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WELCOME MESSAGE

We the welcoming family of Holy Cross are delighted to have you join our parish family. Whether you are new to the area, seeking a new parish home, or returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, we hope you come and spend some time with us at Mass and in prayer and adoration. We seek to offer as many opportunities as possible for parishioners to come together as a family of faith. We pray that you may find warmth and spiritual growth here at Holy Cross!



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

Entonces Jesús les dijo a los Doce: "¿También ustedes quieren dejarme?" Simón Pedro le respondió: "Señor, ¿a quién iremos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna; y nosotros creemos y sabemos que tú eres el Santo de Dios". - Jn 6, 67-69

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021 | 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

DEAR FRIENDS,

This weekend we are offered the last part of Jesus' speech on the Bread of Life. This section of our journey and meditation was just suspended this past Sunday with the celebration of the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Today we are back; not just with the continuation of the speech but with a discovery of the relationship between love and truth.

The great mystery of Christ's relationship with the Church has love for its foundation. And of that love Saint Paul sings in his first letter to the Corinthians, saying: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a).

But love has another corollary that is truth. Christ always displayed them together during his earthly ministry with his disciple. Today we see openly his refusal to compromise, because He cannot hide the truth from love. Unfortunately, this did not meet his listeners' expectation. They wanted love but not truth. The result is that His saying was hard, and nobody, in their understanding could accept it. Christ fulfills his prophetic mission with fortitude and no duplicity. For Him there is no half-way. Either we are with Him or we are not (Mark 9: 40).

The Church and all of her children share in that prophetic mission of Christ. With love we are called to stand for the truth: to tell the truth and to defend it..., with love. Unfortunately, in today's world, like in the time of Jesus, we do just want love but not truth. In the Church, in our family, at our works or in our different ministries, we want to hear what we want. We want the Word of God to accommodate our feelings and our ways of life. The consequence of all this is that we are moving from one church to another, not mainly because we are looking for nourishment with the Word of God but in search for the place where the Word of God is offered under cover, where it loses its boldness. Christ wants bold Christians and disciples, not lukewarm followers and listeners. The question He puts towards His disciples is a proof of this boldness: "Do you also want to leave?" Christ always unites love and truth. In Him they are not separated, because He is Himself the Truth and Love that never fail.

Today, more than ever, the Church needs her prophetic identity and mission that is shown in the boldness of her message that is nothing else but Christ Himself. We, the children of the Mother Church and followers of Christ, are meant to embrace with fortitude the boldness of our prophetic identity that we share with Christ from our baptism. We are meant to combine love and truth in our message and our lives and challenge today's culture of relativism according to which, "If it is good for you, then it is good with me." Christ should always be the measure of our actions and words. Only in doing so that the boldness of our life will be an embrace of love and truth that will set us free (John 8:32).

And let us continue to pray for one another and for our parish family.

QUERIDOS AMIGOS,

Este fin de semana se nos ofrece la última parte del discurso de Jesús sobre el Pan de Vida. Esta sección de nuestro viaje y meditación se suspendió el pasado domingo con la celebración de la solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María. Hoy estamos de regreso; no solo con la continuación del discurso, sino con el descubrimiento de la relación entre el amor y la verdad.

El gran misterio de la relación de Cristo con la Iglesia tiene el amor por fundamento. Y de ese amor canta San Pablo en su primera carta a los Corintios, diciendo: "El amor es paciente, el amor es bondadoso. No tiene envidia, no se jacta, no es orgulloso. No deshonra a los demás, no es egoísta, no se enoja fácilmente, no guarda rencor. El amor no se deleita en el mal, sino que se regocija con la verdad. Siempre protege, siempre confía, siempre espera, siempre persevera. El amor nunca deja de ser" (1 Corintios 13: 4-8a).

Pero el amor tiene otro corolario que es la verdad. Cristo siempre los mostró juntos durante su ministerio terrenal con su discípulo. Hoy vemos abiertamente su negativa a comprometerse, porque no puede ocultar la verdad al amor. Desafortunadamente, esto no cumplió con las expectativas de sus oyentes. Querían amor pero no verdad. El resultado es que Su dicho fue duro, y nadie, en su entendimiento, pudo aceptarlo. Cristo cumple su misión profética con entereza y sin duplicidad. Para Él no hay un medio camino. O estamos con Él o no lo estamos (Marcos 9: 40).

La Iglesia y todos sus hijos comparten esa misión profética de Cristo. Con amor estamos llamados a defender la verdad: a decir la verdad y defenderla..., con amor. Desafortunadamente, en el mundo de hoy, como en el tiempo de Jesús, solo queremos amor, pero no la verdad. En la Iglesia, en nuestra familia, en nuestras obras o en nuestros diferentes ministerios, queremos escuchar lo que queremos. Queremos que la Palabra de Dios se adapte a nuestros sentimientos y nuestra forma de vida. La consecuencia de todo esto es que nos estamos moviendo de una iglesia a otra, no principalmente porque estemos buscando nutrirnos con la Palabra de Dios sino en busca del lugar donde la Palabra de Dios se ofrece a escondidas, donde pierde su atrevimiento. Cristo quiere cristianos y discípulos valientes, no seguidores y oyentes tibios. La pregunta que hace a sus discípulos es una prueba de esta osadía: "¿También vosotros queréis marcharos?" Cristo siempre une el amor y la verdad. En Él no están separados, porque Él mismo es la Verdad y el Amor que nunca fallan.

Hoy, más que nunca, la Iglesia necesita su identidad y misión proféticas que se manifiesta en la audacia de su mensaje que no es otra cosa que el mismo Cristo. Nosotros, los hijos de la Madre Iglesia y seguidores de Cristo, debemos abrazar con fortaleza la audacia de nuestra identidad profética que compartimos con Cristo desde nuestro bautismo. Estamos destinados a combinar el amor y la verdad en nuestro mensaje y nuestras vidas y desafiar la cultura actual del relativismo según la cual, "Si es bueno para ti, entonces es bueno para mí". Cristo siempre debe ser la medida de nuestras acciones y palabras. Solo al hacerlo, la valentía de nuestra vida será un abrazo de amor y verdad que nos hará libres (Juan 8:32).

Y sigamos orando unos por otros y por nuestra familia parroquial.

READINGS

FIRST READING

JOS 24:1-2A, 15-17, 18B

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

SECOND READING

EPH 5:2A, 25-32

Brothers and sisters: Live in love, as Christ loved us. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. *For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

GOSPEL

JN 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

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 OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday & First Friday 8:30 - 11:30 am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Friday 12:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm
Sunday 11:30 am-12:15 pm

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, AUGUST 21

8:00 am
4:00 pm †

RU 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/MT 23:1-12

Fr. Emery Longanga
John & Elizabeth Zumbahlen

SUN, AUGUST 22

8:00 am †
10:00 am
12:30 pm

JOS 24:1-2, 15-17, 18/EPH 5:21-32/JN 6:60-69

Orville Griffith
Holy Cross Parishioners
John & Elyse Williams

MON, AUGUST 23

8:00 am †
12:00 pm

1 THES 1:1-5, 8B-10/MT 23:13-22

Joseph J. Pierotti
Servites of Mary

TUES, AUGUST 24

8:00 am †
12:00 pm

RV 21:9B-14/JN 1:45-51

Jonathan Toledo
Louise Laliberte

WED, AUGUST 25

8:00 am
12:00 pm
7:00 pm

1 THES 2:9-13/MT 23:27-32

Vocations
Jackie Nivera
Raul Vasquez

THURS, AUGUST 26

8:00 am †
12:00 pm †

1 THES 3:7-13/MT 24:42-51

Torres Family
Robert Brekke

FRI, AUGUST 27

8:00 am †
12:00 pm †

1 THES 4:1-8/MT 25:1-13

Rita Drinan
Susan Gwiazda

SAT, AUGUST 28

8:00 am †
4:00 pm †

1 THES 4:9-11/MT 25:14-30

Andrea Beaucage
Sandra Manus

SUN, AUGUST 29

8:00 am
10:00 am †
12:30 pm

DT 4:1-2, 6-8/JAS 1:17-27/MK 7:1-23

Fr. Tom Spillet
Antonio Siu
Holy Cross Parishioners

PARISH NEWS

PARISH NOVENA

Our parish novena in honor of the Holy Cross will begin Saturday, September 4. We will recite the novena prayer after all Masses. Please pray along with us!

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive will be next Sunday, August 29 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm! All donors will receive a One Blood towel and a \$20 eGift card! Plus, a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

MASS TO END RACISM

This year's Mass and prayer for an end to racism will be on the feast of St. Peter Claver, Thursday, September 9, at 8:00 am. All are welcome!

BOOK STUDY

We are hosting a new book study: *Habits for Holiness* by Fr Mark-Mary Ames, beginning Thursday, September 9, 10:00-11:00 in the small hall. If you would like a book, please contact Laura McKenna at 813-340-9305, or tennismc@msn.com. Books are \$16. See you there!

FORMED WATCHLIST

This week's FORMED weekly watchlist is: *Companions in Shipwreck*, a documentary on cancel culture and a look at how friendship should be integrated into our lives according to the writings of J.R.R. Tolkien. Visit us at holycrossrcc.com to watch this relevant video for free!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 22

Eucharistic Ministers: 8am—S Pacheco, S Schuler, 10am—A Gerardi, R Hughes, Lectors: 8am—S Michalski, J Michalski, 10am—D Ashcroft, I Ashcroft, 12:30pm—Manuel, Maria Clara, Belen, Adrian

Monday, August 23

Lectors: 8am—C Capista, 12pm—T Chaoui

Tuesday, August 24

Lectors: 8am—C Capista, 12pm—T Chaoui

Wednesday, August 25

Lectors: 8am—L Reale, 12pm—L Lapointe, 7pm—Alicia

Thursday, August 26

Lectors: 8am—L LaPointe, 12pm—L Shields

Friday, August 27

Lectors: 8am—L LaPointe, 12pm—L Ferreira

Saturday, August 28

Eucharistic Ministers: 4pm—T Charron, L Fitzpatrick, Lectors: 8am—L LaPointe, 4pm—C Capista

Sunday, August 29

Eucharistic Ministers: 8am—P Jones, Sr Patrick, 10am—M Jones, J Ortez, Lectors: 8am—S Bellan, 10am—L Reale, 12:30pm—Andreina, Susana, Alicia, Maria Rojas



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please note that names will be automatically removed from this list after three months. Please call the parish office to add a name to this list.

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, Lydia, Annette, Angela, Cecelia, Christine, Jill, Finnley, Jim, Lupita, Jeremiah, Jared, Phyllis, Natalie, Virginia, Jenn, Joe, Rick, Bud, 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, 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, Bodhi, Zora, Miguel, Nick, Sharon, Frankie, Kathy, Lisa, Pam, Frank, Sara, Nick, Lynn, Sarah Kristen, Joseph & Theresa, Pierotti Family, Sarah, Maggie, Dyllan, Elba, Artie & Halai, Annie, Marie, Jeanie, Anne, Lynn, Chuck, Carl, Bella, Bill, Montana, Eli, Susan, Karen, Fran, Diane & Troy & Family, Lori, Patricia & Anthony, Paul, Kathy, Maryann, Mario, Anthony, Christina, Joseph & Lucy

STEWARDSHIP: SUBMISSION AS STEWARDSHIP

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of August 14—15, 2021

Envelopes: 164 (out of 727 families)
Online Giving: \$ 973.50 (from 25 donors)
Weekly Total: \$ 6,447.50
Annual Budget: \$ 291,200.00

2021 APA

As of August 17, 2021

Goal: \$ 69,248.00
Pledged: \$ 53,657.00
Paid: \$ 48,604.00
Pledges: 223 (out of 727 families)

APA 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.

APA One-Time Gifts

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

APA 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>

APA Checks

Please **do not** combine APA and Offertory in one check.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers for the altar, the tabernacle, and Our Lady this week are a gift from the Savard Family in memory of Andrea Beaucage.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The sanctuary lamp this week is a gift from Mary Anne Watkins in memory of Walt & Anne Marta.

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

The altar bread and wine this week is a gift from Mary Anne Watkins in memory of Walt & Anne Marta.

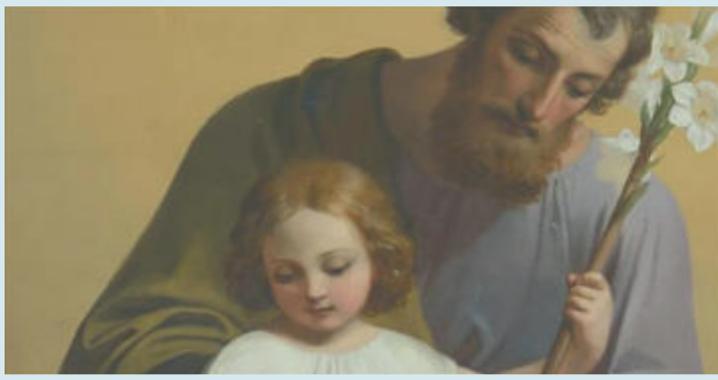
LEARN ABOUT THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

ENCOURAGING DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF HIS LIFE & VIRTUES

CATHOLIC VIRTUES: PIETY

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By means of the gift of **piety**, the Holy Spirit gives a new touch to our spiritual life, a touch of delicacy and sweetness which perfects and simplifies our relations with God and our neighbor. Basically these relations are regulated by justice, the virtue which inclines us to fulfill every duty and to give to each one his due. But if we were guided in our lives by justice alone, our path would be very arid, and fidelity, difficult. When, however, a sense of filial **piety** toward our heavenly Father is developed in us by the action of the Holy Spirit—a sense which, in practice, is expressed in ardent desires to please Him in all things—then we pass beyond the limits of justice—always a little rigid—and devote ourselves wholeheartedly to the service of God. Incited by that profound cry of “Father!” (Galatians 4:6) which the Holy Spirit repeats within us, we rise toward heaven, longing to win God’s heart and to behave in all things as His true children; then the most difficult, laborious tasks become easy and sweet. This is how the gift of **piety** helps the virtue of justice as well as the virtue of religion. By this gift, “the Spirit Himself giveth testimony to our spirit, that we are the sons of God” (Romans 8:16); and this truth becomes a living, personal experience, capable of elevating us to God with entirely new filial ardor, ardor which will make our prayer easier, transforming it into an intimate heart-to-heart talk with our heavenly Father. *O Holy Spirit, Spirit of **piety**, give to my heart the spirit of filial love.*



PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH FOR GRACE OF PIETY

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 **PIETY**.
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 PIEDAD

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 **PIEDAD**.
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

ON HOLY SCRIPTURE

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Q. Where are the truths which God has revealed contained?

A. The truths which God has revealed are contained in Holy Scripture and in Tradition.

Q. What is Holy Scripture?

A. Holy Scripture is the collection of books written under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, by the Prophets and the Hagiographers, the Apostles and the Evangelists. These books have been received by the Church as inspired.

Q. How is Holy Scripture divided?

A. Holy Scripture is divided into two parts, the Old and the New Testament.

Q. What is the Old Testament?

A. The Old Testament comprises the inspired books written before the coming of Jesus Christ.

Q. What is the New Testament?

A. The New Testament comprises the inspired books written after the coming of Jesus Christ.

Q. What is the common name for Holy Scripture?

A. The common name for Holy Scripture is the Holy Bible.

Q. What is the meaning of the word Bible?

A. The word Bible means the collection of holy books, the Book par excellence, the book of books, the book inspired by God.

Q. Why is Holy Scripture called the book "par excellence"?



A. Holy Scripture is so called because of the surpassing merit of the content as well as the author who inspired it.

Q. Can there be any error in Holy Scripture?

A. There cannot be any error in Holy Scripture since indeed it is inspired by God. The Author of all of the books is God Himself. This does not prevent that in copies and translations that have been made, some errors on the part of the copyists or translators may have crept into it.

Q. Is the reading of the Bible necessary to all Christians?

A. The reading of the Bible is not necessary to all Christians since they are instructed by the Church; however its reading is very useful and recommended to all.

Q. May any translation of the Bible,

in the vernacular, be read?

A. We can read those translations of the Bible in the vernacular which have been acknowledged as faithful by the Catholic Church and which have explanations also approved by the Church.

Q. Why may we only read translations of the Bible approved by the Church?

A. We may only read translations of the Bible approved by the Church because she alone is the lawful guardian of the Bible.

Q. Through which means can we know the true meaning of the Holy Scripture?

A. We can only know the true meaning of Holy Scripture through the Church's interpretation, because she alone is secure against error in that interpretation.

SLEEPING MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Announcing a new ministry at Holy Cross: sleeping mats for the homeless!

Come and join us on Wednesday, September 1 at 1:00 pm in the small hall for an informational meeting on how you can be a part of this ministry.



Men, women, youth, are all welcome to join. We need cutters, "plarn" makers, and people who can crochet.

Sleeping mats made from plastic bags provide insulation, repel bugs, and are waterproof. Mats will be donated to various organizations that care for the homeless.

For more information, please contact the parish office. We look forward to seeing you there!

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