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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!



A COMMUNITY CALLED TO BE A WITNESS TO THE GLORIOUS VICTORY OF THE CROSS



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

GÍO

"He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." - Jn 16:14-15

"El me glorificará, porque primero recibirá de mí lo que les vaya comunicando. Todo lo que tiene el Padre es mío. Por eso he dicho que tomará de lo mío y se lo comunicará a ustedes". - Jn 16, 14-15

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SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022 | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

MEDITATION ON THE TRINITY

The very essence of the Christian Faith consists in the knowledge and adoration of One God in Three Persons. This is the Mystery whence all others flow. Our Faith centers in this as in the master-truth of all it knows in this life, and as the infinite object whose vision is to form our eternal happiness; and yet, we only know it because it has pleased God to reveal himself thus to our lowly intelligence, which, after all, can never fathom the infinite perfections of that God who necessarily inhabiteth light inaccessible. Human reason may of itself come to the knowledge of the existence of God as Creator of all beings; it may, by its own innate power, form to itself an idea of his perfections by the study of his works; but the knowledge of God's intimate being can only come to us by means of his own gracious revelation.

It was God's good pleasure to make known to us his essence, in order to bring us into closer union with himself, and to prepare us, in some way, for that face-to-face vision of himself which he intends giving us in eternity: but his revelation is gradual; he takes mankind from brightness unto brightness, fitting it for the full knowledge and adoration of Unity in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity. During the period preceding the Incarnation of the eternal Word, God seems intent on inculcating the idea of his Unity, for polytheism was the infectious error of mankind; and every notion of there being a spiritual and sole cause of all things would have been effaced on earth, had not the infinite goodness of that God watched over its preservation.

The world had to wait for the fullness of time to be completed; and then, God would send into this world his only Son, Begotten of him from all eternity. This his most merciful purpose has been carried out, and the Word made Flesh hath dwelt among us. By seeing his glory, the glory of the Only Begotten Son of the Father, we have come to know that in God, there is Father and Son. The Son's Mission to our earth, by the very revelation it gave us of himself, taught us that God is eternally Father, for whatsoever is in God is eternal. But for this merciful revelation. which is an anticipation of the light awaiting us in the next life, our knowledge of God would have been too imperfect. It was fitting that there should be some proportion between the light of Faith and that of the Vision reserved for the future; it was not enough for man to know that God is One.

So that we now know the Father, from whom comes, as the Apostle tells us, all paternity, even on earth. We know him not only as the creative power, which has produced every being outside himself; but guided as it is by Faith, our soul's eye respectfully penetrates into the very essence of the Godhead, and there beholds the Father begetting a Son like unto himself. But in order to teach us the Mystery, that Son came down upon our earth. Himself has told us expressly that no one knoweth the Father, but the Son, and he to whom it shall please the Son to reveal him. Glory, then be to the Son, who has vouchsafed to show us the Father! and glory to the Father, whom the Son hath revealed unto us!

MEDITACIÓN SOBRE LA TRINIDAD

La esencia misma de la fe cristiana consiste en el conocimiento y la adoración de un Dios único en tres personas. Este es el Misterio de donde fluyen todos los demás. Nuestra Fe se centra en esto como en la verdadmaestra de todo lo que sabe en esta vida, y como el objeto infinito cuya visión es formar nuestra felicidad eterna; y, sin embargo, sólo lo sabemos porque a Dios le ha placido revelarse así a nuestra humilde inteligencia, la cual, después de todo, nunca podrá sondear las infinitas perfecciones de ese Dios que necesariamente habita la luz inaccesible. La razón humana puede por sí misma llegar al conocimiento de la existencia de Dios como Creador de todos los seres; puede, por su propio poder innato, formarse una idea de sus perfecciones mediante el estudio de sus obras; pero el conocimiento del ser íntimo de Dios sólo puede llegar a nosotros por medio de su propia revelación llena de gracia.

Dios se complació en darnos a conocer su esencia, para llevarnos a una unión más estrecha con él, y prepararnos, de alguna manera, para esa visión cara a cara de sí mismo que pretende darnos en la eternidad. : pero su revelación es gradual; él lleva a la humanidad de brillo en brillo, preparándola para el pleno conocimiento y adoración de la Unidad en la Trinidad, y la Trinidad en la Unidad. Durante el período que precede a la Encarnación del Verbo eterno, Dios parece empeñado en inculcar la idea de su Unidad, pues el politeísmo fue el error infeccioso de la humanidad; y toda noción de que hay una causa espiritual y única de todas las cosas habría sido borrada en la tierra, si la bondad infinita de ese Dios no velara por su conservación.

El mundo tuvo que esperar a que se completara la plenitud de los tiempos; y entonces, Dios enviaría a este mundo a su Hijo único, Engendrado de él desde toda la eternidad. Este su misericordioso propósito se ha cumplido, y el Verbo hecho Carne ha habitado entre nosotros. Al ver su gloria, la gloria del Hijo Unigénito del Padre, hemos llegado a saber que en Dios hay Padre e Hijo. La Misión del Hijo en nuestra tierra, por la misma revelación que nos dio de sí mismo, nos enseñó que Dios es eternamente Padre, porque todo lo que está en Dios es eterno. Si no fuera por esta misericordiosa revelación. que es una anticipación de la luz que nos espera en la próxima vida, nuestro conocimiento de Dios habría sido demasiado imperfecto. Convenía que hubiera alguna proporción entre la luz de la Fe y la de la Visión reservada para el futuro; no bastaba que el hombre supiera que Dios es Uno. Para que ahora conozcamos al Padre, de quien procede, como nos dice el Apóstol, toda paternidad, incluso en la tierra. Lo conocemos no sólo como el poder creador, que ha producido todo ser fuera de sí mismo; pero guiado como está por la Fe, el ojo de nuestra alma penetra respetuosamente en la esencia misma de la Deidad, y allí contempla al Padre engendrando un Hijo semejante a él. Pero para enseñarnos el Misterio, ese Hijo descendió sobre nuestra tierra. Él mismo nos ha dicho expresamente que nadie conoce al Padre, sino el Hijo, y aquel a quien el Hijo se lo quiera revelar. ¡Gloria, pues, al Hijo, que se ha dignado mostrarnos al Padre! y gloria al Padre, que el Hijo nos ha revelado!

READINGS

FIRST READING

PRV 8:22-31

Thus says the wisdom of God: "The LORD possessed me, the beginning of his ways, the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago; from of old I was poured forth, at the first, before the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains or springs of water; before the mountains were settled into place, before the hills, I was brought forth; while as yet the earth and fields were not made, nor the first clods of the world. "When the Lord established the heavens I was there, when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep; when he made firm the skies above, when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; when he set for the sea its limit, so that the waters should not transgress his command; then was I beside him as his craftsman, and I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the human race."

SECOND READING

ROM 5:1-5

JN 16:12-15

Brothers and sisters:

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character,

and proven character, hope,

and hope does not disappoint,

because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

GOSPEL READING

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.

But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,

he will guide you to all truth.

He will not speak on his own,

but he will speak what he hears,

and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me,

because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.

Everything that the Father has is mine;

for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine

and declare it to you."

MASS SCHEDULE

MON, TUE, THURS & FRI 8:00 am & 12:00 pm

WEDNESDAY 8:00 am & 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Spanish)

SATURDAY

8:00 am & 4:00 pm SUNDAY

8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Wednesday 8:30 - 11:30 am

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, JUN 11 8:00 am 4:00 pm	†	ACTS 11:21B-26; 13:1-3/MT 5:33-37 Linda & Phil Reale Domino Nguyen
SUN, JUN 12 8:00 am 10:00 am 12:30 pm	†	PRV 8:22-31/ROM 5:1-5/JN 16:12-15 Holy Cross Parishioners Catherine DiPipi Miriam Giotta
MON, JUN 13 8:00 am 12:00 pm	† †	1KGS 21:1-16/MT 5:38-42 Maggie Longhini Stephen Brower
TUES, JUN 14 8:00 am 12:00 pm	† †	1KGS 21:17-29/MT 5:43-48 Jonathan Toledo Mary Jane Lowe
WED, JUN 15 8:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	† †	2 KGS 2:1, 6-14/MT 6:1-6, 16-18 Vocations Theresa Miffia Lenny Kerlin
THURS, JUN 8:00 am 12:00 pm	16 †	SIR 48:1-14/MT 6:7-15 Janice Canning Antonia Armado
FRI, JUN 17 8:00 am 12:00 pm	† 🖻	2 KGS 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/MT 6:19-23 Jillian Smith Maria Elena Gutierrez

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SUN, JUN 19 8:00 am 10:00 am 12:30 pm

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2 CHR 24:17-25/MT 6:24-34 Margaret St. George **Beverly Widerwilt**

GN 14:18-20/1 COR 11:23-26/LK 9:11B-17 Holy Cross Parishioners All Fathers Living and Deceased All Fathers Living and Deceased

PARISH NEWS

BINGO

Please join us for Monday evening BINGO! Doors open at 4pm. First games start at 5:45pm. In the parish center. Bring a friend or two! \$12 to start. Three jackpots. Hotdogs, snacks, pastries, and drinks for sale. A big thank you to all of our generous volunteers!



FR MARTINEZ FAREWELL PARTY

Please join us for a special evening of food and fellowship as we bid farewell to our beloved Father Martinez before he leaves for his new assignment. Join us in the parish center, Saturday, June 25, directly after the 4:00 pm Mass. See you there!

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

You are invited to join us for our weekly devotional activities! Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays and First Fridays from 8:30—11:30 am.The rosary is recited daily after the 8am Mass. A special rosary for priests is recited before the noon Mass on Thursdays. The divine mercy chaplet is recited before the noon Mass on Fridays.



PRAYER BOARD FOR BP PARKES

As you already know, Bishop Parkes has recently undergone a major surgery. Please visit the narthex and fill out a prayer commitment card, or write your own, and pin it to the prayer board. After a few weeks we will send him the cards as a spiritual bouquet. Thank you!

SAINT QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The breadth of charity widens the narrow heart of the sinner." *Saint Anthony of Padua*

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

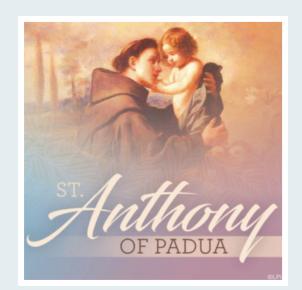
Holy Cross parish is in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers. Training will be conducted in August. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Ken Hossley at 727-219-6789. Thank you!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that our office hours for the summer will be Monday—Friday, 8:30 am to noon, starting June 21.

SUMMER IS HERE!

Please remember to support your parish this summer! While you are away on vacation, don't forget the option of online giving! Please visit us at <u>holycrossrcc.com</u> to see how you can support Holy Cross from afar.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Jeremiah, Jared, Phyllis, Natalie, Virginia, Jenn, Joe, Rick, Bud, Donna, Susan, Denise, George, Carmelita, Margaret H., Gianna, Tina, Laura, John, 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, Holly, Doris, Zima, Craig, Sharon, Mike, Robert, Phyllis, 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, Marie, Katherine, Miguel, Nick, Sharon, Frankie, Kathy, Lisa, Pam, Frank, Sara, Nick, Lynn, Sarah Kristen, Joseph & Theresa, Pierotti Family, Sarah, Maggie, Dyllan, Elba, Artie & Halai, Annie, 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, Chuck, Robert, Missa, David, Chuck, Sue Ann, Tina, Angie, Don, Justine, Maria, the Agars, Eleanor, Fr. Tom, Arlene, Brooke, Vincent, Larry, Daniel, Kristen, Susan, Donna, Evelyn, Carmelita, Meg, Allen, Candy, Geegee, Marc, Betsy, Chrissie, Lucille, Kayla, Austin, Tracy, Jan, Lainey, Carol, Jeff, Gary, June, Janice, Bill, Kathleen, Joseph, Sherrie, Norma, Laura Lee, Efrain, Lawrence, William, Francisco, Josephina, Juana, Eusebio, Francisco, Virginia, Dolores, Louisa, Jaime, Zaida, Anne Marie, Jenny, Miriam, Tommy, Camille, Monique, Marcellus, Jessica, Jay, Norton, Anne, Marietta, Taso, Lleya, Robert, Margaret N., Tina V.

STEWARDSHIP: UP TO THE JOB

Have you ever had a job for which you didn't feel qualified? I think we all have, whether it was a paying gig or not. A lot of us parents often feel in awe of the magnitude of that role and lose sleep worrying that we made the wrong decision in one situation or a bad call in another. Some of us feel intimidated by what our communities need from us, on the parish level or in our personal relationships. Or maybe we are simply dreading a task that seems too big, too overwhelming — that necessary basement cleanout, or the weekly organization of family schedules.

When we don't feel qualified, we don't want to do the work. We get stuck in our own fear. That's the birthplace of procrastination, self-doubt and bitterness. When we look inward at our own abilities, we can only see all the traits that aren't there. The intelligence, the dexterity, the ambition — whatever it is we lack, we get stuck on it.

I've got good news and bad news. I'll start with the bad news: none of us are qualified for the call of discipleship. We simply aren't. We don't have the love or grace or strength to get the job done.

Now I'll give you the good news: God knows this, and He doesn't care. Stewardship does not insist that we

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Eucharistic Ministers

A Eucharistic Minister is a parishioner, selected by the Pastor and mandated by the Bishop, who serves, distributes, and administers the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ during the Holy Communion at Mass. In the Catholic Mass, they are referred to more accurately as "Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion" (the ordinary minister being the priest). Eucharistic Ministers are called not only to minister the Body and Blood of Christ, but to have and maintain a strong faith, a sense of awe, and an inclusiveness of others as the foundation for their ministry. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry or have any questions, please contact Ken Hossley at 727-219-6789. Thank you!



possess every good quality — no, as a way of life, stewardship recognizes that we lack *so many* qualities. But it shows us where to find the love and grace and strength we need. Stewardship does not demand that we know every answer; it merely reminds us who to ask when we don't.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of June 4—5, 2022 Envelopes: 156 (out of 732 families) Online Giving: \$ 2,824.50 (from 40 donors) Weekly Total: \$ 9,710.07 Annual Budget: \$ 291,200.00



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers for the altar, the tabernacle, and Our Lady this week are a gift from Linda & Phil Reale in honor of their 50th Anniversary.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The sanctuary lamp this week is a gift from Linda & Phil Reale in honor of their 50th Anniversary.

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

The altar bread and wine this week is a a gift from Linda & Phil Reale in honor of their 50th Anniversary.

If you would like to order one of these intentions, please contact the office.

CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL FUNDING DIOCESAN MINISTRIES AND SERVICES

2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL (CMA)

Goal: \$54,225.00 Actual Pledged: \$42,634.50 Total Paid: \$36,906.73 Total Unpaid: \$5,727.77 Number of Families: 732 Number of Pledges: 189

Pledging

We currently work with monthly, quarterly and annual pledge cycles. Donors who pledge and do not establish an e-payment account will receive reminders through the mail according to their chosen payment schedule.

One-Time Gift

A one-time gift can be paid at the time of commitment or payment can be scheduled a later date.

Online Giving (E-Giving)

We accept all major credit/debit cards (MasterCard, American Express, Visa and Discover) as well as direct debit payments through our secure online giving system.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Today, we celebrate the sending of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit's presence is a reminder in our lives that Christ's words are true: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." In other words, while we are sent on mission, we are not sent alone. Rather, we are sent in relationship with God. It's His strength and that leads to any successes. Our role is simply to cooperate. From this perspective, we can see that everything we have—our health, our intelligence, our resources—are all gifts from God. Gifts that He gives to us so that we can in turn use them to participate in His mission. To take part in his work. This perspective can change the way we approach something like our diocese's Catholic Ministry Appeal, an important initiative to support out local Church. When we see that all is a gift from God, our questions shift from, "Do I feel like supporting His Church?" to "How can I support His Church? How is God calling me to take part in His work in this way?" Today, on Pentecost Sunday, ask the Holy Spirit for help in answering these questions, and then prayerfully consider your contribution.

PRAYER FOR THE CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

More numerous than the stars in the sky are your blessings, O Good and Gracious God. You have called us to spread the Good News of your Son, Jesus Christ, through our words and actions. Strengthen our faith and open our hearts to care for all our brothers and sisters, especially those who need us the most. Help us to understand the difference we can make, the love we can share and the lives we can bring to Christ through our Catholic Ministry Appeal. We pray that your grace, O Lord, will lead us to be your loving heart and hands today. Amen.

ORACIÓN POR EL LLAMAMIENTO DEL MINISTERIO CATÓLICO

Más numerosas que las estrellas en el cielo son tus bendiciones, oh Dios bondadoso y compasivo. Nos has llamado para anunciar la buena nueva de tu Hijo, Jesucristo, mediante nuestras palabras y acciones. Fortalece nuestra fe y abre nuestros corazones para que cuidemos de todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas, especialmente aquellos que más nos necesitan. Ayúdanos a comprender la diferencia que podemos hacer, el amor que podemos compartir y las vidas que podemos acercar a Cristo a través de la Campaña para los Ministerios Católicos. Oramos para que tu gracia, oh Señor, nos lleve a ser hoy tu corazón y tus manos amorosas. Amén.



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> Millie Haylock Baptisms



FAITH FORMATION

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

In creative celebration of the Most Holy Trinity, pray a rosary with creation. Find a quiet place outside or sit near a window. Contemplate the amazing Divine Gift that is before you. Admire it. Study it. Become one with it. Ask for the guidance of Brother St. Francis as you pray: "You, Holy Father, are King of heaven and earth. You are three in one, God above all gods. You are good, all good, and supreme good, Lord God, living and true. You are love. You are beauty. You are gentleness. You are joy. You are hope and happiness." Admire the wonder and majesty of God in all that is around you. Ask for wisdom and understanding.

Begin each decade with the Our Father and conclude with the Glory Be.

Decade one: Contemplate God the Father. As you pray each bead with a Hail Mary, get lost in the grandeur of all that you see. Imagine the thousands and thousands of years of history that is before you. Envision a time when nothing existed. What is nothing? Lift your eyes, heart, and soul to the power and magnificence of the universe, its expanse and its endlessness.



You are one with it all. God's creative power.

Decade two: Contemplate God the Son. Behold the squirrels, birds, and critters all conducting life's business. They have heartbeats just like yours. Praying each bead, become one with the incarnate divine life that flows through you and flows with the smallest of creatures. It is holy innocence and blessed life. Tenderness. Compassion, Mercy. Reverence. All want to be held, have a home, and be loved. God in all things. Emmanuel.

Decade three: Contemplate God the Holy Spirit. The changing of times and seasons happens often without notice. It is all within God's care and guided. We all belong. Behold the living, dying, and rising to new life. You are one with all time from beginning into eternity.

Decade Four: Contemplate God as One.

Decade Five: Contemplate God as three. All different while remaining one. The divine dance is being danced before you. Rest in what you see. Become what you see. We are all connected: God of the Holy Trinity, creation, our brothers and sisters, the animals, and the plants.

The rosary you have prayed celebrates the circle of connectedness and the intimate relationship we share with all things: a glimpse of the Trinity.

Question:

Why is the Church against stem cell research, especially if it offers the possibility of cures for diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's?

Answer:

Like so many issues, the truth about stem cell research is more complicated than a few sound bites and vague promises of cures. For the Church, the problem is with *embryonic* stem cell research, not the research itself. The destruction of human life, even for a seemingly noble cause, is never acceptable. The ends cannot justify the means. Stem cells can be obtained in other ways, including from the placenta as well as from adults. So research is possible without the destruction of other life.

On the other hand, stem cell research shows much promise, but no concrete results. Some scientists also dispute what diseases might be cured by new discoveries. The research is still in its early stages. The question

for our country is whether we should invest a lot of money in research now, looking for cures that will probably remain out of reach for most people, or should we invest that money in other programs with more immediate benefits, especially those that stress prevention and education. It is indeed a complex issue that requires close scrutiny and investigation before we jump to inaccurate conclusions or make decisions based on good, but misinformed, intentions.

