

# Holy Cross Catholic Community

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**December 15, 2024**



## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:16a

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**December 22, 2024**



## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." - Lk 1:45

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## 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 Assistants**: Norma Perez & Luz Martinez

**Building & Grounds**: Randy Roberts

**Janitorial Services**: Arnoldo Olivares

*Christmas Masses will be celebrated on:*

**Tuesday, December 24, 2024**

4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.  
and 8:00 p.m. in English

**Wednesday, December 25, 2024**

8:00 a.m. in English  
10:00 a.m. in English  
12:15 p.m. in Spanish

*New Year Mass Schedule:*

**Tuesday, December 31, 2024**

Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m. in English

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

9:00 a.m. in English

*Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!*



HAVE A BLESSED  
*new year*

*Misas de Navidad se celebrarán el:*

**Martes, 24 de Diciembre 2024**

4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. y 8:00 p.m. en Inglés

**Miércoles, 25 de Diciembre 2024**

8:00 a.m. en Inglés  
10:00 a.m. en Inglés  
12:15 p.m. en Español

*Horario de Misa de Año Nuevo:*

**Martes 31 de Diciembre 2024**

Misa de Vigilia 6:00 p.m. en Inglés

**Miércoles, 1 de Enero 2025**

9:00 a.m. en Inglés

*¡Deseándoles una Bendita Navidad y  
un Próspero Año Nuevo!*

# IMPORTANT Announcements

- 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 parishioners.
- 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.
- 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.
- **CRY ROOM:** We encourage parents with little ones to make use of our classrooms, the 4 classrooms have a speaker for your family to be able to hear the Mass and the windows allow you to see the celebration while your little ones can be comfortable and all can enjoy Mass. *Please do not open the windows, the speaker allows all in the room to hear the Mass.*
- **All special celebrations must be scheduled thru the Parish office along with a 50% deposit to reserve the date/time.**

## Ministries & Parish Groups

**Adult Faith Formation** | Father Jose Issac

**Lectors** | John Bell 775-331-0377

**Liturgical Ministers** | Barbara Beverly

**Baptism Class** |

(Eng) Libby Hoops 775-223-2809

(Span) Yrma Plascencia

**Marriage Preparation** | Father Jose Issac

**Nursing Home Ministry** | Vilia Natchez

**RCIA / Come & See** | Parish Office

**Centering Prayer:** |

Mark Miskulin 775-771-5889

**Women's Group** |

Debbie Schiwart 775-626-7196

**Confirmation** | Parish Office

**Respect Life** | \_\_\_\_\_

**Joy Group** | Earlene Rummel

**Knights of Columbus** |

Anthony Watts



**JOIN A MINISTRY  
OR GROUP TODAY!**



Pray For...

Joshua Alarcon	Zachary Lintz
John Allen	Rebekah Lucey
Sandra Askins	Rosario Lund
Scott Anderson	John Lyninger
Consuelo Barboza	Theresa Lyninger
Christopher Beach	Judy Medek
Bob Burns	Joyce Montgomery
Nicholas Bushgens	Majorie Ann Myers
Richard Chase	Carl McAdams
Benjamin Chavez	Michael McCarthy
Jackie DaMichele	Shawnee McGraw
Sandi DaSilveora	Lori O'Connor
Patsy Dearing	Alejandra Ortiz
Heather Deason	Alan Ortiz
Jim Ellis	Edlyn Ortiz
Mercy Escobar	Sandra Ortiz
Eduardo Espinoza	Bob Patterson
Gwen Flores	Berta Perez
Jose Fonseca Garcia	Remi Plummer
Jeannette Franklin	Travis Porter
Edward Fulton	Becky Prevost
Mary Gardenas	Samuel Prieto
Rosemary Geis	Maria Rodriguez
Mauricio Guillen	Sam Salisbury
Dan Gustafson	Rene Salomon
Dcn. Joe Haggarty	Jon Sciabica
Scott Hastings	Erick Smith
Veronica Hastings	Nanette Smith
Mary Helen	Carey Snyder
Jeanette Jesch	Brianna Stuart
Kenneth Jones	Vincent Stuart
Richard Kihs	Angela Teague
Jennifer Krush	Isaac Vargas
Richard Kunold	James Vonderhaar
Sebastian Laird	Bill Wehinger
Maria Larsen	Bob Wolf
Sr. Marie Lemert	Sean Wolff
Desiree Lintz	Steve Woods

## Upcoming Feasts to Remember

### December

12/21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church  
 12/25 The Nativity of the Lord  
 12/26 St. Stephen, First Martyr  
 12/27 St. John the Apostle, Evangelist  
 12/28 The Holy innocents  
 12/29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph







**Sunday, December 15**

**8:00am** Parish Family  
**10:00am** Bernardo Pascual† by Pascual Family  
**12:15pm** Raul Antonio Aguirre† by Family  
**4:30pm** Jacob Roberts†  
 by Susie & Randy Roberts

**Monday, December 16**

**12:00pm** Brian Bullard†  
 by Tom & Teresa Tighe

**Tuesday, December 17**

**12:00pm** Hector Pascual†  
 by Rob & Sally Stone

**Wednesday, December 18**

**12:00pm** Rosa Rangel† by Family

**Thursday, December 19**

**12:00pm** Juan Quintana Rascan† by Family

**Friday, December 20**

**12:00pm** Chief Sam Okorie† by Okorie Family

**Saturday, December 21**

**5:00pm** Rosemary Bertschinger†  
 by Bob Bertschinger

**Sunday, December 22**

**8:00am** Uldarico Tongson† by Elsa Tongson  
**10:00am** Edward W. Narone†  
 by Bob & Joyce Vola  
**12:15pm** Antonio Cruz Madera† by Family  
**4:30pm** Parish Family

**Monday, December 23**

**12:00pm** Yadira Cano† by Family

**Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve**

**4:00pm** Marion Reed† by Family  
**6:00pm** Joseph & Michael Fournier†  
 by Fournier Family  
**8:00pm** Departed Souls from  
 Holy Cross Community

**Wednesday, December 25—Christmas Day**

**8:00am** Parish Family  
**10:00am** Katie Histing† by Holy Cross  
**12:15pm** Bertha Alvarez S.I. by Family

**Thursday, December 26**

**12:00pm** Garry Egan† by Kathleen Fralick

**Friday, December 27**

**12:00pm** Victor Guadalupe Silva Lara†

**Liturgical Ministry Team  
 for December 21 & 22**

**Sat., December 21 5:00pm**  
**G:** Robbie Harris  
**AS:** Gracian & Christian  
**L:** Kris Dondero  
 Lauren Frybarger  
**EM:** Paul Danen  
 Jane Burke  
 Nora Turner  
 Earlene Rummel  
**U:** Scott Rogers  
**GP:** Gina Morato & Family

**Sun., December 22  
 8:00am**

**G:** Myrn Wiebe  
**AS:** Olivia & Arden  
**L:** Jeannette Troise  
 Maggie Lee  
**EM:** Danette Suhl  
 Kathie Giepel  
 Gretchen Oney  
**U:** Bill Conn  
**GP:** Harper/Grayson Jones & Fam  
**R:** Jimena Barajas & Family

**10:00am**

**G:** Jaslin Macias & Family  
**AS:** Khaylen, Benicio, Natalia  
**L:** Tony Pagano  
 Carla McCloskey  
**EM:** Mae Doreza  
 Isabella McCloskey  
 Kathia Oliguin  
**U:** Tom McCloskey  
**GP:** Geth/Dom Corona & Fam.  
**R:** Lupe Barajas & Family

**12:15pm**

**G:** Tony y Diana Lara  
**AS:** Lucia & Joszie  
**L:** Cecilio Urias  
 Adriana Chagolla  
**EM:** Lucila Martinez  
 Bertha Alvarez  
 Manuel Alvarez  
**U:** Juan Manuel Chagolla  
**GP:** Brenda Campa y Familia  
**R:** Evelyn Gonzalez y Familia

**4:30pm**

**G:** Angie Marconato & Fam.  
**AS:** Mitchell  
**L:** Nathan Carpenter  
 David Joyce  
**EM:** Bob Daly  
 Susan Daly  
 Kathleen Fralick  
 Gene Seidlitz  
**U:** Bob Daly  
**GP:** Zach Golden & Family

**Liturgical Ministry Team  
 for December 28 & 29**

**Sat., December 28 5:00pm**  
**G:** Lysette Lopez & Family  
**AS:** Lauren & Peter Jaxon  
**L:** Mary Diebel  
 Geary MacDonald  
**EM:** Kathy Wegner  
 Linda MacDonald  
 Cyndi Maria  
 Bob Bertschinger  
**U:** Don Turner  
**GP:** Tupa Family

**Sun., December 29  
 8:00am**

**G:** Giada Nuti & Family  
**AS:** Sarah & Katie  
**L:** Bob Holleman  
 Lisa Holleman  
**EM:** John Bell  
 Bruce Seaver  
 Allegra Welton  
**U:** Harvey Ibarra  
**GP:** Lydia Bebehani & Fam.  
**R:** JoAnn Jones

**10:00am**

**G:** Jasmine Sanchez & Fam  
**AS:** Ben & Joszie  
**L:** Terry Jenkins  
 Osbel Lopez Madera  
**EM:** Sonia de Leon  
 Linda Navarrete  
 Marisela Lopez  
**U:** Gael Lopez Madera  
**GP:** Miriam Garcia & Fam.  
**R:** Ulysses/Fernando  
 Chavez-Hurtado & Family

**12:15pm**

**G:** Allison Boyce y Familia  
**AS:** Ricky & Karen  
**L:** Rosie Chavez  
 Yolanda Velazquez  
**EM:** Raquel Giron  
 Sandra Ortiz  
 Yrma Plascencia  
**U:** Adalberto Plascencia  
**GP:** Alondra Garcia y Fam  
**B:** Andrez Martinez  
 y Familia

**4:30pm**

**G:** Anne Carbajal & Family  
**AS:** Matthew  
**L:** Kathleen Fralick  
 Teresa Choman  
**EM:** Noreen Parry  
 Doug Parry  
 Leo Humphreys  
 Marlene Humphreys  
**U:** Noreen Parry  
**GP:** Vanderpool Family

**Annual Diocesan Conference**

You are invited to attend the Annual Diocesan Conference which is being held January 10 & 11, 2025 at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks. Registration are now open on the diocese website, High Desert Catholic. Sign up today!

## Nursing Home Angel Tree

We are once again continuing the tradition helping to give Christmas gifts to the residents of our local nursing homes—Hearthstone of Northern Nevada and Wingfield Skilled Nursing Home. The Angel Tree has been placed out in the gathering space with gift tags on the Christmas tree. Select a tag, purchase the gift being requested, wrap the gift up and attach the gift tag. **Gifts must be returned to the church and placed under the tree by Thursday, December 19.** Thank you for caring for our brothers and sisters confined to a nursing home this Christmas.



### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Year after year the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe is tremendous visual reminder of our faith in action—by the many hands that come together to help make everything happen. We thank the community for the generous support and all the efforts that go into making the celebration a success.

- To Julieta Paz, who helped lead the Novena, along with helping to organize las Mananitas celebration for our Lady of Guadalupe on Wednesday night.
- To Maria Villanueva, who placed the beautiful set up of the Virgin in the gathering space.
- To Rosalina Noriega, Dulce Infante & Yrma Plascencia, who led the dance groups of all ages, practicing for weeks just for these two nights.
- To Benjamin & Martha Duran, who led the preparation of the birria for the dinner.
- To Flor Guevara, Francisca Martinez y Yolanda Velazquez who helped to prepare the rice and beans.
- To all the confirmation youth, who helped in serving the food & drinks. As well as to Viridiana Galaviz, Alfredo Paredes, Josie Garcia and Rosie Meza who organized the youth volunteers.



- Año tras año, la celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe es un tremendo recordatorio visual de nuestra fe en acción, por el gran numero de manos que se unen para ayudar a que todo suceda. Agradecemos a la comunidad por su generoso apoyo y todos los esfuerzos que se realizan para que la celebración sea un éxito.
- A Julieta Paz, quien ayudó a dirigir la Novena, además de ayudar a organizar la celebración de las Mañanitas para Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el miércoles por la noche.
- A María Villanueva, que montó el hermoso espacio para la Virgen en el aria de adoración.
- A Rosalina Noriega, Dulce Infante e Yrma Plascencia, quienes dirigieron los grupos de baile de todas las edades, ensayando durante semanas solo para estas dos noches.
- A Benjamín y Martha Durán, quienes dirigieron la preparación de la birria para la cena.
- A Flor Guevara, Francisca Martínez y Yolanda Velázquez - quienes ayudaron con el arroz y los frijoles .
- A todos los jóvenes de la confirmación, que ayudaron a servir la comida y las bebidas. Así como a Viridiana Galaviz, Alfredo Paredes, Josie García y Rosie Meza quienes organizaron a los jóvenes voluntarios.



### DONATE POINSETTIAS

The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are sometimes thought as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus. The red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ.

The white center represent his purity. We invite the community to bring in a Poinsettia or two to help us prepare for the Nativity of the Lord.



Have you ever considered being a lector, a eucharistic minister, a greeter, or an usher for the Mass you regularly attend?

Has your child/youth expressed interest in being an Altar Server?

If so, we invite you to please **sign up to join the ministry you have an interest in, the weekend of December 15th** the Parish will be having ministry sign-ups for all current and new parishioners looking to join a ministry.

Please stop by before or after Mass, there will be tables in the gathering space with signup sheets.

A few of the ministries most in need:

**Lectors:** Any confirmed adult with a desire to proclaim the good news.

**Eucharistic Minister:** Any confirmed adult willing to share the body of Christ with the community.

**Altar Servers:** Any youth who has received their First Communion and is looking to help Fr. Jose or Fr. Norm during Mass

**Ushers:** An adult who can help with the offertory during Mass.

**Nursing Home Ministers:** An adult who can travel to a nursing home to help bring the Eucharist to those who cannot attend Mass.

**Greeters:** As a family, be a welcoming face and pass out the Parish Bulletin to all attending Mass

## Upcoming Events

### December

- Mon 16 Baptism Class 6:00pm  
Tues 17 Fr. Norm King 36th Ordination Anniversary  
Wed 18 Healing Hearts Support Group 2pm  
Thurs 19 Mass at Morning Star @ 1:30pm  
Fri 20 Christmas Dinner Party 5:30pm  
Tues 24 Christmas Eve:  
Mass Times | 4pm, 6pm & 8pm in English  
Wed 25 Christmas Day:  
Mass Times | 8am, 10am in English  
& 12:15pm in Spanish  
Mon 30 Fr. Jose Issac 49th Ordination Anniversary

## FAMILY CATECHESIS PROGRAMS

*There will be classes on the following days:*

**Family Catechesis Come & See:**  
December 15 & January 12, 26

**Family Catechesis Mondays:**  
December 16 & January 13, 27

**Family Catechesis Confirmation:**  
December 18 & January 8, 15, 22, 29

**OCIA (RCIA):**  
December 19 & January 9, 16, 23, 30



### Posadas

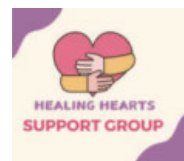
We invite you to join us for the posadas—  
from Saturday, December 14th to Sunday,  
December 22nd at 7:00pm each day.

What are “Las Posadas”? Las Posadas are a beautiful tradition that celebrates the 9 days before Christmas, reenacting the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem, ending with a celebration at the end when they finally find their lodging and Jesus is born. Traditionally, two children dress as Mary and Joseph. Accompanied by people dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. They sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our “posada.” As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell. ©LPi

Te invitamos a unirse a nosotros en las posadas, del sábado 14 de diciembre al domingo, 22 de diciembre a las 7:00 p.m. todos los días. ¿Qué son “Las Posadas”? Las posadas son una hermosa tradición que celebra los 9 días antes de Navidad, recreando la búsqueda de María y José por refugio en Belén, terminando con una celebración al final cuando finalmente encuentran su alojamiento y nace Jesús. Tradicionalmente, dos niños se visten como María y José. Acompañados de personas disfrazados de ángeles y pastores junto a los Reyes Magos. Cantan canciones navideñas y solicitan alojamiento. Parte del se convierte en el coro que responde a la solicitud de alojamiento. Al principio, la solicitud es rechazada. Se trasladan a varias casas más donde se repite el ritual. Eventualmente, en el último hogar, se reconoce su necesidad, y todos entran en el hogar donde se produce una fiesta. Esto se repite en diferentes barrios y hogares cada uno de los nueve días.

Si bien esta costumbre enseña a los niños un aspecto importante de la historia de la Navidad, también enfatiza la necesidad de hospitalidad con los extraños y la necesidad continua que todos tenemos de hacer espacio para Jesús en nuestra posada. Mientras luchamos por llegar a una política de inmigración justa y equitativa, sería bueno recordar el hecho de que María, José y Jesús también eran inmigrantes que buscaban un lugar hospitalario para vivir. ©LPi



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 .

### GRIEF AND ESTATE PLANNING

Most of the time, death is not a topic we are eager to discuss, but avoidance can make a difficult time more complicated for our loved ones. After listening to the stories of survivors in our Grief Support Group, it became apparent how a frank discussion about one’s passing can help reduce confusion and doubt. This is especially true if death is sudden and unexpected. Planning ahead can make an emotional time a little easier to navigate.

Financial, legal and funeral arrangements are the broad issues that must be dealt with upon death.

These are important personal matters. Does your spouse or family know what to do? Who will have access to bank/investment/credit accounts? Do you have a Will or Trust? How can we prepare?

Fortunately, there are resources available to assist in this matter. AARP and the ABA have a comprehensive book, Checklist for My Family, which outlines several topics for consideration in an easy fill in the blanks

format. Also, Amazon.com and the Washoe County Library have many books available under the topic, Estate Planning. This is a starting point for exploring the issues and information that should be considered.

After you have ideas and information organized, then you may want to consult with professionals as needed.

Remember, it is not if we are going to die, but will our loved ones be prepared when we die.



## 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:

48 Copper Leaves

30 Silver Leaves

45 Gold Leaves

10 of the 10 Small Stones

3 of the 3 Large Stones



### December 15, 2024—3rd Sunday of Advent GOSPEL MEDITATION

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, “What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?” The Saint responded, “I’d keep hoeing this row of beans.” Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus’ glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize “with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus’ coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It’s so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don’t know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That’s what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: “Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming.” Then make the appropriate changes.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

### Communion Rites #9: Purification Rite

*“My God, I believe, I hope and I love You!” - Excerpt of one of the prayers taught to the children of Fatima*

After everyone has received the Eucharist, the priest will purify the vessels to ensure that every particle of the Sacred Body and Blood of Jesus is treated with love and honor. This is not simply “doing the dishes,” but a further expression of our love of Jesus. As we are told by St. Thomas Aquinas, every particle of the Eucharist contains the whole Christ (ST III Q73,A3), so that whether we receive a large host or a small one, we receive the entirety of who Christ is. And so in the purification, we show our love and respect to our savior still present with us in the Sacrament.

**How do you honor Christ after you have received the Eucharist?**



### December 22, 2024—4th Sunday of Advent GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary “blessed” for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady’s belief that “there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord” (Luke 1:45). Mary is “blessed” entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our “motherly” contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus’ presence. Pray: “Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her.”

— Father John Muir ©LPi



**GIVE  
ONLINE**  
with WESHARE

**Weekly Offering December 1, 2024**

Sunday Offering	\$ 7,579.65
Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta - Raffle Tickets	\$ 675.00
All Souls	\$ 10.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development - 2nd collection	\$ 41.00
Thanksgiving Day	\$ 20.00
Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholar- ship Fund	\$ 25.00
Children's Stewardship	\$ 653.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 1,585.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,588.65</b>

**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](http://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!

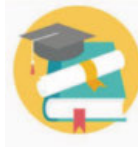
Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

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

**November Online**

Sunday Offering	\$ 9,780.00
CSA	\$ 45.00
Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$ 145.00
Black & Native American Missions	\$ 50.00
Seminarian Educations	\$ 25.00
CCD	\$ 45.00
Pastor's Charity	\$ 200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,290.00</b>

**FR. GEORGE WOLF MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



Initial Amount Deposited: **\$300,000.000**

Total amount in the foundation: **\$356,302.65**

Amount raised to date for the scholarship fund from the community: **\$284,074.55**

Amount remaining to be raised (GOAL): **\$15,925.45**

Total Amount Given In Scholarships  
in 2024: **\$13,250.00**

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