Holy Cross Catholic Community

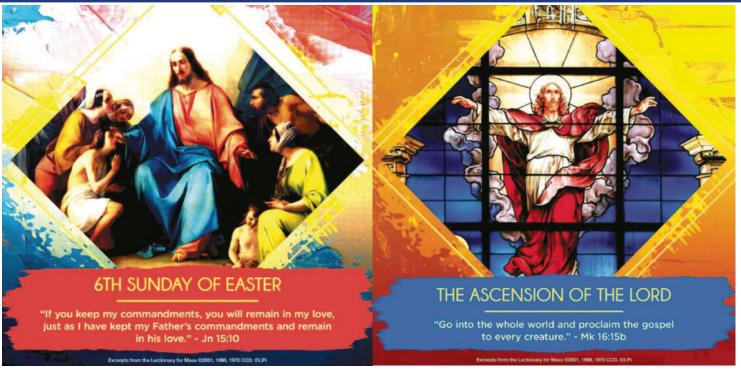
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May 5, 2024

May 12, 2024

Website | www.HolyCrossSparks.com



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



Starry Starry Night 37th Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction



Raffle Ticket Sales will begin the weekend of May 18/19 after all Masses. Buy your raffle tickets this weekend to be entered into a special raffle to win an exciting prize!

Join us for a planning meeting on Tuesday May 21 at 6:00pm. This event cannot happen without our great volunteers.

Save the Date:

Friday, November 8, 2024 at 6:00pm for our "Starry Starry Night— Wine Tasting and Silent Auction". Enjoy an evening of wine, beer, food, and fun.

2024 Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship



High School Seniors and current college students are encouraged to apply for the 2024 Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship.

Applications will be available May 15, 2024 Submit completed application by June 30, 2024.

Pick up an application from the Holy Cross Office or by email request to <u>HolyCrossScholarship@gmail.com</u>

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 the chaplain available to all who are admitted to the hospital— Fr. Conrado can be contacted by the nursing staff for a visit.





Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. - St. Alphonsis Ligori



Join us on Mother's Day for some delicious food!

Pupusas and Paletas will be sold after the 8am, 10am & 12:15pm Masses on Sunday May 12th. All funds raised will go towards the Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund for the Parish Youth!

Upcoming Events

May Tues

- Tues 7 Group FHC Rehearsal 5:30pm Sun 12 Group First Holy Communions 10am & 12:15pm
- Sun 12 Pupusa & Paletas Sale after 8am, 10am & 12:15pm Masses
- Tues 14 Group FHC Rehearsal 5:30pm
- Sun 19 Group First Holy Communions 10am & 12:15pm
- Mon 20 Liturgical Environment Change 6:00pm
- Tues 28 Confirmation Mass 6:00pm

CLERGY RETREAT

Fr. Jose will be joining all clergy from the diocese for a weeklong retreat May 13 to 17. Please keep all clergy in your prayers as they gather for this retreat.

There will be NO daily noon Mass during this week.



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 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, 775-240-7345 .

Family HOLY CROSS IS CATECHESIS 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, May	5		
8:00am	Joseph Fournier† & Michael Fournier†		
	by Clair Fournier		
10:00am	Herrera Martinez Family S.I. by Adela Velasco		
12:15pm	Arturo Flores Espinosa† by Family		
4:30pm	Parish Family		
Tuesday, May 7			
12:00pm	Antonio Cruz Madera† by Family		
Wednesday,	May 8		
12:00pm	Claudia Flores† by Family		
Thursday, May 9			
12:00pm	Steve Podhurst† by Gretchen Oney		
Friday, May	10		
12:00pm	Marciano Ramirez† by Family		
Saturday, May 11			
5:00pm	Carmen Barajas† by Familia Cruz Calderon		
Sunday, May	12		
8:00am	Parish Family		
10:00am	Juan Torres† by Marsha Najera & Joe Guerrero		
12:15pm	Rafael Zertuche Moreno† by Family		
4:30pm	Jacob Roberts† by Susie & Randy Roberts		
Tuesday, May 14			
12:00pm	Communion Service - NO NOON MASS		
Wednesday, May 15			
12:00pm	Communion Service - NO NOON MASS		
Thursday, May 16			
12:00pm	Communion Service - NO NOON MASS		
Friday, May	17		
12:00pm	Communion Service - NO NOON MASS		
Saturday, May 18			
5:00pm	Parish Family		

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

The Lord's Prayer #2: "At the Savior's command..."

"At the Savior's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say" - Excerpt from the Roman Missal

As mentioned last week, fundamentally, the Lord's Prayer is not our prayer, but Christ's prayer. The 'Our' of the Lord's Prayer refers not only to all of us, but it can be understood more deeply to refer also to the Son and the Spirit since they also are always turned toward the Father as source. In other words, when we pray the Lord's Prayer, we participate in the life of the Son and Spirit. This is obviously something beyond our human capacity to achieve; it is only because of the Savior's command that we dare to say it.

How does the Lord's Prayer direct your own personal prayers?

What is your favorite part of the Lord's Prayer?



G:

Team for May 11 & 12 Sat., May 11 5:00pm

- G: Dee Fedore
- AS: Sammy & Michael
- L: Carol Brown & Mary Diebel
- EM: Earlene Rummel, Marcia McClain Jane Burke, Risa Ronan
- U: Bob Bertschinger
- **GP:** Gina Morato

Sun., May 12 8:00am

- **G:** Mike & Carla Morris
- AS: Arden, Thomas & Isabella
- L: Bob Holleman & Maggie Lee
- **EM:** Lisa Holleman, Ophelia Wilson Dannete Suhl, Deacon Herbert
- U: Harvey Ibarra
- GP: Erika, Jovanna De La Torre
- **R:** Jimena Barajas & Family

10:00am

- G: Adanali & Ashley Garcia
- AS: Khaylen, Daniel & Edgar
- L: Middle School Youth
- EM: Young Adult Group
- U: High School Youth
- **GP:** FHC Children & Youth
- **R:** Diego Hernandez & Family

12:15pm

- **B:** Pamela Alvarez y Familia
- AS: Lilianna y Josie
- L: Jóvenes de la escuela intermedia
- ME: Grupo de Adultos Jóvenes
- U: Jóvenes de la escuela secundaria
- **GP:** FHC Niños y Jóvenes
- B: Leticia Zavala y Familia

4:30pm

- G: Barlett Family
- AS: Matthew
- L: Leo Humphreys & Theresa Choman
- EM: Bob Daly, Susan Daly Sarah Naegele, Kathleen Fralick
- U: Bob Daly
- **GP:** Doukakis Family

Team for May 18 & 19 Sat., May 18 5:00pm

Jeanne Amy

- AS: Gracian & Lauren
- L: Teresa Tighe & Ron McClain
- EM: John Kadlic, Tom Tighe Bob Bertschinger, Risa Ronan
- U: Jeanne Amy
- GP: Christian, Maile, David, Yoandry & Ayary

Sun., May 19 8:00am

- **G:** Giada Nuti & Family
- AS: Olivia & Jacob
- L: Mike Morris & Ophelia Wilson
- EM: Kris Evans, Gretchen Oney Cathie Bundesen, Irma KnappU: Michael McGraw
- U: Michael McGraw
- GP: Michael Anderson & Family
- **R:** Rita Rollings

10:00am

- G: Naima Segura & Family
- AS: Diego & Aaron
- L: Middle School Youth
- **EM:** Young Adult Group
- U: High School Youth
- **GP:** FHC Children & Youth
- **R:** Carmen Vasquez & Family

12:00pm

- G: Eduardo Hernandez y Familia
- **AS:** Diego y Alex
- L: Jóvenes de la escuela intermedia
- EM: Grupo de Adultos Jóvenes
- U: Jóvenes de la escuela secundaria
- **GP:** FHC Niños y Jóvenes
- **R:** Christian Macias y Familia

4:30pm

- G: Sinsay Family
- AS: Mitchell
- L: Dave Joyce & Kathleen Fralick **EM:** Annette Granberg, Sarah Naegele
- Leo & Marlene Humphreys
- U: Annette Granberg
- GP: Jessica Rios & Family



Take Jesus to those who can't join us on Sundays!

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 vnatchez47@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

- Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Santa Cruz Dinner on May 3.
- Thank you to the community who attended in support of the scholarship fund.
- To Dulce and her Ballet MX Dancers that put on a great performance.

We hope all had a grand time and we look forward to seeing all of you for the Holy Cross dinner next year!



"Thank You, Mom"

From the initial wonder to the morning sickness, From the sleepless nights to the giggles of delight, From the first steps to the temper tantrums. Thank you, Mom. From school day pride to detention day disappointment, From the big game to the big show to the big "uh-oh," With secret shared moments and home-cooked meals. Thank you, Mom. Through tears and laughter, Through sorrow and joy, For all the ups and downs, and for the journey yet to come, Thank you, Mom!

Happy Mothers Day to all amazing, wonderful Mothers!

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:

> 31 Copper Leaves 23 Silver Leaves 31 Gold Leaves

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



May 5, 2024 6th Sunday of Easter GOSPEL MEDITATION

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, "He is mistaken about our friendship. I don't recall ever having suffered with him." As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I'm not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn't the juxtaposition of suffering with friendship sound exactly like JPII? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, "You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:14). In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you'll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you've suffered together a great deal.

-Father John Muir ©LPi

May 12, 2024 The Ascension of the Lord GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I was a kid, my parents took me to the circus, and I was mesmerized by the acrobats. I recall one show in which the trapeze artists would swoop down just above the ground and then launch up into the air, flinging their bodies seemingly to the top of the tent, all at dizzying speeds. It wasn't just their height but their dangerous proximity to the ground that thrilled me.

Perhaps that's a little how St. Mark wants us to feel as he describes the Ascension of Jesus. He tells us that Jesus "sat down at table with them" and then, just a few lines later, "he ascended into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God." He dies, he rises! He sits down, he ascends! What do these divine acrobatics teach us?

The depth and height on display are a show of his love for us. When Jesus "sat down" he "upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness of heart." He dangerously swoops down into our lowly place of fragmentation, disbelief, and death. When he ascends, he confirms their preaching with signs of powerful healing. The height of heaven is the place from which God brings wholeness, faith, and life. The point is the Ascension of Jesus is not about his departure. It is about the feat by which he unites the heavens and the earth, the highest and the lowest.

We are meant to relive this spiritually dizzying experience in every Mass, when Jesus sits down with us at his Eucharistic table and then offers himself up to the Father with and for us. Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls: welcome to the great tent of the Church! Feast your eyes on the divine and human acrobat whose saving feat is the great thrill of our lives.



Congratulations to the children and youth receiving their First Holy Communion on May 12.

Karen Cuevas Justus Foxworthy David Gutierrez Sanchez VanMichael Hensen Guillermo Lozano Jonathan Lozano Yamilexy Lozano Lavon Luckey Grant Moore Gonzalo Ruiz Graciano Ian Sanchez Maia Sanchez Melysa Sanchez Mia Sanchez Sean Sinsay Cezar Venezuela Jazmin Venezuela

Max Chaidz Natalia Chaidez Mia Escobar Gutierrez Mckenzie Garcia Garcia Melanie Garcia Garcia Brandon Perez Guerra Jonthan Perez Guerra Daniela Perez Lopez

We Need You! **BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER**



So you have been blessed to have received your first Holy Communion, now what? A great way to continue practicing your faith and being more involved is to become an Altar Servers! Altar Servers help Fr. Jose and Fr. Norm during Mass. All children and youth who have received their First Holy Communion and would like to go through a training to become an altar server, parents, please contact the parish office to sign up your children!



Holy Cross Catholic Community gained a talented individual recently -Jacob White! Jacob will be helping with the high school confirmation program as well as working on some exciting events/opportunities to begin A little bit about Jacob

a high school youth ministry! A little bit about Jacob:

Hello, I'm Jacob White, thrilled to have recently taken on a role to help with youth ministry and high school confirmation in particular. Born and raised in Reno, Nevada, I have deep roots in the Catholic Church, having grown up in its embrace. My journey culminated in receiving the sacrament of confirmation during the Easter Vigil. Passionate about sharing the teachings of our Lord, particularly with young hearts, I am committed to guiding and inspiring the next generation of future saints in their faith journey. If you have questions or if I can help out in any way please feel free to reach out to me at jwhite.holycross@gmail.com. God bless

Family Catechesis schedule:

Family Catechesis: Come & See May 5 Family Catechesis : Mondays May 6 Family Catechesis: Confirmation May 8 & 15

CONFIRMATION NEWS

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.

Youth Corner

BALLET MX: My Folklorico dance group called "Ballet MX", in which 20 youth dancers participate, are proud to line up a great season here at Holy Cross. We had so much fun with our kickoff at the Holy Cross Dinner on Friday May 3 and Ballet MX's Folklorico dancers are looking forward to a year's worth of performances at Holy Cross in 2024. You'll see us next during Sonshine Summer.

INSTAGRAM: Follow our Instagram! To keep in touch and continue to support all these events and other youth stuff:) @hccc.youth

LOOK OUT FOR INFORMATION ON THESE UPCOMING EVENTS! (email Dulce to keep in touch with the following)

Middle School Youth Night: May 19th Sunday, 5:30pm-7:30pm June 16th Sunday, 5:30pm-7:30pm

SonShine Summer: Middle and high school Youth aide counselor spots available July 22nd-25th

SIX FLAGS ONFIRE: September 14th

-Dulce





WHY GIVE ONLINE?

1. You can share your gifts... Any way you want to. When you want to. Where you want to.

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!

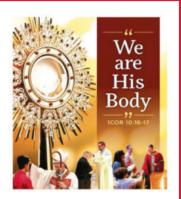
Once you've added your account information,

donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

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

"We are His Body" **Catholic Service** Appeal 2024

Parish Goal: \$94,090.00 Number of Pledges: 142 **Total Amount Pledges** Received: \$103, 500.00 Total Amount of Pledges Redeemed: \$70,235.00



Thank you for your kind and generous support, at this time, the parish in on track to reach the set goal in received pledges in no time!

Weekly Offering April 14, 2024

Total	\$ 17,664.65
Mass Intentions	\$ 2790.00
Memorial Tree	\$ 1,470.00
Women's Group Gift Cabinet	\$ 5.00
Good Friday– Holy Land Collection	\$ 80.00
Holy Cross Dinner	\$ 1,956.00
Priest Relief - 2nd Collection	\$ 75.00
Church in Easter Europe	\$ 15.00
Easter	\$ 360.00
Votive Candles	\$ 325.00
Fr. George Wolf Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,503.00
Sunday Offering	\$ 8,085.65



Weekly Offering April 21, 2024

Total	\$	11,372.75
Mass Intentions	\$	3,560.00
Memorial Tree	\$	760.00
Holy Cross Dinner	\$	712.00
Children's Stewardship	\$	365.00
Fr. George Wolf Scholarship Fund	\$	200.00
Sunday Offering		5,775.75

Parish Registration Form / Formulario de Registro Parroquial

Names of your Family Members / Nombres de los miembros de su familia:

Mailing Address /	Dirección postal : _
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Phone Number/ Número de teléfono : _____

Alt Phone Number / Número de teléfono alternativo : _____

Email Address / Correo Electrónico : _____

Preferred Mass Time / Horario de Misa preferido : ______Ministry you would like to be involved in /

Ministerio en el que le gustaría participar: :

Contribution envelopes/Sobres de contribución : _____or Online Giving/o Donaciones en línea: : _____



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