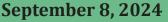
# Holy Cross Catholic Community

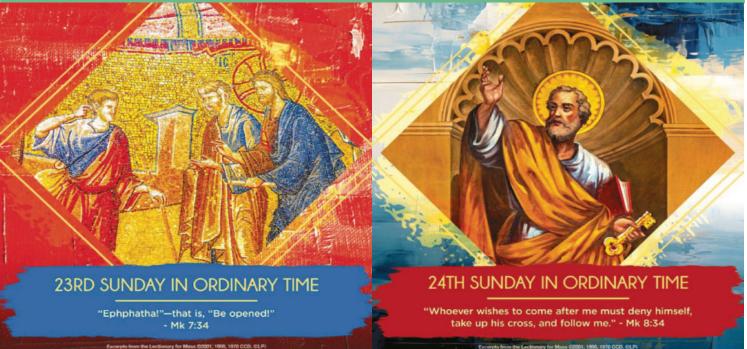
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## **September 15, 2024**



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil | 5 p.m. Sunday | 8:00a.m., 10:00a.m., 4:30pm (English) 12:15p.m. (Spanish) Daily Mass | Monday—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 Martinez Associate Assistant: Dulce Infante & Norma Gaytan Building & Grounds: Randy Roberts

Janitorial Services: Arnoldo Olivares

#### JOIN US FOR A GREAT TIME IN **COMMUNITY ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22**

Bilingual Mass at 10:00am Followed by delicious food, games, bounce house for the kids, children's games, raffles, music, dancing and a fun time.

> Hamburgers, Tacos, Filipino Food, **Cookies and much more!**

Get to know your fellow parishioners and enjoy a fun time!







#### **ÚNASE A NOSOTROS PARA PASAR UN BUEN RATO EN COMUNIDAD** DOMINGO 22 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Misa bilingüe a las 10:00am

Habra deliciosa comida, juegos y bincolin para los niños, rifas, musica y un dia muy divertido.

> Hamburguesas, tacos, comida filipina, galletas y mucho más!

> ¡Conozca a sus compañeros feligreses y disfrute de un dia de diversion!







- 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.
- Scam Alert, Please be aware: Some parishioners have contacted the parish office, to inform us that they received emails or text claiming to be on behalf of Fr. Jose, requesting funds or assistance in an urgent matter. This is not a legitimate request, It appears the requests are asking for gift cards. Unfortunately there are a variety of scams out there, which are going around all the time, please be mindful of this and do not send funds this way. All appeals for donations are made through the bulletin, the pulpit and letters mailed from Holy Cross to pa-
- To all parish groups, for any event your group plans to have within the parish building, please make sure to obtain permission from the parish office, for any event in the Worship area, from the Pastor.

rishioners.

• 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.



# <u>Starry, Starry Night 37<sup>th</sup> Annual</u> Wine Tasting and Silent/Live Auction

We are still looking for more volunteers to help make this a successful event, please consider signing up to help with a committee, sign up sheets are out in the gathering space.

#### 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.

Kon Kron

Pray For ...

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 Sandra Ortiz **Bob** Patterson Berta Perez Remi Plummer **Travis Porter** Beckv Prevost Samuel Prieto Maria Rodriguez Sam Salisbury Rene Salomon Jon Sciabica Erick Smith Nanette Smith Carey Snyder Brianna Stuart Vincent Stuart Angela Teague Isaac Vargas James Vonderhaar **Bill Wehinger Bob Wolf** Sean Wolff Steve Woods





Sunday, September 8 8:00am Jim Wiliams† by Emmanuel Cruz-Calderon **10:00am** Don Merucci<sup>†</sup> by His Family **12:15pm** Ramon Ayala<sup>†</sup> & Elvira Murillo<sup>†</sup> by Familia Ayala Murillo 4:30pm Chief Sam Okorie<sup>†</sup> by Okorie Family Monday, September 9 **12:00pm** Macario Ramirez<sup>†</sup> by Family **Tuesday**, September 10 **12:00pm** Rosa Rangel<sup>†</sup> by Family Wednesday, September 11 12:00pm Chief Sam Okorie† by Okorie Family Thursday, September 12 **12:00pm** Juan Quintana Rascan<sup>†</sup> by Family Friday, September 13 **12:00pm** Omar Madera<sup>†</sup> by Family Saturday, September 14 **5:00pm** Vera Leary<sup>†</sup> by Bill & Cathy Sunday, September 15 Robert Thompson<sup>†</sup> 8:00am by Bonnie & Rich Miller **10:00am** Aber Lynn Keller† by Jeanne Ohl **12:15pm** Maria Catalina Soliz de Gonzalez<sup>†</sup> by Her Granddaughters **4:30pm** Parish Family Monday, September 16 12:00pm Karina Perez<sup>†</sup> by Family **Tuesday, September 17 12:00pm** Joseph Fournier<sup>+</sup> by Family Wednesday, September 18 **12:00pm** Maria Teresa Vargas<sup>†</sup> by Family **Thursday, September 19** 12:00pm NO NOON MASS Friday, September 20 **12:00pm** Rafael Zertuche Moreno<sup>†</sup> by Family Saturday, September 21 5:00pm Mary Tillman<sup>†</sup> by Her Friends

## **Upcoming Feasts to** Remember

#### SEPTEMBER

- 9/12 The Most Holy Name of Mary
- 9/14 The Exaltation of the Cross
- 9/17 St. Robert Bellarmine. Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- St. Matthew, 9/21 Apostle & Evangelist

#### **Liturgical Ministry Team** for September 14 & 15

Sat., September 14 5:00pm **G:** Frybarger Family AS: Gracian & Lauren L: Kris Dondero Vilia Natchez **EM:** John Kadlic Risa Ronan Nora Turner Cindy Maria U: Don Turner **GP:** McClain Family Sun., September 15 8:00am **G:** Jay Campbell AS: Sarah & Katie L: Ophelia Wilson Jeannette Troise **EM:** Gretchen Oney Danette Suhl Deacon Herbert U: Charlie H. GP: Aiden Crosbie & Family **R:** Vickie Alimurung 10:00am **G:** Fonseca-Espinosa Family AS: Maria, Natalia & Jozsie L: Briana Esquivel **Tony Pagano EM:** Shelly Register Yunuhen Espinosa Deacon Herbert U: Doug Hensen **GP:** Miriam Garcia & Fam **R**: Christian De La Riva & Fam 12:15pm G: Enedina Guzman y Fam. AS: Lucia y Diego L: Cecilio Urias Lisangela Guerra **EM:** Julieta Paz Enrique Canseco Chely Canseco U: Jose Guzman **GP:** Adriana Chagolla y Familia L: B: Iker Garcia y Familia 4:30pm

- **G:** Gene Seidlitz **AS:** Grace & Hayley
- L: Sierra Higley
- Nathan Carpenter **EM:** Leo Humphreys Marlene Humphreys Kathleen Fralick **U:** Leo Humphreys
- **GP:** Hoven Family

#### **Liturgical Ministry Team** for September 21 & 22

Sat., September 21 5:00pm **G:** Patsy Liddick AS: Gracian & Christian L: Geray McDonald Mogan Liddick **EM:** Linda McDonald Earlene Rummel Jim Shaw Scott Rogers U: GP: Gina Morato Sun.. September 22 8:00am **G:** Stephanie Neder AS: Isabella & Thomas L: Rita Rollings Maggie Lee EM: John Bell Irma Knapp Megan Lambdin U: Bill Conn **GP:** Rollings Family **R:** JoAnn Jones 10:00am G: Jasmine Sanchez & Fam. AS: Diego, Aaron, Valeria L: Carla McCloskey Norma Gaytan **EM:** Mae Doreza Briana Esquivel Martha Flores **U:** Tom McCloskey **GP:** Confirmation Youth 12:15pm NO 12:15pm Mass PICNIC DE LA PARROOUIA 11am—2pm 4:30pm **G:** Sinsay Family AS: Matthew Theresa Choman Dave Joyce **EM:** Noreen Pary Sarah Naegele Marlene Humphreys

Annette Granberg

U: Noreen Pary

**GP:** Rios Family

# **Prayer of Remembrance and Hope**

Dear God, we remember before you today those whose lives were lost in the catastrophic events of September 11, 2001, and for all those whom we love but no longer see. We give thanks to you for the selfless courage of those brave souls who ran into burning buildings and who labored in the rubble; may their courage be to us a witness of what is possible when we are guided by love and dedication to our fellow human beings.

We pray today for the continued healing of all those suffering emotional and physical scars. May your spirit breathe new breath into clouded lungs, new life into troubled minds, and new warmth into broken hearts, so that all may feel wrapped in your loving embrace. May we move from suffering to hope, from brokenness to wholeness, from anxiety to courage, from death to life, from fear to love, and from despair to hope.

Guide our feet into the way of peace. May we receive this gift, so that we might become instruments of your peace in this world, knowing all people as equally loved, lovingly created, children of God.



Amen.

## Second Collection September 7 & 8, 2024

#### **Seminarian Education Fund**

The second collection on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> is for the Seminarian Education Fund. The Diocese of Reno is blessed to have five young men studying in preparation for priesthood, all from Northern Nevada. All of the monies collected in this annual second collection go directly to support our seminarians in the Diocese of Reno.



## FAMILY CATECHESIS PROGRAMS

## There will be classes on the following days:

September 8, 15 & 29 — Family Catechesis; Come & See

September 9, 16 , 23 & 30 — Family Catechesis : Mondays

September 11, 18 & 25 — Family Catechesis; Confirmation

September 12, 19 & 26 —OCIA (RCIA)

## **Neocatechumenal Way**

In the first three centuries of Christianity, it was illegal to be Christian and there was a very strong persecution in which all your goods could be confiscated, or you could even be killed. Yet Christianity flourished. Why? Because the persecution made obvious to the general public that Christians were not afraid of death. People were impressed by this, and many wanted to have whatever the Christians had.

Today, we cannot say that everyone who goes to Church is not afraid of death or sees suffering as a blessing. As the world moves away from God, we lose the meaning of life and anxiety and fear increases.

The Neocatechumenal Way is a present-day implementation of the catechumenate that was done in the first three centuries: a process to gestate eternal life within people who are interested in being a sign for the present generation ( which is moving away from God) that God has overcome everything

that kills us and that we can have the guarantee of eternal life living inside us even now in this world.

This means moving towards an implementation of Christianity that is akin to that of the gospels and the first three centuries of Christian life: in our sacramental, liturgical, community life as well as in our understanding and living of scripture.



## **Exaltation of the Cross**

Question: What is the history behind feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

**Answer:** Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.

#### Take Up Your Cross By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

When I'm interviewing people for my job as a staff writer at an archdiocesan newspaper, I like to ask them this question: at the end of your life, when you meet God, what do you want to hear Him say?

I've gotten a lot of interesting answers.

"I called and you listened."

"What tee time would you like tomorrow?"

"What were you thinking?"

"Your service made things better."

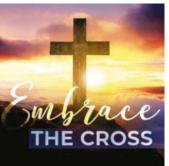
It's a question I've thought a lot about, personally. What I want to hear God say when I finally see His face is this: "You can put it down now."

When Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say that I am?" he is not just asking them to verbalize an answer. He is asking them to do something: pick up the cross. Find the problems in this world, in this life, and throw your arms around them. Drag them to God, even if it kills you. It's not enough to stand by the sidelines, watching Christ ascend to Calvary, nodding your head in approval. Yes, I agree. Yes, I believe. Yes, Jesus, good job! You have to follow in every bloody footprint he leaves in the dust. Set your face like flint. And when you meet him at the top, you better not be empty-handed. He has a cross, he will expect you to have one, too.

I hope that I can do it. I hope that I am strong enough. I am not one of those great, hardy souls. I stumble terribly under the weight of my very small cross. I grumble as I shift it from shoulder to shoulder. But every time I have been almost at the point of giving up, almost ready to lay it down, there is something — Someone — who supports my drooping arm. The Lord God is my help.

If, at the end of everything, I hear the words, "You can put it down now," then I will know I have made it. I will know I have not failed: I took up the cross.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." - Matthew 16:24



## Eucharistic Revival 2024-2025 Holy Cross Catholic Community Initiatives (Final Year)

- 1. Daily Mass will be offered Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon. All are welcome!
- Daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held from 11:00am to 12:00pm noon. There will be monthly Adoration on all 1st Fridays from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Please join us for 30 minutes to one hour. Pray for Respect Life, World Peace, Vocations, and Parish unity.
- 3. Visits to the Blessed Sacrament as individuals or families.
- 4. Organize study groups on 'The Meaning of Mass". Become a small group leader. Hold the study groups twice a year from October to December and from February to April. Complete the study in six to seven weekly sessions.
- 5. All current and future liturgical ministers make an effort to complete the "The Meaning of Mass" study guide.
- 6. All parents in the family Catechesis program will have the first six sessions on "The Meaning of the Mass"
- 7. Two "Eucharistic Celebrations" will be held for all families in the Family Catechesis program, it is going to be a family get together.
- 8. One Eucharistic procession to be organized; time and date will be decided later.
- 9. <u>Call to Mission</u>: The Parish community and the various groups to undertake service projects as part of our "call to mission"
- 10. 20 seconds of Silent adoration after Holy Communion after every Mass.

## HEALING HEARTS SUPPORT GROUP

Holy Cross Catholic Community offers a support group for those who have experienced a loss.

Meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 2:00pm. If you have questions, please contact Randall Hedrick, 775-240-7345.

#### Realizing **MEANING** in loss

As one goes through the grief journey, we will think about our loss in many ways. At some point, one recognizes that what has been lost also provided meaning to our life. We can more fully understand how our life has been blessed by seeing a positive significance. Hopefully, appreciation and gratitude will unfold. Our loss is still a life changing event and can be very difficult, but realizing its meaning can provide us consolation and hope.

Meaning can take many forms: perhaps a person that had a profound effect on out life; or it may have been an experience that affirmed or redirected out life; possibly a place of comfort and security; or even a pet's companionship.

Thank God for the blessings in life: past, present and future.

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## **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: 46 Copper Leaves 29 Silver Leaves 43 Gold Leaves



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

#### September 8, 2024—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time GOSPEL MEDITATION

One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "Ephphata!" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

-Father John Muir ©LPi

#### **Communion Rites #2: Lamb of God**

"He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth." - Isaiah 53:7

When we think of Christ as a 'Lamb,' we can be tempted to think this is describing Jesus's meekness and gentleness, like a small, defenseless lamb we can hug like a teddy bear. However, that is not what the term means—the lamb of God had a very specific connotation in the Old Testament, referring to the lamb of sacrifice. In other words, calling Jesus the "Lamb of God" is a reminder to us that He is the one who reestablishes the right relationship between us and the Father through His passion, death, and resurrection. Hence, after invoking Christ under this title, we implore the effects of that sacrifice: "...have mercy on us...have mercy on us...grant us peace."

How do you participate in the sacrifice of Christ to the Father?

#### September 15, 2024—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time GOSPEL MEDITATION

This morning I received a text message that a member of my extended family will likely die of cancer within the next few hours. His name is Luke. He is a 45-year-old husband and father of six. Though I am not as close to him as my sister (she is his sister-in-law and knows him well), I wonder: how can we, including Luke himself, manage such a terribly awful and unfair situation?

The words of this Sunday's Gospel offer a powerful and challenging path. Jesus says, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). Today I see with new freshness the starkness and strangeness of the words take up. The cross stands for suffering which is unjust, absurd, seemingly hopeless, and humiliating. Jesus doesn't say "accept" or "endure" or "tolerate," but "take up." Embrace it, actively. Choose it and lift it up for others to see what terrifies and sickens us. But somehow, for Jesus, this is the path to "saving one's life." A new world is breaking in, one in which love is everything, when no relationship can be wounded or die. I trust that in the embraced suffering of Luke and his loved ones, Jesus is taking up his cross and saving us all.

By the time you read this, barring a miracle, Luke will have died. He will be carrying his cross no longer. But we all still face suffering. This week let's not just endure, but take up our crosses, big and small. That's our only hope for saving our lives.





#### 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.

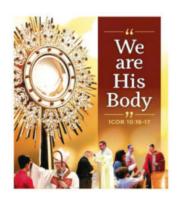
3. Set up your donation or payment. That's it!

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: 151 **Total Amount Pledges** Received: \$107, 825.00 Total Amount of Pledges Redeemed: \$92,555.00



Thank you for your kind and generous support. The Parish is nearing the set goal amount in received donations, we appreciate all of your generous giving.

#### Weekly Offering August 18, 2024

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Sunday Offering	\$	8,784.44	
Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$	3,001.00	
Votive Candles	\$	291.00	
WTSA 2024 Raffle Tickets	\$	20.00	
Family Catechesis	\$	6,090.00	
The Assumption	\$	1,139.50	
Memorial Tree Leaf	\$	95.00	
Catholic Home Missions	\$	15.00	
Mass Intentions	\$	1,635.00	
Total	\$	21,264.94	
Weekly Offering August	25, 20	)24	
Sunday Offering	\$	6,236.20	
Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$	25.00	
Womens' Group - Gift Cabinet	\$	71.00	
Youth Ministry—ONFIRE	\$	65.00	
Memorial Tree	\$	285.00	
The Assumption	\$	65.00	
WTSA 2024 Raffle Tickets	\$	339.00	
Family Catechesis	\$	2,377.00	
Mass Intentions	\$	2,520.00	
Total	\$	13,599.20	
July Online			
Sunday Offering	\$	10.895.00	

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#### Parish Registration Form / Formulario de Registro Parroquial

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

Mailing Address / Dirección postal : \_\_\_\_\_ 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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