulce Infante
Confirmation/High School Youth Ministry Assistant: Jacob White
Building & Grounds: Randy RobertsJanitorial Services: Eduardo Chavez



Outstanding Volunteers

Help us congratulate Yunuhen Espinosa & 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! Yun is a talented musician—helping at

the Spanish Mass and also serves as a Eucharistic Minister at the 10am Mass. Ron is a man of many giving talents—he has been a lector & 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 & 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!



Upcoming Feasts to Remember

<u>April</u>

- 4/21 World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- 4/23 St. George—Martyr
- 4/25 St. Mark, Evangelist
- 4/29 St. Catherine of Siena

May

St. Joseph the Worker 5/1

5/3St. Philips & James, Apostles

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- 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 ٠ 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> | |
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| Sat 27 | Eucharistic Congress at |
| | St. Rose of Lima 12:00pm |
| May | |
| Wed 1 | JOY Group 11am |
| Fri 3 | Anointing of the Sick & Mass 9am |
| 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 6:00pm |



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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.



Dear Friends,

Holy Cross Catholic Community will be offering a support group for those who have experienced a loss. We will be meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 2:00pm at the Church. Our first meeting is on May 1, 2024.

Our goal is to provide a safe, non-threatening place to listen, share and learn ways to cope with grief.

If you have questions, please contact Randall Hedrick, 775-240-7325.

HOLY CROSS IS LOOKING FOR YOU!

Do you enjoy working with families? Children? Amazing volunteer Teachers?

If so, come and join us—Holy Cross is looking for a part-time Family Catechesis Coordinator. This would entail working with the families on Sundays during our Come & See Program, Mondays and Tuesdays with our First Communion/Continuing Religious Education Families. This is a part-time opening, 20 hours per week. Please stop by the Parish office is you feel called to serve with the Parish children, youth and families,



| Sunday, Apr | il 21 | | |
|--------------------|---|--|--|
| 8:00am | Parish Family | | |
| 10:00am | Julian Niave S.I. by Family | | |
| 12:15pm | Marciano Ramirez† by family | | |
| 4:30pm | Jacob Roberts† & Robert Dunaway† | | |
| | by Susie & Randy Roberts | | |
| Tuesday, Ap | | | |
| - | Sr. Pauline S.I. by Marge deCarbonel | | |
| Wednesday, | April 24 | | |
| - | Victor Lopez-Sanchez† by Family | | |
| Thursday, A | pril 25 | | |
| 12:00pm | Victor Guadalupe Silva-Lara† by Family | | |
| Friday, April | 26 | | |
| 12:00pm | Jamie Nussbaumer† by Family | | |
| Saturday, April 27 | | | |
| 5:00pm | Herrera Martinez Family S.I. by Adela Velasco | | |
| Sunday, Apr | il 28 | | |
| 8:00am | Joe Haggarty S. I. by Jack & Selene Murray | | |
| 10:00am | Francisco Funcion Sr.† by Pasqual Family | | |
| 12:15pm | Raul Antonio Aguirre† by Family | | |
| 4:30pm | Parish Family | | |
| Tuesday, Ap | ril 30 | | |
| 12:00pm | Dan Kelly S.I. by Marge deCarbonel | | |
| Wednesday, | May 1 | | |
| 12:00pm | Chief Sam Okorie† by Okorie Family | | |
| Thursday, A | pril 2 | | |
| 12:00pm | David Ralph Celaya† | | |
| _ | by Holy Cross Eucharistic Ministers | | |
| Friday, April | 3 | | |
| 9:00am | Jamie Nussbaumer† by Family | | |
| Saturday, Ap | | | |
| 5:00pm | John Fernandez S.I. by Jack & Gloria Hart | | |
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Joshua 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 Jim Ellis Mercy Escobar Gwen Flores Jeannette Franklin Edward Fulton Mary Gardenas Rosemary Geis Mauricio Guillen Dan Gustafson Dcn. Joe Haggarty Scott Hastings Veronica Hastings Mary Helen Katie Histing Jeanette Jesch Kenneth Jones **Richard Kihs** Jennifer Krush Richard Kunold Sebastian Laird Maria Larsen Sr. Marie Lemert Desiree Lintz

Zachary Lintz Rebekah Lucey Rosario Lund John Lyninger Theresa Lyninger Judy Medek Joyce 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 **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 Steve Woods

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





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

- **G**: Lauren Baptista
- AS: Gracian
- L: Jim Shaw and Kris Dondero
- **EM:** Kathy Wegner, Vilia Natchez John Kadlic, Jane Burke
- Ron McClain U:
- **GP:** Krista Jerez

Sun., April 28 8:00am

- Guzman Family **G**:
- AS: Olivia, Arden & Jacob
- Jessica Guzman & Helen Martin L:
- **EM:** Kathie Geipel, Irma Knapp Bruce Seaver, Vickie Alimurung U: Bill Conn
- **GP:** Aiden Crosby & Family

10:00am

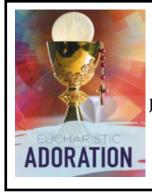
- **G**: Miranda Family
- **AS:** Kaye, Kina & Myah
- Ophelia Wilson & Carla McCloskey L:
- **EM:** Mae Doreza, Briana Esquivel Linda Navarrete
- Jose Navarrete U:
- **GP:** Ernesto Diaz & Family
- Fabian Padilla & Family **R**:

12:15pm

- Evelyn Martinez y Familia **B**:
- AS: Lilianna y Diego
- Icela Villanueva y Enrique Canseco L: L: ME: Chely Canseco, Bertha Alvarez
- Manuel Alvarez
- Jose Guzman U:
- **GP:** Lupita Guzman y Familia
- Seidy Mendez y Familia **B**:

4:30pm

- Travers Family **G**:
- AS: Mitchell
- Leo & Marlene Humphreys L:
- EM: Bob Daly, Susan Daly
- Gene Seidlitz, Kathleen Fralick
- Gene Seidlitz U:
- **GP:** Sinsay Family



Team for May 4 & 5 Sat., May 4 5:00pm

- **G**: Frybarger Family
- AS: Gracian
- L: Kris Dondero & Marcia McClain
- **EM:** Ron McClain, Vilia Natchez John Kadlic, Risa Ronan
- Earnie Rodriguez U:
- **GP:** Danelisa Garon

Sun., May 5 8:00am

- Stephanie Neder **G**:
- AS: Thomas & Isabella
- L: Gwen Flores & Rita Rollings **EM:** Briana Esquivel, John Bell Helen Martin, Allegra Welton
- Michael McGraw U:
- **GP:** JoAnn Jones

10:00am

- **G**: Grace McCloskey & Family
- AS: Maria & Ben
- Terry Jenkins & Tony Pagano L:
- EM: Isabella McCloskey, Jeannette Troise Yunuhen Espinosa
- U: Tom McCloskey
- **GP:** Doug Hensen & Family
- **R**: Gabriella Padilla & Family

12:00pm

- **G**: Aldo & Valeria Segura
- **AS:** Alex y Ricky
- Gustavo Gonzalez y Mary Guerrero
- EM: Sandra Ortiz, Carlos Giron, **Raquel** Giron
- U: Abel Guzman
- **GP:** Enedina Muniz de Guzman y Familia
- **R**: Lizeth Mendoza y Familia

4:30pm

- Barlett Family **G**:
- AS: Mitchell
- Gene Seidlitz & Nathan Carpenter L:
- **EM:** Annette Granberg, Kathleen Fralick
- Leo & Marlene Humphreys
- Annette Granberg U:
- **GP:** Tavers Family

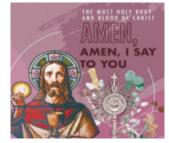
Eucharistic Prayer #13 The Great Amen

"Be a member of Christ's body, then, so that your "Amen" may ring true!

St. Augustine Sermon 212

The final statement of the laity in the Eucharistic Praver is the Great Amen. Amen is a Hebrew word which is very difficult to translate. Roughly it means "so be it" or "I agree completely," but it also has the connotation of existential investment, such that one can translate it as "I pledge my life to this." Because of this, the Great Amen is the moment in which we give our own personal ascent to all that has happened in the Mass and we pledge our lives to God in and through the Eucharist.

To what do you dedicate vour life?



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND **ANOINTING FOR HEALING**

Friday, May 3rd

You are invited to join us for Anointing for Healing and Mass at 9am. Join us after Mass, from 9:30am to 3:30pm to sit with the Lord and pray for vocations,

peace in our lives,

peace in the world, respect life and our parish unity.

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm.

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:

> 23 Copper Leaves 17 Silver Leaves 27 Gold Leaves

4 of the 10 Small Stones 3 of the 3 Large Stones 5 of the 5 X-Large Stones



April 21, 2024 4th Sunday of Easter GOSPEL MEDITATION

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

April 28, 2024 5th Sunday of Easter GOSPEL MEDITATION

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.



Family Catechesis schedule:

Family Catechesis: Come & See April 21 & 28 **Family Catechesis : Mondays** April 22& 29 **Family Catechesis: Confirmation** April 24 & May 1



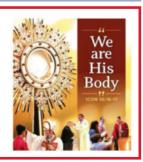


We are nearing the beginning of First Communion celebrations, which will begin on May 12th. Please keep the 81 children & youth in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their sacramental celebration.

Save the Date: Confirmation Mass will be on Tuesday May 28, 2024 at 6:30pm We invite the community to join us in praying for the 66 youth as they prepare for their sacramental celebration.

"We are His Body" Catholic Service Appeal 2024

Parish Goal: \$94,090.00 Number of Pledges: 136 Total Amount Pledges Received: \$98, 450.00 Total Amount of Pledges Redeemed: \$64,336.00



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





SATURDAY MAY 4, 2024 Mass at 10 am Walk at 11 am

St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral 310 West 2nd Street, Reno, Nevada 89503

Preparing the Heart

Prepare your heart for openness. Make room for the Holy Spirit!

Preparing the Body Prior to the pilgrimage, consider adding walks to your weekly routine This would be a great family activity!

What To Bring

- A backpack
- Lavered clothing and a hat the Walk will take place rain or shine Whatever food and water you will require - consider bringing a brown bag lunch and staying to socialize after the Walk
- Rosary
- · Comfortable walking shoes

Our route for 2024 will be the same as the last two years, beginning and ending at the Cathedral of St. Thomas Aquinas in downtown Reno. The full route is along the Truckee River to Ivan Sack Park which is about a 4.6 mile loop. A shorter route is to turn around at Idlewild Park which is about a 2 mile loop. Or you can loop back at any point.

If you would like to participate, but are unable to walk the route, please pray from wherever you are in union with the Walk

Send your email address to livefatima@protonmail.com if you would like to receive updates.

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.



Our Blessed Mother appeared to Sister Adele Brise on the site of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion and

"Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation."

At the core of education is the realization that life itself is a pignimage, and we are called to prepare ourselves and our children for the journey.

gave her this message:





WHY GIVE ONLINE?

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2. Leave your checkbook at home. Set up your recurring gift using a credit card, checking or savings account.

3. Your funds are protected. Your donations are automatically transferred to our parish so it's safer and more secure.

4. Support our parish consistently, even if you are unable to attend Mass.

5. Give on-the-go! Access the site from your mobile phone or tablet.

SIGN UP TO GIVE ONLINE

If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy!

- 1. Visit holycrosssparks.com and click Give Online.
- 2. Select the collection or event of your choice.
- 3. Set up your donation or payment. That's it!

Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

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



Take Jesus to those who can't come to Him!

Requirement: 1 time a month, after the 8:00am Mass, you would take the Eucharist to a nursing home.

What you get: Grace and Thanks!

Take a friend or spouse with you! Since this takes only 30 minutes, you could have coffee or breakfast on the way home—with an added Blessing!

If you would like to join this ministry please contact Vilia at <u>vnatchez47@gmail.com</u>

Weekly Offering March 31, 2024

| Total | \$ | 21,364.24 |
|----------------------------------|----|-----------|
| Mass Intentions | \$ | 1,090.00 |
| Memorial Tree | \$ | 685.00 |
| Women's Group Gift Cabinet | \$ | 200.00 |
| Good Friday—Holy Land Collection | \$ | 3,535.00 |
| Holy Cross Dinner | \$ | 629.00 |
| Operation Rice Bowl | | 50.00 |
| Fr. George Wolf Scholarship Fund | \$ | 20.00 |
| Sunday Offering | \$ | 15,155.24 |

Weekly Offering April 7, 2024

| Sunday Offering | | 7,990.36 |
|----------------------------------|----|-----------|
| Fr. George Wolf Scholarship Fund | | 293.00 |
| Votive Candles | | 5.00 |
| Easter | \$ | 415.00 |
| Catholic Relief- 2nd collection | \$ | 100.00 |
| Operation Rice Bowl | \$ | 40.00 |
| Holy Cross Dinner | \$ | 612.00 |
| Pupusas-Towards Scholarship Fund | \$ | 1,453.00 |
| Good Friday-Holy Land Collection | \$ | 145.00 |
| Women's Group Gift Cabinet | | 72.00 |
| Memorial Tree | | 570.00 |
| Mass Intentions | | 2,180.00 |
| Total | | 13,907.36 |

March Online

| Total | \$ 9,185.00 |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Pastor's Charity | \$ 225.00 |
| CCD | \$ 45.00 |
| Fr. George Wolf Scholarship Fund | \$ 70.00 |
| Capital Campaign | \$ 25.00 |
| CSA | \$ 200.00 |
| Sunday Offering | \$ 8,620.00 |

Parish Registration Form

| Names of your Family Members: | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Mailing Address: | | | |
| | Alt Phone Number: | | |
| Email Address: | | | |
| Preferred Mass Time: | | | |
| Ministry you would like to be involve | ed in: | | |



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