



# Holy Cross

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri**

8:00 pm & 12:00 pm

**Wednesday**

8:00 am, 12:00 pm

& 7:00 pm (*Spanish*)

**Saturday**

8:00 am

4:00 pm (*Vigil*)

**Sunday**

8:00 & 10:00 am

12:30 pm (*Spanish*)

**Exposition**

Wednesday & First Friday

8:30 - 11:30 am

**Anointing of the Sick**

First Friday 12:00 pm

**Sacrament of Penance**

Saturday 3:00-4:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 am-12:15 pm



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

"Yo soy el buen pastor, porque conozco a mis ovejas y ellas me conocen a mí, así como el Padre me conoce a mí y yo conozco al Padre. Yo doy la vida por mis ovejas". - Jn 10, 14-15

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SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021 | 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## DEAR FRIENDS,

Today we celebrate what is called "Good Shepherd Sunday." After telling us that He is the Bread that came from heaven and inviting us to believe in Him, Christ takes one step further to introduce himself as the Good Shepherd, which he truly is. Because as he says, the Good Shepherd gives his life for his sheep. This statement is fulfilled as we gather here, celebrating the sacrifice by and through which the Son of God, the Good Shepherd, our Shepherd, laid his life for us who went astray by our transgressions, denials and compromises.

The challenging side of today's celebration is that we are not invited to just be the sheep. After accepting him as our Shepherd, Christ invites us to be transformed to shepherds of one another. By and through our baptism we have accepted to be one like Christ, Priest, King, and Prophet. This foundational aspect of our baptism is almost always overlooked. Dying with Christ is accepting to become "keepers of one another," in such a way that to live for us becomes ongoing struggle to lay our own life for the sake of our brothers and sisters. For, for us Christians, there is not such thing as "it is not my business." In today's world characterized by indifference and self-centeredness, to be a shepherd is an ongoing challenge we are invited to face. This is exactly where Christ is waiting for us; to demonstrate our availability to follow him as we let him transform us into shepherds for one another.

Shepherds and keepers of one another, we are challenged and invited to rethink our own understanding of the ways we are called to be shepherds. Christ wants us to be shepherds after his own heart. It is at this joint that I, as your pastor, am coming to you today to ask for your prayers. May the Lord who entrusted to me this responsibility of leading you to him give me the strength to always strive to shepherd this parish family after his own heart. For I know as he said, it is not I who chose Him but He chose me and commissioned me to proclaim his mercy and to be the sacrament of his compassionate heart amidst you, my brothers and sisters. I cannot thank you enough for the blessing of each and all of you in this parish family.

I pray for everyone of you and your loved ones, that following in the footsteps of Christ, the Good Shepherd, we may all be transformed to keepers of one another. Let us look up to Him, who draws us to Him as we struggle in the ashes and mud of our nothingness, so that we may remain these vessels He uses, though broken, to spread His mercy and to bring all the sheep to one sheepfold. And let us continue to pray for one another and for our parish family.

*Fr. Emery*

## QUERIDOS AMIGOS,

Hoy celebramos lo que se llama "Domingo del Buen Pastor". Después de decirnos que Él es el Pan que vino del cielo e invitarnos a creer en Él, Cristo da un paso más para presentarse como el Buen Pastor, que realmente es. Porque como él dice, el Buen Pastor da la vida por sus ovejas. Esta declaración se cumple cuando nos reunimos aquí, celebrando el sacrificio por el cual el Hijo de Dios, el Buen Pastor, nuestro Pastor, dio su vida por nosotros, que nos descarriamos por nuestras transgresiones, negaciones y compromisos.

El lado desafiante de la celebración de hoy es que no se nos invita a ser solo ovejas. Después de aceptarlo como nuestro Pastor, Cristo nos invita a transformarnos en pastores unos de otros. Por ya través de nuestro bautismo hemos aceptado ser uno como Cristo, Sacerdote, Rey y Profeta. Este aspecto fundamental de nuestro bautismo casi siempre se pasa por alto. Morir con Cristo es aceptar ser "guardianes los unos de los otros", de tal manera que vivir para nosotros se convierte en una lucha constante por dar nuestra propia vida por el bien de nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Porque, para nosotros los cristianos, no existe tal cosa como "no es asunto mío". En el mundo actual caracterizado por la indiferencia y el egocentrismo, ser pastor es un desafío permanente al que estamos invitados. Aquí es exactamente donde Cristo nos espera; para demostrar nuestra disponibilidad para seguirlo mientras dejamos que nos transforme en pastores unos para otros.

Pastores y cuidadores unos de otros, somos desafiados e invitados a repensar nuestra propia comprensión de las formas en que estamos llamados a ser pastores. Cristo quiere que seamos pastores de su propio corazón. Es en este lugar donde yo, como su pastor, vengo hoy a ustedes para pedirles sus oraciones. Que el Señor, que me confió esta responsabilidad de guiarte a él, me dé la fuerza para esforzarme siempre por pastorear a esta familia parroquial según su corazón. Porque sé que, como dije, no fui yo quien lo eligió, sino que Él me eligió a mí y me comisionó para proclamar su misericordia y ser el sacramento de su corazón compasivo entre ustedes, mis hermanos y hermanas. No puedo agradecerles lo suficiente por la bendición de todos y cada uno de ustedes en esta familia parroquial.

Oro por todos ustedes y sus seres queridos, para que siguiendo los pasos de Cristo, el Buen Pastor, todos seamos transformados en guardianes unos de otros. Miremos a Él, quien nos atrae a Él mientras luchamos en las cenizas y el barro de nuestra nada, para que podamos seguir siendo estos vasos que Él usa, aunque rotos, para difundir Su misericordia y para llevar a todas las ovejas a un solo redil. . Y sigamos orando unos por otros y por nuestra familia parroquial.

*P. Emery*

## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

We hear how Peter courageously testified before the Sanhedrin that in Jesus' name the crippled man was healed and in Jesus' name all believers are saved. How strong is the conviction of your faith when someone challenges you?

### SECOND READING

John speaks to his community of believers as "children of God." What do you see as some of the implications of such a designation?

### GOSPEL READING

In speaking of himself as "the good shepherd" who cares deeply for his sheep, Jesus contrasts himself to "a hired man" (the Pharisees) who has no concern for his sheep. How should have the Pharisees reacted to this criticism?

## REFLEXIONAR

### PRIMERA LECTURA

Escuchamos cómo Pedro testificó valientemente ante el Sanedrín que en el nombre de Jesús el hombre lisiado fue sanado y en el nombre de Jesús todos los creyentes son salvos. ¿Qué tan fuerte es la convicción de tu fe cuando alguien te desafía?

### SEGUNDA LECTURA

Juan habla a su comunidad de creyentes como "hijos de Dios." ¿Cuáles crees que son algunas de las implicaciones de tal designación?

### EVANGELIO

Al hablar de sí mismo como "el buen pastor" que se preocupa profundamente por sus ovejas, Jesús se contrasta a "un jornalero" (los fariseos) que no se preocupa por sus ovejas. ¿Cómo deberían haber reaccionado los fariseos a esta crítica?

## READINGS

### FIRST READING:

"There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:12)

### SECOND READING:

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

### GOSPEL:

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." (Jn 10:14-15)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 am † Joseph Nadolny  
4:00 pm † Patricio Solorzano

### SUNDAY, APRIL 25

800 am Barbara Harmon  
10:00 am Holy Cross Parishioners  
12:30 pm † Josephine Lugo

### MONDAY, APRIL 26

8:00 am † Kathy Wutkowski  
12:00 pm † Mate Bosnjak

### TUESDAY, APRIL 27

8:00 am † Aurise LaPointe  
12:00 pm † Matthew Penelle

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

8:00 am Vocations  
12:00 pm Barbara Fenwick  
7:00 pm Norberto & Rosita Vidro

### THURSDAY, APRIL 29

8:00 am Jack Kennedy  
12:00 pm Theresa Ann Poyer

### FRIDAY, APRIL 30

8:00 am Michael Zalewski  
12:00 pm Jack Kennedy & Sons

### SATURDAY, MAY 1

8:00 am † Aurise LaPointe  
4:00 pm † Daniel Harkins

### SUNDAY, MAY 2

8:00 am Women's Club  
10:00 am Patricia Ann Tatham  
12:30 pm Holy Cross Parishioners



# PARISH NEWS

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

### Sunday, April 25

Eucharistic Ministers: 8am—C Banks, N Banks,  
10am—G Ramnarine, S Ramnarine

Lectors: 8am—M Taylor, 10am—S Michalski

### Monday, April 26

Lectors: 8am—M Taylor, 12pm—T Chaoui

### Tuesday, April 27

Lectors: 8am—M Taylor, 12pm—T Chaoui

### Wednesday, April 28

Lectors: 8am—L Reale, 12pm—M Taylor

### Thursday, April 29

Lectors: 8am—L LaPointe, 12pm—L Reale

### Friday, April 30

Lectors: 8am—M Taylor, 12pm—L Shields

### Saturday, May 1

Eucharistic Ministers: 4pm—M Colravy, K Hossley

Lectors: 8am—L LaPointe, 12pm—T Chaoui, 4pm—L  
Shields

### Sunday, May 2

Eucharistic Ministers: 8am—N Banks, C Banks,  
10am—A Branesky, M Branesky

Lectors: 8am—M Taylor, 10am—L Reale

## FORMED WEEKLY WATCHLIST

This week's FORMED watchlist is *A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries*, by Dr. Ben Akers, a 5-part series which will deepen your understanding of this Easter season. Please visit us at [holycrossrcc.com](http://holycrossrcc.com) to watch this series for free on FORMED.org!

## BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive will be next Sunday, April 25! The One Blood bus will be parked in the west parking lot from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Donors will receive a free t-shirt and \$10 gift card. Thank you for your generosity!

## A MESSAGE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This is an example of one of the messages St. Vincent de Paul receives, and the help we provide is all due to your generous support: *"Good morning, God bless you all for what you do for me and for others who don't thank you. I'd appreciate it if I could get some food on Monday. God bless you all, and keep up the good work. Be well. Happy Easter."*

## NEW BOOK STUDY:

### THE SEVEN SECRETS OF THE EUCHARIST

Our new book study will be on the book *The 7 Secrets of the Eucharist* by Vinny Flynn. We will meet in the Small Hall, beginning on Thursday, April 29. Class will be held every Thursday, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Books are available on Amazon. Questions or need help ordering a book? Please contact Laura McKenna at 813-340-9305 or email her at [tennismc@msn.com](mailto:tennismc@msn.com).



## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or a family member are in need of prayer, please call the parish office at 727-546-3315, giving the person's name and reason for prayers.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

José, Rose, Andrew, Sonny, Allison, Marty, Roia, Rose, Jim, John, Carol, Anna, Virgil, Gus, Dianne, Rebecca, Barbara Lilly, Elaine, Jacob, Donald, Mitchell, Faith, Mary, Meghan, Paul, Edith, Peggy Anne, Sylvia, Jean Ann, Felicitas, Adolfo, Jesus, Ileana, William, Jacob, Jeremy, Miranda, Susan, Lydia, Annette, Angela, Cecelia, Christine, Jill, Finnley, Jim, Lupita, Jeremiah, Jared, Phyllis, Natalie, Virginia, Jenn, Joe, Rick, Bud, Donna, Maryann, Susan, Donna, Susan, Denise, George, Carmelita, Margaret H., Gianna, Tina, Laura, John, Edward, Gail, Karon, Beth Anne, Joe, Evelyn, Gerry, Ben, Mr. & Mrs. Verstappen, Victor, Karen, Rose Marie, John, Maureen, Colin, Paul, John, Joseph, Peggy, Kami, Katie, Anne-Marie, Simo, Josephine, Terry, Bill, Maria, Edward H., Holly, Mary Ann, Doris, Zima, Craig, Sharon, Mike, Robert, Phyllis, Elaine, Jodi, Carly, Ann, Sharon, Beverly, Emily, Lynn, Mary Lou, Catherine, Roger, Maria, Alfredo, Eleanor, Dayana, Janet, Marilyn, Mary Ann, Bobby, Charlie, Christina, Peggy H., Mark, Renee, Glenn, Mary, Lynn, Sandra, Sally, Nick, Frank, Ed M., Paulette, Frank, Bozana, Mary Ellen, Sharon, Patty, Carlos, Maria Julia, Paula, Pam, Catherine, Amanda, Pat, Dennis, Lauren, Grace, Heidi, Scott, Lisa, Dawn Marie, Declan, Miguel, Nick, Sharon, Frankie, Kathy, Lisa, Pam, Frank, Sara, Nick, Lynn, Sarah Kristen, Joseph & Theresa, Pierotti Family, Sarah, Maggie, Dyllan, Elba

## STEWARDSHIP: CONFIDENCE IN PRINCES

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, "have you prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?"

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it's a good sign that we're losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes," the Psalms tell us. Well, I've never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — "I've got this."

It's tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I'll let you in on a secret: it doesn't matter what the question is, we don't have the answer. Take it to the One who does.



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of April 17—18, 2011

Envelopes: 171 (out of 1,047 families)  
Online Giving: \$ 670.50 (from 22 donors)  
Total Offertory: \$ 5,993.75  
Annual Budget: \$ 291,200.00  
**Offertory to Date: \$ 127,855.08**

## 2021 APA

As of April 19, 2021

Goal: \$ 69,248.00  
Pledged: \$ 38,428.00  
Paid: \$ 30,433.00  
Pledges: 181 (out of 1,047 families)

### Pledging

Many people feel that they can participate at a sacrificial gift level if they make payments over a period of time. We currently work with monthly and annual pledge cycles. Donors who pledge will receive reminders according to their designated payment schedule.

### One-Time Gift

If donors prefer, a one-time gift can be paid at the time of commitment or payment can be scheduled for later.

### Electronic Giving

All major credit and debit cards (MasterCard, American Express, Visa and Discover) as well as direct debit payments are accepted. Donor managed online giving is available through the diocesan website at: <https://s.dosp.org/give>

### Checks

Please do not combine APA and Offertory in one check.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers for the altar this week are a gift from Joseph Munyandorero in memory of Jean, Pascasie, Andre, and Asterie

## SANCTUARY LAMP

The sanctuary lamp this week is a gift from Angie Fluet in honor of Michele Williams

## ALTAR BREAD & WINE

The altar bread and wine this week is a gift from Joseph Munyandorero in memory of Jean, Pascasie, Andre, and Asterie

# LEARN ABOUT THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

## ENCOURAGING DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF HIS LIFE & VIRTUES

### FAITH EXCLUDES DOUBT & CURIOSITY

"The knowledge derived through faith must not be considered less certain because its objects are not seen; for the divine light by which we know them, although it does not render them evident, **yet suffers us not to doubt them.** For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath himself shone in our hearts, that the gospel be not hidden to us, as to those that perish. For when God commands us to believe He does not propose to us to search into His divine judgments, or inquire into their reason and cause, **but demands an unchangeable faith,** by which the mind rests content in the knowledge of eternal truth." - The Roman Catechism

### SCRIPTURE QUOTES ON FAITH

"For we are the children of the saints, and look for that life which God will give to those that never change their faith from him." - Tobit 2:18

"By mercy and faith sins are purged away: and by the fear of the Lord every one declineth from evil." Proverbs 15:27

"The fear of God is the beginning of his love: and the beginning of faith is to be fast joined unto it." Ecclesiasticus 25:16

"For the justice of God is revealed therein, from faith unto faith, as it is written: The just man liveth by faith." Romans 1:17

"So also faith without works is dead." James 2:26



### PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH FOR GRACE OF FAITH

Great Saint Joseph,  
who are the director, the friend, and the protector  
of those souls who desire to be perfect,  
you who did learn from Jesus and Mary  
how to conquer the powers of hell,  
and to practice all virtues,  
obtain for me the grace of **FAITH.**  
Beloved Saint Joseph, my father, my guide, and my  
model,  
you who have so much zeal for the glory of Jesus Christ,  
and for my sanctification,  
please listen to my petition.  
I have the sweet confidence that you will not reject it.  
Your goodness will supply that which is lacking in my  
fervor,  
and according to the depth of your love for me,  
and of your power with Him Who has deigned to be  
called your Son,  
you will favorably hear me. Amen.

### ORACIÓN A SAN JOSÉ POR LA GRACIA DE LA FE

Gran San José,  
quien es el director, el amigo y el protector  
de aquellas almas que desean ser perfectas,  
tú que aprendiste de Jesús y María  
cómo conquistar los poderes del infierno,  
y practicar todas las virtudes,  
obtén para mí la gracia de la **FE.**  
Amado San José, mi padre, mi guía y mi modelo,  
tú que tienes tanto celo por la gloria de Jesucristo y por  
mi santificación,  
por favor escuche mi petición.  
Tengo la dulce confianza de que no lo rechazará.  
Tu bondad suplirá lo que falta en mi fervor,  
y según la profundidad de tu amor por mí,  
y de tu poder con Aquel que se ha dignado ser llamado  
Hijo tuyo,  
me escucharás favorablemente. Amén.

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# FAITH FORMATION

## IS GOD CALLING YOU?

God has designed us to be DYNAMIC...Are you being called? What are your abilities, skills and talents? Could God be calling you to assist with our Faith Formation program in some capacity? Think ~ Pray ~ Discern! You could be part of the mission and help save souls for Christ! It is our prayer to grow our team of catechists as well as form a 6-person RCIA team. Contact Julie Sneddon (director), she loves to talk about using our time and talents to advance the Kingdom of God.

## PRAYERS NEEDED

The Faith Formation team is requesting that you remember our first communicants in your prayers, and if you are able, to write a card with their name on the envelope and drop it in the offertory on Sunday.

### 2021 First Communicants:

Ariana Caceres, Ariella Caceres, Carlos Davila-Reyes, Sebastian Espailat, Oscar Pastrana, Sophia Villagrana

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

(2nd & 3rd grade students only) First holy communion for 2nd & 3rd grades have 3 classes remaining plus rehearsal (see below) before receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 1. Attendance is



mandatory for the remaining classes and the rehearsal in order to receive the sacrament. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Julie Sneddon, (Faith Formation Director) at our Parish Office. The final class schedule and special event schedule is as follows:

### Regular classes remaining:

**May 2, May 16, May 23**

### Mandatory special events:

April 30 - Rehearsal 7pm

May 1 - First Communion 12pm

May 2 - May Crowning 10am Mass

**There will be no class on May 9.**

rehearsal (see below) before the conferral of the sacrament on June 5. Attendance is mandatory for the remaining classes and the rehearsal in order to receive the sacrament. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Julie Sneddon at the parish office.

### The final schedule is as follows:

**May 1, May 15**

### Mandatory special events:

June 4 - Rehearsal 6:30 pm at St.

Catherine of Siena

June 5 - Confirmation, 12 pm at St.

Catherine of Siena

**There will be no class on May 29.**

## CONFIRMATION

Our Saturday confirmation class has 2 mandatory classes remaining plus



## QUINCEANERA ANNOUNCEMENT

La Familia Collazo Salas, miembros de nuestra parroquia, celebró el pasado sábado 11 de abril, la Santa Misa de Acción de Gracias por el cumpleaños 15 de su Hija Ximena Isabel. En esta celebración Ximena renovó las promesas bautismales, así como también su consagración bautismal a Dios y a la Virgen María. Que Dios derrame bendiciones abundantes sobre ella, y que lleve a feliz término su obra en ella.

The Collazo Salas Family, members of our parish, celebrated the Holy Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, April 11, for the 15th birthday of their daughter Ximena Isabel. In this celebration Ximena renewed the baptismal promises, as well as her baptismal consecration to God and the Virgin Mary. May God pour out abundant blessings upon her, and may He bring to a happy completion his work in her.

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