# Holy Cross Catholic Community

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"As disciples of Jesus Christ, our mission at Holy Cross is to be known by the love we have for one another. The Faithful—journeying together in Prayer, Friendship, and Service."

July 13, 2025

July 20, 2025



# 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

# Sonshine Summer Children & Youth Camp July 21—24 | 9:00am—11:50am

Registrations for Sonshine Summer are available in the gathering space and parish office.

Children Pre-K (potty trained) - 6th Grade are invited to join for fun and faith filled activities for the week.

Youth 7th Grade - High School age are encouraged to join the fun as youth volunteers.

Hurry and register today, we are almost at our start date!



# 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.
- 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.

# Upcoming Feasts to Remember

<u>July</u>

7/16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7/22 St. Mary Magdalene

7/25 St. James, Apostle

7/26 St. Joachim & St. Anne,

Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

# STS. JOACHIM & ANNE GRANDARINTS OF JESUS-JULY 26

# Ministries & Parish Groups

Adult Faith Formation | Parish Office Lectors | John Bell 775-331-0377 Liturgical Ministers | Barbara Beverly Baptism Class |

(Eng) Libby Hoops 775-223-2809

(Span) Yrma Plascencia

Marriage Preparation | Parish Office

Nursing Home Ministry | Vilia Natchez OCIA / Come & See | Parish Office

Centering Prayer | Mark Miskulin 775-771-5889

Women's Group | Debbie Schiwart 775-742-8432

Confirmation | Parish Office

Respect Life |

Joy Group | Earlene Rummel

**Knights of Columbus** | Anthony Watts

### Parish Council

Ron McClain Adriana Chagolla Herbert Melendez Susie Roberts Marcia McClain Juan Chagolla Kathleen Fralick Elizabeth Martinez



Joshua Alarcon Sandra Askins Scott Anderson Consuelo Barboza Christopher Beach Brittney Brown Bob Burns Nicholas Bushgens Richard Chase Beniamin Chavez Joan Cloud Jackie DaMichele Sandi DaSilveora Patsy Dearing Heather Deason Jim Ellis Mercy Escobar Sancho Eskridge Eduardo Espinoza Gwen Flores Larse Granberg Jose Fonseca Garcia Jeannette Franklin **Edward Fulton** Mary Gardenas Rosemary Geis Mauricio Guillen Dan Gustafson Dcn. Joe Haggarty Scott Hastings Veronica Hastings Mary Helen Jeanette Jesch Kenneth Jones Richard Kihs Richard Kunold Sebastian Laird Maria Larsen Sr. Marie Lemert

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# **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



Sunday, July 13

8:00am Modesta Soto de Valencia† by Family

10:00am Joan Merolillo† &

Victor Campanaro† by Darcy & Alice

**12:15pm** Parish Family

**4:30pm** Sally Loranger† by Family

Monday, July 14

12:00pm Vera Leary

Tuesday, July 15

**12:00pm** Saul Silva† by Family

Wednesday, July 16

**12:00pm** Michael Fournier† by Family

Thursday, July 17

**12:00pm** Modesta Soto de Valencia† by Family

Friday, July 18

**12:00pm** Conchita & Jose Flores† by Family

Saturday, July 19

**5:00pm** John Fernandez†

by Jack & Gloria Hart

Sunday, July 20

**8:00am** Parish Family

**10:00am** Chief Sam Okorie† by Okorie Family

**12:15pm** Raul Antonio Aguirre† by Family

**4:30pm** Jacob Roberts† & Robert Dunaway†

by Randy & Susie Roberts

Monday, July 21

12:00pm Iluminada De Vega† by Elsa Tongson

Tuesday, July 22

**12:00pm** Ulises Zerate Guerrero† by Family

Wednesday, July 23

**12:00pm** Lilia Gonzalez Esqueda† by Family

Thursday, July 24

**12:00pm** Enrique Guttierez† by Family

Friday, July 25

**12:00m** Yaretzi Perez S.I. by Family

Saturday, July 26

**5:00pm** Terrance Ronan† by Risa Ronan

# **Notice to Liturgical Ministers**

The last day to submit requests for a change in your schedule for the following month is no later than the 10th of the current month.

We kindly ask that you find a substitute for changes that need to be made after the 10th.

Thank you for serving at Mass!

# Liturgical Ministry Team for July 19 & 20

Sat., July 19 5:00pm

Robbie Harris Jr. G:

**AS:** Lauren & Sarah

Mary Diebel Kris Dondero

**EM:** Marcia McClain Ron McClain

Kathy Wegner

Nora Turner, Vilia Natchez

Ron McClain U:

**GP:** Gina Morato

Sun., July 20 8:00am

G: Rita Rollings

**AS:** Arden & Olivia

Lisa Holleman Bob Holleman

**EM:** Jeannette Troise Cathie Bundesen Veronica Alimurung

Margie Goforth Allegra Welton

U: Bill Conn

**GP:** Behbehani Family

R: Jimena Barajas

Sun., July 20 10:00am

G: Sinsay Family

**AS:** Benicio, Grace & Yahir

Briana Esquivel Osbel Lopez

**EM:** Tony Pagano

Mae Doreza, Natalia Castillo Marisela Lopez, Sonia deLeon

Victor Corona

**GP:** Geth Corona & Family

Adriana Ventura & Fam.

Sun., July 20 12:15pm

**G:** Maricela Martinez & Fam.

**AS:** Ricky Y Alex

Lourdes Ramirez L: Raul Macias

**EM:** Arnoldo Olivares

Yrma Plascencia Lucila Martinez,

Julieta Paz, Cecilio Urias

Arnoldo Olivares U:

**GP:** Leticia Zavala y Fam.

Aldo/Diana Segura Sun., July 20 4:30pm

Susan Daly

G:

**AS:** Mitchell & Matthew

Doug Parry

Kathleen Fralick

EM: Bob Daly Susan Daly

> Leo Humphreys Marlene Humphreys

U: Bob Daly

**GP:** Bartlett Family

# Liturgical Ministry Team for July 26 & 27

Sat., July 26 5:00pm

**G:** Patsy Liddick

**AS:** Christian & Gracian

Morgan Liddick Carol Brown

**EM:** Earlene Rummel

Lauren Frybarger Risa Ronan, Cyndi Maria

Marcia McClain Earlene Rummel U:

**GP:** Bautista Family

Sun., July 27 8:00am

G: Stephanie Neder

**AS:** Isabella & Asher

Jessica Guzman

**EM:** Kathie Giepel John Bell Irma Knapp Ophelia Wilson

U: Charlie H.

**GP:** Harper/Grayson Jones

Veronica Alimurung

Sun., July 27 10:00am

G: Hensen Family

**AS:** Aaron, Valeria & Alexis

Barbara Beverly Carla McCloskey

**EM:** Mae Doreza

Shelly Register,

Briana Esquivel,

Ophelia Wilson, Margie Goforth

U: Doug Hensen

**GP:** Garcia Family

Ximena Rubio & Fam.

Sun., July 27 12:15pm

G: Brenda Campa & Fam

AS: Lilianna & Monica L:

Rosy Chavez

Wilson Palma EM: Bertha Alvarez

Manuel Alvarez, Oscar Garcia Sandra Ortiz, Miguel Silva

Mauel Alvarez U:

**GP:** Lupita Guzman v Fam

Flor Martinez y Fam **B**: Sun., July 27 4:30pm

Robbie Harris Jr. G:

**AS:** Grace & Hayley

L: Theresa Choman

Sierra Higley **EM:** Marlene Humphreys Leo Humphreys

Sarah Naegele Kathleen Fralick **U:** Marlene Humphreys

**GP:** Sinsay Family



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For Any Questions, Contact April Leal at (775) 721-1046



5 Volunteers: 11:00am-1:00pm

5 Volunteers: 3:30pm - 5:30pm

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775-322-7073, ext. 235

To the amazing group of volunteers who helped cook the delicious breakfast on July 5 - Marisela & Abner Lopez, Flor Guevara, Lilianna Martinez, Francisca Martinez, Yolanda Velazguez, Norma & Javier Perez, Jonas Perez



### "3 THINGS YOU NEED TO BE AN EVERYDAY SAINT"

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# **Upcoming Events**

July

**Sun 13** Kermes after 8am, 10am & 12:15pm Mass Baptism Class in Spanish at 1:30pm

Wed 16 Healing Heart Group 2:00pm

Thur 17 Mass at Morningstar 1:30pm

Women's Group Meeting 6:30pm

Mon 21 - Thurs 24

Sonshine Summer Camp

9:00am - 11:50am

Baptism Class in English 6pm Mon 21



We are excited to begin planning for the coming year. We are accepting registrations for Sacramental Preparation:

- •First Holy Communion
- •Middle School Confirmation
- •High School Confirmation
- •Come & See
- •OCIA (for Adults)

Participation in class, Mass attendance and service within the community is a must, for all children, youth and parents.

The last day to register is August 10!

Please stop by the table in the gathering space and pick up a registration form, we are excited to welcome back all 2nd year families and meet new families as well!

All programs are also looking to add more volunteer teachers. If you feel the call to join the team and spread the good news to the children, youth or the adults of the parish community please contact the Parish office for more details.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am very pleasantly surprised by the outpouring of love and appreciation from the community. I always thought I was just doing the "job" I was "hired" to do. Please know, your kind word of affirmation are accepted and well appreciated.



Thank you to all who blessed me with a retirement gift. I am thankful, that an ordinary event like retirement, has become a great sacrament of unity and togetherness. Please pray for Fr. Bobin Babu and extend to him a very generous welcome.

Before I conclude, I humbly ask all who worship at Holy Cross to continue your "Eucharistic journey" becoming "bread being broken and shared and cup being blessed and shared." It explains what it means to be and to become a great Catholic witness.

Thank you once again and God Bless You.

Love & Prayers,

Fr. Jose Issac Senior Priest



# BEING KIND TO A **GRIEVING PERSON**

When we have someone who is grieving in our sphere of family, friends and acquaintances, it can be

awkward as to what to say or do. There are six words which can be our potential attitude towards them: Care, Control, Criticism, Complain, Change and Condemnation. As you can see, only one word expresses love and is sensitive to the bereaved, that word is Care. Care can take many forms: presence, attentive listening, assistance, patience and empathy. The other five words may seem correct in our eyes as needed action, but may be inappropriate or untimely for where the person is in their grieving process.

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

Holy Cross holds Baptism Preparation classes once a month in English on the third Monday of the month. 🔇 For the month of July & August the class will be on

MONDAY JULY 21 & August 18 @ 6:00pm



Las classes de preparacion para padres y padrinos, para el Bautismo tomaran a cabo dos veses al mes, el segundo domingo del mes despues de la Misa de las 12:15pm. Las próximas clases serán EL DOMINGO, 13 DE **JULIO y 10 DE AGOSTO despues** de la Misa.

# **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: 54 Copper Leaves 37 Silver Leaves 51 Gold Leaves

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



# July 13, 2025—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time GOSPEL MEDITATION

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, coldheartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

# — Father John Muir ©LPi

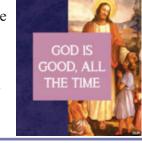
# Good is Good, All the Time: Explained

Perhaps you have been a member of a congregation to whom the pastor says, expectantly, "God is good!" The congregation responds, faithfully, "All the time." In turn, the speaker repeats: "All the time." And the congregation affirms: "God is good!

A collective affirmation of God's faithfulness amidst the trials of life, this refrain communicates a theme presented again and again in Scripture: Come what may, God will be with us.

There is no official consensus on the origins of this saying, though it is often associated with African Christianity. Whatever this saying's roots, its message is truth: "For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endures to all generations," says Psalm 100:5.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever," echoes 1 Chronicles 16:34. Jesus confirms this in Matthew 28:20: "I am with you always, even to the end of the age."



# July 20, 2025—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time GOSPEL MEDITATION

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the "one necessary thing." He praises her for she "has chosen the better part" (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work–domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative–is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer–they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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

### Catholic Service Appeal 2025 "Love one another as I have loved you" - John 15:12 \$104,810 Parish Goal: \$104,810.00 \$85,000 Number of Pledges: 164 Total Amount Pledges Received: \$75,000 \$122,115.84 Total Amount in Pledges \$65,000 Redeemed: \$91,680.84 Total Amount remaining to reach \$55,000 parish goal: \$13,129.16 JOIN US IN REACHING Thank you for your kind and OUR CSA GOAL OF generous support, we are well \$104,810! on the way to reaching our goal in received pledges!

# Weekly Offering June 29, 2025

Sunday Offering	\$ 6,729.77
Women's Group	\$ 63.00
Votive Candles	\$ 102.00
Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$ 619.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 2,637.08
Catholic Communications Campaign	\$ 30.00
Family Catechesis	\$ 1,042.00
Sonshine Summer	\$ 105.00
WTSA 2025 - Raffle Tickets	\$ 225.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 2,700.00
Total	\$ 14,252.85



# Weekly Offering July 6, 2025

Sunday Offering	\$ 9,316.95
CSA 2025 Pledges	\$ 538.00
Women's Group - Gift Cabinet	\$ 46.00
Easter Offering	\$ 10.00
Children's Stewardship	\$ 157.00
Votive Candles	\$ 38.00
Guadalupano Group - Paleta Sale	\$ 403.00
Family Catechesis	\$ 420.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 298.00
Pastor's Charity	\$ 196.00
Sonshine Summer	\$ 120.00
WTSA 2025 - Raffle Tickets	\$ 520.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 1,730.00
Total	\$ 13,792.95

# 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 :			
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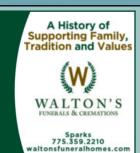
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