

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday Mass 8:00am,

10:00am, 4:30pm

(English)

12:15pm (Spanish)

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday 12:00pm

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00am - 5:30pm

Saturday - Sunday

9:30am - 5:00pm

Office Closed on Fridays

Directions to Holy Cross

Sparks from Pyramid Hwy

Head North on Pyramid Hwy towards Los Altos Pkwy.

Turn right on Los Altos Pkwy. Turn left on Vista Blvd.

Take a righthand turn onto the parish driveway.

Sparks from I-80 and Vista

Head North on Vista Blvd. for approximately 5 miles. Pass the North Los Altos stoplight, turn right onto the parish driveway.

Spanish Springs from Pyramid Hwy

Head south on Pyramid Hwy. Turn left on Wingfield Hills Rd.

Turn right on Vista Blvd. Pass Golden Triangle Way stoplight, turn left onto the parish driveway.

Thank You to our parish community and volunteers who continue to support Holy Cross Catholic Community. Your participation and dedication makes a difference.

*Thank
You.*



“The Church on the Hill”

Holy Cross Catholic Community is the “common home” for nearly 1200 plus families who regularly gather together to worship and pray. This community has as its mission “to become disciples of Christ by the love we have for one another, as we journey together in prayer, friendship, and service.” This community was established on October 5, 1967 by Bishop Joseph Green. It was a large physical plant with a school, a convent, a rectory, and a multipurpose hall seating 500 people, but unfortunately with a huge debt. In 1970, it was decided to sell the property and move to a site in North-East Sparks. In 1976 ground was broken for a multipurpose facility that was dedicated in the same year by Bishop Norman McFarland.

In the meantime, Church services were held at “Our Savior Lutheran Church”. The community began to grow, so the present Holy Cross Catholic Community facility was built in 2000 and it was dedicated by Bishop Staling on December 29, 2001. “The Church on the Hill” with its large beautiful windows overlooks Reno-Sparks landscape with a view of the majestic Sierras. The Prayer Garden dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Memorial Benches and the Memorial Tree are just reminders that the community takes time to pause “to remember”. We are, I feel, emerging as a great destination for people to come together, worship and pray and give thanks. I pray that we are a sanctuary of peace and hope. I am grateful.

“The Church on the Hill” is blessed to have a loyal and faithful multicultural community. Its “heart and soul” is its dedicated team of lay ministers. They are liturgical ministers, catechists, greeters, ushers, ministers of hospitality, youth ministers, “Healing Hearts” grief support group, ministers to the homebound, nursing homes and retirement community, five loaves, young adult Bible study group,...the list goes on. They keep the community thriving. Thank You. Finally, to all those who worship and pray at Holy Cross Catholic Community, a Big Thank You. To everyone else, I extend a standing invitation to “come and see”. “The Harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few, so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.”

Love and Prayers,
Fr. Jose

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Garden

The prayer garden was officially dedicated on December 12, 2021 in celebration of the feast of our Lady of Guadalupe. This is the first of its kind in the Reno/Sparks area and was made possible through the help of the whole parish community, especially the Hispanic community, who held various fundraising events to raise funds. Fr. Jose Issac's vision for creating the prayer garden has been to encourage community building and participation. His hopes are that the prayer garden will help the community have a



“Gracias Madre”

peaceful place to experience a blessed and prayerful environment. The prayer garden is not just for Holy Cross parishioners, but is available for the whole Reno/Sparks community. All are welcome!



Memorial Tree



A memorial tree has been setup in the prayer garden, above the prayer benches. The memorial tree is a way for parishioners to sit, reflect, give thanks, and pray. This allows us to connect with departed

loved ones and keep their memories alive. “We are relational beings and death does not destroy our relationships.” Messages can be engraved onto gold, silver, or bronze leaves.

Family Catechesis

Our family catechesis program has classes for the whole family to complete their sacramental preparation or continue their faith formation journey. Classes and participation is encouraged for the whole family - children, youth, and parents. All classes begin in August and run through the Spring. Registrations are currently open thru August 11.



Sacramental Statistics
July 23' - June 24'
Baptisms: 230
Adult Baptisms: 4
First Communions: 83
Confirmations: 84
Marriages: 17



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

18yrs+ who are in need of sacraments of initiation. Preparation is a 1-year process, participants receive needed sacraments at the Easter Vigil. There is a \$100 donation. Classes meet on Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00pm.

Confirmation

Middle School Confirmation
 6th - 8th Grade students who are 12yrs+, who are baptized and have received First Communion. Students participate in a 2-year program to receive Confirmation.
High School Confirmation
 Current high school students who have been baptized and have received First Communion can prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation over a 2-year program. \$120 donation per student. Classes meet on Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30pm.

Come and See (RCIC)

A sacramental program children who are 7yrs+ who have not been baptized or 10yrs+ who have not received First Communion. Classes are held on Sundays at 11am, in order for families to attend Mass before or after class. \$75 donation per student.

Kindergarten - 5th Grade

First Communion preparation for baptized children in 1st - 2nd Grade. Children in K, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade can attend to continue learning and growing in their faith. \$75 donation per student. Classes are held on Mondays 4:15 - 5:30pm OR Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:45pm.

Catequesis Familiar

Nuestro programa de catequesis familiar tiene clases para toda la familia. Hay clases para preparación sacramental o para continuar su formación de fe. Las clases son para niños, jóvenes, y padres. Todas las clases comienzan en agosto y terminan en mayo. Las inscripciones están actualmente abiertas hasta el 11 de agosto.



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julio 2023 - junio 2024
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Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (OCIA)

Mayores de 18 años que necesitan sacramentos de iniciación (bautizo, primera comunión, confirmación). La preparación es un proceso de 1 año, participantes reciben los sacramentos necesarios en la Vigilia Pascual. Donación de \$100. Las clases son los Jueves 6:00 - 7:00pm.

Vengan y lo Verán (RCIC)

Un programa sacramental para niños mayores de 7 años que no hayan sido bautizados o mayores de 10 años que no hayan recibido la Primera Comunión. Las clases se llevan a cabo los domingos a las 11am, para que las familias puedan asistir a misa antes o después de clase. Donación de \$75 por estudiante.

Confirmación

Confirmación - Middle School
 Estudiantes de 6° - 8° grado mayores de 12 años, que estén bautizados y hayan recibido la Primera Comunión. Los estudiantes participan en un programa de 2 años para recibir el sacramento de Confirmación.
Confirmación - High School
 Estudiantes de high school que estén bautizados y hayan recibido la Primera Comunión pueden prepararse para el sacramento de la Confirmación durante un programa de 2 años. Donación de \$120 por estudiante. Las clases se reúnen los miércoles de 6:00 a 7:30pm.

Kinder - 5º Grado

Preparación de Primera Comunión para niños bautizados de 1° - 2º grado. Los niños de K, 3º, 4º y 5º grado pueden asistir para seguir aprendiendo y creciendo en su fe. Donación de \$75 por estudiante. Las clases se llevan a cabo los lunes de 4:15 a 5:30pm o los martes de 5:30 a 6:45pm.



FR. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund



FR. George Wolf served as pastor of Holy Cross for 25 years. After his retirement, he continued to be involved within the parish until his passing in 2022. A scholarship has been created in his memory to help parish youth achieve their educational goals.

Funds and donations raised have been invested with Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Reno. This allows the money to grow and be used specifically for this purpose. High school seniors and college students are eligible to apply yearly in June and recipients are announced in July.



Young Adult Bible Study

Join a devoted group of young adults on Monday nights at 7:00pm. The group gets together for Bible study on a weekly basis, as well as participate in crafts and service projects.



Youth Ministry

Middle and High school youth groups in the parish get together to participate in events throughout the year. Service projects and parish events to gather and serve in community. Youth carnival, Sunshine Summer camp, OnFire Six Flags, Youth Nights, Volunteering, and much more!



An outreach ministry to bring the Eucharist to Catholics who reside in care facilities. We cover 5 facilities in Sparks, which are visited on a weekly or monthly basis. There are 19 ministers in the group. On Sundays, they are blessed and sent out by Father Jose after the 8:00am Mass. The number of patrons in each facility is 8 or fewer, which allows most ministers

to complete their mission in an hour or less. Many of our ministers have a partner while others prefer to work alone. The commitment for this ministry is once a month. New ministers are constantly needed. If we could increase the number we currently have, we could relieve the ministers we have and attend the care facilities on a more regular basis.



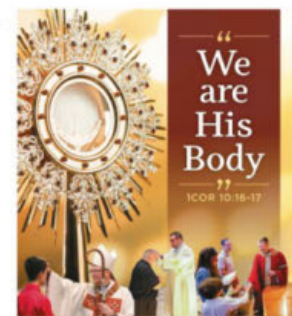
Healing Hearts is a grief support group at Holy Cross to help anyone who has experienced a loss. The goal of this ministry is to provide a safe, non-threatening place to listen, share and learn ways to cope with grief. Anyone is welcome to join, we meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

CSA 2024

Parish Goal \$94,090.00
Total # of Pledges 150
Total Amount Pledged \$107,725.00
Total Amount Donated \$81,290.00

Thank you to all who have made a pledge to help Holy Cross achieve our parish goal. The parish goal increased 8.3% from 2023. Funds from CSA support various ministries throughout the diocese, including; clergy & seminarians, youth and

young adult ministry, safe environment, and campus ministry.



Exiting Holy Cross

For your safety, when exiting the parking lot, please consider turning right & going towards the stoplight at 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.



