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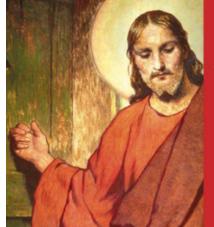
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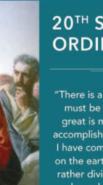
19[™] SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

- Lk 12:39-40

August 17, 2025



20[™] SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

scerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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 Frist Friday of the Month 9:00 a.m.

Confession | Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Adoration | Monday - Friday 11a.m.—12 p.m.

First Friday of the Month 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p. m.

Office Hours | Monday—Thursday: 9:00am to 5:30pm | Lunch 12:30 to 1:00pm

Saturdays 9:30am - 5:00pm | Sundays: 9:30am - 5:00pm | Office Closed Fridays

Parish Staff | Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Martinez

Building & Grounds: Randy Roberts

Associate Assistant: Norma Perez Janitorial Services: Arnoldo Olivares



Nursing Home Ministers NEEDED!

Requirement: 1 time a

month, after the 8:00am Mass, you along with another parishioner would take the Eucharist to a nursing home.

Currently there are only 18

Parishioners that are helping to take the Eucharist to 5 nursing homes, we are in great need of more individuals who are willing to share the Eucharist with those who are unable to join us for Mass on Sundays! Take a friend, your teenager or your spouse with you! Since this takes only 30 minutes, you could have coffee or breakfast on the way home — with an added Blessing of having shared the Eucharist with others!

If you would like to join this ministry please contact Vilia at vnatchez47@gmail.com

ASSUMPTION OF MARY

ASUNCIÓN DE MARÍA

Join us on Friday August 15 to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 6:30pm, join us.

The feast of the Assumption is a reminder to us that heaven gets even better! We pray that the souls of the faithful departed would soon be united to God in heaven. ©LPi



PRAYER REQUESTS

Joshua Alarcon Sandra Askins Scott Anderson Consuelo Barboza Christopher Beach Brittney Brown Jane Burke **Bob Burns** Nicholas Bushgens Richard Chase Benjamin 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 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** Remi Plummer Travis Porter Judith Prawdzik **Becky Prevost** Samuel Prieto Maria Rodriguez Sam Salisbury Rene Salomon Jon Sciabica Steve Schiwart Erick Smith Nanette Smith Carev Snvder Brianna Stuart Vincent Stuart Angela Teague James Vonderhaar Bill Wehinger **Bob Wolf** Sean Wolff

Upcoming Feasts to Remember

Steve Woods

August

8/11 St. Clare, Virgin

8/14 St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

8/15 The Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

8/21 St. Pius X, Pope

8/22 The Queenship of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

8/23 St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Ministries & Parish Groups

Baptism Class |

(Eng) Libby Hoops (Span) Yrma Plascencia

Marriage Preparation | Parish Office

Nursing Home Ministry |

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Healing Hearts Grief Support |

Randall Hedrick 775-240-7345

Centering Prayer

Mark Miskulin ms miskulin@icloud.com

Respect Life |

Women's Group

Debbie Schiwart debbie.schiwart@gmail.com

Joy Group | Earlene Rummel

Knights of Columbus |

Anthony Watts kofcawatts@gmail.com

Confirmation | Parish Office Come & See | Parish Office OCIA | Terry Jenkins,

Liturgical Coordinator | Barbara Beverly

Finance Council |

Ken Peak Ron McClain Joe Haggarty Kathleen Fralick

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 Church 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.



Sunday, August 10

8:00am Parish Family

10:00am † Felicisimo De Ocampo by Sally Stone

12:15pm † Ulises Zerate Guerrero by Family

4:30pm † Katie Histing by Gloria & Jack Hart

Monday, August 11

12:00pm † Dan Gomez by Family

Tuesday, August 12

12:00pm † Modesta Soto de Valencia by Family

Wednesday, August 13

12:00pm † Eufrocina Monoy by

Funcion-Pascual Family

Thursday, August 14

12:00pm † Bob Bertschinger by Family

Friday, August 15

6:00pm † Sadie Rodriguez by Family Friend

Saturday, August 16 5:00pm Parish Family

Sunday, August 17

8:00am † Eliseo Barrera by Barrera Family

10:00am † Sonny Escudero by Chinita Escudero

12:15pm † Manuel Perez & † Hilario Carillo

by Family

4:30pm † Jose R. Peneyra by Hoven Family

Monday, August 18

12:00pm † Yadira Cano by Parish Family

Tuesday, August 19

12:00pm † Bernardo Pascual

by Funcion-Pascual Family

Wednesday, August 20

12:00pm † Francisca Vezey by Family

Thursday, August 21

12:00pm † Chief Sam Okorie by Okorie Family

Friday, August 22

12:00pm † Raymond Oliveria by Kathleen Fralick

Saturday, August 23

5:00pm † Elizabeth Flangan by Libby Hoops

Upcoming Events

<u>August</u>

Mon 18 Baptism Class in English at 6:00pm

Wed 20 Healing Hearts Support Group 2:00pm

Thur 21 Mass at Morningstar 1:30pm

WEEKLY READINGS | Week of August 10, 2025

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12

Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14

Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12

Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17

Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1

Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-5

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11

Mt 19:13-15

WEEKLY READINGS | Week of August 17, 2025

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)

Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab

and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-1

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22

Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5

Mt 23:1-1



Liturgical Ministries

Liturgical Coordinator

Barbara Beverly

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Head Sacristan

5:00pm - Earlene Rummel

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8:00am - John Bell

jakkob21@gmail.com

10:00am - Debbie Schiwart

debbie.schiwart@gmail.com

4:30pm - Marlene Humphreys

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Head Extraordinary Minister

5:00pm- Marcia McClain

missmarciamc@gmail.com

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10:00am - Brianna Esquivel

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4:30pm - Noreen Parry

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Head Usher

5:00pm - Scott Roger

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8:00am - Bob Holleman

hollemanranch@aol.com

10:00am - Steve Schiwart

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4:30pm - Leo Humphreys

humphrevs@gbis.com



OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation

All adults that have not received the sacraments of initiation—Baptism, Frist Communion or Confirmation are invited to **join us on Thursday August 28 at 6:00pm for an informational session**.

Come and learn more about the Parish OCIA program, class day and time.

Bring any questions you may have, register for the program, all are invited to attend.

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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 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, 10 DE AGOSTO despues de la Misa.

On Fire : Six Flags Discovery Kingdom Youth Trip Saturday, September 13, 2025

High school youth, especially those participating in the confirmation program, are invited to participate in the OnFire Nor Cal Jam event at Six Flags in Vallejo, CA. Join us for a day full of Praise & worship; attend Mass! Participate in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, music from Joe Melendrez and enjoy a day in the park, all who attend will be able to enjoy exclusive ride time after the park closes to the general public and an all you can eat lunch buffet.



Holy Cross will cover the cost of the bus transportation to and from the event. Participants will be responsible to cover the cost of the event ticket, \$64. We encourage all high school age youth to participate, please stop by the parish office to register! **Registration deadline is August 24!**



GRIEF AND ANGER

Anger, unfortunately, can be a part of one's grieving process.

It is a normal emotion we all experience. The consequences of how anger is handled or mishandled will affect one's grief. Some questions to be considered when angry: Why am I angry? Is being angry going to change anything? Can I accept the reason for anger or make corrective changes?

Seeking support in processing one's anger can be helpful. Seek counsel with a trusted friend or priest. Attend a support group.

Meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 2:00pm.

If you have questions, please contact Randall Hedrick, 775-240-7345

2025 Missionary Cooperative Program

At the weekend Masses of 8/16 - 8/17/ 2 0 2 5 there will be a special collection in support of church missions as part of the annual Missionary Cooperative Program coordinated by the Diocese of Reno. This year we will have a guest missioner to present the appeal in person and share their ministry and needs.

Please be generous in your support!

Mission: The Diocese of Gallup

The Diocese of Gallup: 55,468 sq miles. That's about the size of the state of Illinois! But our resources are limited. Here are some examples of where your donation may be used:

- Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Page, AZ
 The Sisters of the Congregation of Jesus Mary
 Joseph run a rapidly-espanding K-3rd grade
 school and provide religious education to
 working families.
- Many priests in the Diocese continue to se well past retirement age. The PRF helps to





Missioner: Deacon Randolph Copeland

The continued ministry of the Diocese of Gallup is dependent upon the generosity of the faithful outside its borders to keep the doors open and to support its services to those in physical and spiritual need. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.



EVERY DONATION HELPS

- Buys a pair of socks \$10 Purchases 5 meals for the homeless from a food bank
- \$100 Heats a rural church \$1k Covers the for 1 month in winter
- \$4k Educates 1
- premium for 1 priest's health insurance for 1



38TH ANNUAL WINE & BEER TASTING / LIVE & SILENT AUCTION

Cash Drawing Raffle Tickets on Sale After Each Mass! Raffle Tickets: \$2 each or 6 for \$10*

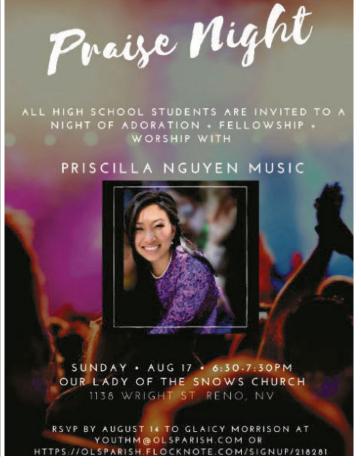
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Live & Silent Auction Donations Are Now Being Accepted through October 17. New or Like-New Items Only Please.

- Baskets (Empty or Pre-Filled Themed Gift Baskets)
- Cash (To Purchase Items)
- Gift Cards/Certificates
- Individual Items (For Gift Baskets or Live Auction)

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



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. We encourage all parishioners to support this new addition.

Memorial Tree Update
So far the community
has purchased:
54 Copper Leaves
38 Silver Leaves
51 Gold Leaves

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



August 10, 2025—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time GOSPEL MEDITATION

There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag—previously unknown to them—were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Luke 12:34). Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can't find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That's why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Holy Hour: Explained

The Guardian Angel Prayer, also known as the Angel of God Prayer, invokes the protection of one's guardian angel. Often one of the first prayers taught to children, it consists of two rhyming couplets: "Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide."

The exact authorship of this prayer is unknown. Scholars previously attributed it to St. Anselm of Canterbury, though many now believe a version composed by Reginald of Canterbury in his "Life of Malchus" serves as the prayer's inspiration.

Guardian Angels are referred to in Scripture in the Book of Daniel (Dan. 12:1), the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 18:10) and the Psalms (91:10-13). "From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 336).

Our Guardian Angels

August 17, 2025—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time GOSPEL MEDITATION

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. "Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?" he asks, "No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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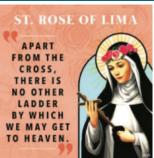
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- 2. Select the collection or event of your choice.
- 3. Set up your donation or payment. That's it!

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

Weekly Offering July 27, 2025

Weekly offering july 27, 2020						
Sunday Offering	\$	8,226.47				
Guadalupano Group	\$	408.00				
Votive Candles	\$	675.00				
Pastor's Charity	\$	172.00				
Women's Group– Gift Cabinet	\$	96.00				
Family Catechesis	\$	675.00				
Sonshine Summer	\$	15.00				
WTSA 2025 - Raffle Tickets	\$	109.00				
Mass Intentions	\$	2,545.00				
Total	\$	12,287.47				



Weekly Offering August 3, 2025

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Sunday Offering	\$ 10,139.05
Black & Native American Missions	\$ 3,111.54
Guadalupano Group - Paleta Sale	\$ 491.00
Family Catechesis	\$ 1,935.00
Parish Breakfast	\$ 255.00
Memorial Tree	\$ 190.00
Women's Group - Gift Cabinet	\$ 74.00
Fr. George Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$ 25.00
Pastor's Charity	\$ 255.00
WTSA 2025 - Raffle Tickets	\$ 220.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 1,972.00
Total	\$ 18,667.59

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 \$75,000 \$122,115.84 \$65,000 **Total Amount in Pledges** \$55,000

Total Amount Pledges Received: Redeemed: \$95.225.84 Total Amount remaining to reach JOIN US IN parish goal: \$9,584.16

Thank you for your kind and generous support, we are well on the way to reaching our goal in received pledges!

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Names of your Family Members	/ Nombres de los m	iembros de su fam	ilia:		
y y	•				
Mailing Address / Dirección pos	tal :				

Parish Registration Form / Formulario de Registro Parroquial

Phone Number/ Número de teléfono : _____

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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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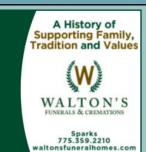
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