

Holy Cross

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

WELCOME

CONTACT US

7851-54th Ave North St. Petersburg, FL 33709 Phone: 727-546-3315 Website: holycrossrcc.com

Very Rev. Fr. Emery Longanga, PhD, VF Pastor Rev. Fr. Jesus Martinez Parochial Vicar Rev. Mr. Rick Zeitler Permanent Deacon

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!



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

610

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets. - Lk 9:16-17

Después Jesús tomó en sus manos los cinco panes y los dos pescados, y levantando su mirada al cielo, pronunció sobre ellos una oración de acción de gracias, los partió y los fue dando a los discípulos, para que ellos los distribuyeran entre la gente.

Comieron todos y se saciaron, y de lo que sobró se llenaron doce canastos. - Lc 9, 16-17

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Leccionario II © 1987 Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Litúrgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano

OLP

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

DEAR FRIENDS,

Today we celebrate Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The mystery we celebrate makes us dive in the culmination of God's love to us; the sacrifice of Christ that extends salvation to the whole world. Today's traditional annual Eucharistic procession expresses that truth.

While we process with the Lord, we also proclaim his true presence in the midst of his people, fulfilling his promise to the disciples: "Behold, I am always with you until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). That presence to which we respond by our "Amen" at the reception of the Holy Communion is a comforting and saving presence. We say "Amen" to proclaim that we truly believe Jesus to be present, and that we receive his true Body and we drink his true Blood. By his body and blood Jesus Christ offers himself to us as food for eternal life. He comes to us in order to journey with us teaming up with us in the midst of the daily challenges of our lives. His presence in the Blessed Sacrament is an ongoing invitation to turn our eyes and our hearts to rely on him who sacrificed himself for our sake.

When we receive His Body and drink His Blood we are not expressing just a desire to be one with Him or to be like Him. We are truly made one with Him because His is the head of the body whose members we are meant to be.

This truth remains an ongoing challenge to many among us. A survey has revealed that only 30% of the people in the pews in our eucharistic celebrations believe in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. To give more dynamism and to strengthen faith in this truth, which is the foundation of our own lives and that of the Church, our Fathers in faith, the Bishops of the United States of America have decided to launch a three-year program of Eucharistic Revival. This starts today. For three years, we will journey together, striving to deepen our understanding, faith, and devotion to Eucharistic Christ. This rediscovery of the truth about the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist starts with the step we take to ask the following right question: "Who do we receive in the

Eucharist," instead of "What do we receive in the Eucharist?" The response to the right question will lead us to the confession that we do receive "SOMEONE" rather than "SOMETHING" in the Eucharist. This is because the phrase "THIS IS," which Jesus utters during the consecration is not figurative. It is the TRUTH realized in what is called TRANSSUBTANTIATION when the substances of bread and wine become the true substance of the body and blood of the Lord. Thus, the first step we take today is to move from the question of "WHAT" to the one of "WHO" I receive in the Eucharist as I say "Amen."

As we carry Jesus Christ in our hearts at the sharing of His table, let us continue to pray for one another and for our parish family.

QUERIDOS AMIGOS,

Hoy celebramos el Corpus Christi, la Solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo. El misterio que celebramos nos hace sumergirnos en la culminación del amor de Dios por nosotros; el sacrificio de Cristo que extiende la salvación al mundo entero. La tradicional procesión eucarística anual de hoy expresa esa verdad.

Mientras caminamos con el Señor, también proclamamos su verdadera presencia en medio de su pueblo, cumpliendo su promesa a los discípulos: "He aquí, yo estaré siempre con vosotros hasta el fin del mundo" (Mateo 28:20). Esa presencia a la que respondemos con nuestro "Amén" al recibir la Sagrada Comunión es una presencia consoladora y salvadora. Decimos "Amén" para proclamar que verdaderamente creemos que Jesús está presente, y que recibimos su verdadero Cuerpo y bebemos su verdadera Sangre. Por su cuerpo y sangre Jesucristo se ofrece a nosotros como alimento para la vida eterna. Viene a nosotros para caminar con nosotros haciendo equipo con nosotros en medio de los desafíos diarios de nuestra vida. Su presencia en el Santísimo Sacramento es una invitación permanente a volver nuestra mirada y nuestro corazón a confiar en aquel que se sacrificó por nosotros.

Cuando recibimos Su Cuerpo y bebemos Su Sangre no estamos expresando simplemente un deseo de ser uno con Él o de ser como Él. Somos verdaderamente hechos uno con Él porque Suya es la cabeza del cuerpo cuyos miembros estamos destinados a ser.

Esta verdad sigue siendo un desafío continuo para muchos de nosotros. Una encuesta ha revelado que solo el 30% de las personas en los bancos de nuestras celebraciones eucarísticas creen en la verdadera presencia de Cristo en la Eucaristía. Para dar más dinamismo y fortalecer la fe en esta verdad, que es el fundamento de nuestra propia vida y la de la Iglesia, nuestros Padres en la fe, los obispos de los Estados Unidos de América han decidido lanzar un programa de tres años de Eucaristía Renacimiento. Esto comienza hoy. Durante tres años, caminaremos juntos, esforzándonos por profundizar nuestra comprensión, fe y devoción a Cristo Eucarístico.

Este redescubrimiento de la verdad sobre la verdadera presencia de Cristo en la Eucaristía comienza con el paso que damos para hacer la siguiente pregunta correcta: "¿A quién recibimos en la Eucaristía", en lugar de "¿Qué recibimos en la Eucaristía?" La respuesta a la pregunta correcta nos llevará a la confesión de que recibimos "ALGUIEN" en lugar de "ALGO" en la Eucaristía. Esto se debe a que la frase "ESTO ES", que pronuncia Jesús durante la consagración, no es figurativa. Es la VERDAD realizada en lo que se llama TRANSUBTANCIACIÓN cuando las sustancias del pan y del vino se convierten en la verdadera sustancia del cuerpo y la sangre del Señor. Por lo tanto, el primer paso que damos hoy es pasar de la pregunta de "QUÉ" a la de "QUIÉN" recibo en la Eucaristía cuando digo "Amén".

Mientras llevamos a Jesucristo en nuestros corazones al compartir Su mesa, sigamos orando unos por otros y por nuestra familia parroquial.

READINGS

FIRST READING GN 14:18-20

In those days, Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine,

and being a priest of God Most High, he blessed Abram with these words:

> "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High,

> > who delivered your foes into your hand."

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

SECOND READING

1 COR 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters:

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of

me."

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

GOSPEL READING LK 9:11B-17

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured.

As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said,

"Dismiss the crowd

so that they can go to the surrounding villages and

and find lodging and provisions;

for we are in a deserted place here."

He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people."

Now the men there numbered about five thousand.

Then he said to his disciples,

"Have them sit down in groups of about fifty."

They did so and made them all sit down.

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish,

and looking up to heaven,

he said the blessing over them, broke them,

and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.

They all ate and were satisfied.

And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

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 18 2 CHR 24:17-25/MT 6:24-34

8:00 am † 4:00 pm

SUN, JUN 19

8:00 am 10:00 am 12:30 pm

MON, JUN 20

8:00 am 12:00 pm

TUES, JUN 21

8:00 am 12:00 pm

WED, JUN 22

8:00 am 12:00 pm † 7:00 pm †

THURS, JUN 23

8:00 am 12:00 pm †

FRI, JUN 24

8:00 am † 12:00 pm

7:00 pm †

SAT, JUN 25

8:00 am † 4:00 pm

SUN, JUN 26

8:00 am 10:00 am 12:30 pm

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

2 KGS 17:5-8, 13-15A, 18/MT 7:1-5

Luis Fernando Canarte Eriberto Miraflores

2 KGS 19:9B-11, 14-21, 31-35A, 36/MT 7:6, 12-

Richard Sisco Carmelo Justo

2 KGS 22:8-13; 23:1-3/MT 7:15-20

Vocations William J. Hickey lose Banuelos Torres

IS 49:1-6/ACTS 13:22-26/LK 1:57-66, 80

Denis Horgan Sylvia Proano

EZ 34:11-16/ROM 5:5B-11/LK 15:3-7

Tom & Patricia Lynch Living & Deceased Members of the Pierotti Family

Conrada Antego Paniagua

LAM 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/LK 2:41-51

Richard Sisco Maurice Boulay

1 KGS 19:16B, 19-21/GAL 5:1, 13-18/LK 9:51-62

Holy Cross Parishioners Andres Reguindin Juan Gonzalez Aguilera

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!

NOW HIRING

We are currently looking for a part time Director of Faith Formation! If you or anyone you know might be interested, please see the job description on the diocesan website, or call the parish office. Thank you!



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 OUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I die the king's faithful servant, but God's first." *Saint Thomas More*

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.



EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

LET US ADORE JESUS

The Bishops of the United States are calling for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the **Real Presence** of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and sent out in mission "for the life of the world."

These three years will culminate in the first National Eucharistic Congress in the United States in almost fifty years. Almost a hundred thousand Catholics will join together in Indianapolis for a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage toward the "source and summit" of our Catholic faith.

In late 2019, a Pew Study indicated what many had long suspected. Few Catholics, **approximately 30 percent**, fully believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

This stark reality inspired the Bishops of the United States to action. More than an event or a program, they envisioned a true Revival to rediscover the source and summit of our Faith through a deep commitment of prayer, pilgrimage, and worship on the part of the entire Church in the United States.

The advent of the pandemic only accelerated these plans, revealing their urgency and importance. Too many Catholics still have **not returned to Mass** to celebrate the central mystery of the Church.

Taking its title from the Bread of Life discourse in John's Gospel, "My flesh for the life of the world/Mi carne para la vida del mundo," the Eucharistic Revival is not a step-by-step plan or a series of meetings; it is a grassroots call and a challenge for every Catholic across the United States to rekindle the fire of love and devotion for the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.

Over three years, every Catholic diocese, parish, school, apostolate, and family is invited to be a part of **renewing the Church** by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

For more information, please visit dosp.org/revival/

STEWARDSHIP: SACRED VESSELS

Have you ever paid attention to the purification of the sacred vessels after Holy Communion? If you haven't, I highly recommend doing so this Sunday. See the care with which the priest handles the chalice and the paten, pouring water into them to cleanse any loose particles of the Body and Blood of Christ. Observe the loving reverence he uses in wiping them dry with a special purificator. It's a ritual unto itself, and a powerful moment for reflection.

These vessels begin as earthly objects. They are made by human hands. There is nothing special about them — not until they go about the work for which they have been created. Until they contain the Body and Blood of Christ, they are only ordinary objects. But after they have carried within them the Eucharist, they are never the same. They will always be special and deserving of special care.

That's why partaking of the Eucharist is, for us, an evangelical undertaking. It is both a transformation and a declaration. When we accept this tremendous gift, we are proclaiming what we believe, and we are accepting the grace to follow through on that commitment.

When we are receiving the Eucharist, it is not possible for us to be passive. We become the vessel. We carry

Christ into the world with us.

But do we act like it? Do we treat ourselves — our bodies, our souls — with the same respect as the priest cleansing the chalice? Do we treat one another with the reverence we would reserve for a sacred object? When we look at another person with anger or irritation or envy, do we acknowledge the change that we have willingly undergone by receiving Christ's Body and Blood into ourselves?



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!



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of June 11—12, 2022 Envelopes: 202 (out of 732 families) Online Giving: \$ 914.50 (from 22 donors)

Weekly Total: \$ 7,251.05 Annual Budget: \$ 291,200.00



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers for the altar and tabernacle this week are an anonymous gift.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The sanctuary lamp this week is a gift from Joan Stephenson in memory of the deceased members of the Erard & Stephenson Families.

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

The altar bread and wine this week is a gift from Joan Stephenson in memory of the deceased members of the Erard & Stephenson Families.

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

During this liturgical season, 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.



Very Rev. Emery Longanga, PhD *Pastor*

Rev. Fr. Jesus Martinez Parochial Vicar

Rev. Mr. Rick Zeitler Permanent Deacon Michele Williams Parish Manager

Marie Meza Parish Secretary

Neil Guan Director of Faith Formation

> Shirley Schuler *Housekeeper*

Bunny Harmon Evangelization & Worship

Angelica Bañuelos-Espino Weddings & Quinceañeras

Millie Haylock *Baptisms*

FAITH FORMATION

8 THINGS EVERY CATHOLIC DAD SHOULD KNOW ABOUT FATHERHOOD

- 1. Encounter with God the Father: One can't give what he doesn't have. Many of us have been blessed with great fathers growing up (I include myself in this category) but other's haven't. In both cases, however, the source of Fatherhood must always come from above. Any man who seeks to be a good father, ignoring God the Father, will inevitably fall short. One must be aware that you aren't in control of your family, God is. Your leadership and service must be fruit of the obedience and humility that you live towards Him.
- 2. Conversion: A good father must be a converted man, or better yet, a man growing daily in conversion. Any man that abandons his efforts to live a Catholic life, who doesn't allow the encounter with God the Father to transform him, abandons simultaneously the most fundamental testimony that he can give to his children. The encounter mentioned in the first point must be an effective one, you must grow, change, mature daily.
- 3. Man of Prayer: Conversion breaths prayer. Without it, it suffocates. If your schedule is too busy to allow time for prayer, change it.
- 4. Understanding your True Vocation: For those that are blessed to be married and have children, you must recognize that helping your families get to heaven and being good husbands and fathers not your business career is your real vocation. Ask yourself: "Is my work serving my family? Or is my family serving my work?"
- 5. Presence not presents: Fatherhood means presence.



Presence is "being with", "being for". This implies that you invest serious time with your family. And when I say serious time, I am referring to both quantity and quality. Have the courage to set the smartphone down and look your children in the eyes. Take a moment to marvel at who they are and who they are becoming. Look them in the eye, listen to them, speak to them about the things that matter. Share with them how you are doing, what's going on in your mind, in your heart, in your life. Share your "being" with them, not only what you have. Showering them with presents and fancy gifts is a poor substitute for face-toface time; in fact, it isn't a substitute at all.

- 6. Courage: Have the courage to love according to the truth. The truth is that life isn't easy and neither is being a good Catholic. This means that you can't be a blend-in kind of father. Have the courage to correct, to teach, to demand, to challenge. And then have the courage to allow them to do the same to you.
- 7. Love your wife: Men, you must love and cherish your wives, plain and simple. Your children will learn to love others by

how they see you and your wife love each other. The husband-wife relationship is their first school in love. It is the first lesson in community, in communication, in sacrifice, and in service. To love your wife means to offer your life for her, every day. "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ also loved the church, and delivered himself up for it."

8. Be humble: In any relationship of service and authority, one quickly becomes aware of his or her own weaknesses. Don't be afraid, accept it with humility; it is perhaps one of the greatest displays of authority that exists.

Borrowed from catholic-link.org





4810 Central Avenue | 321-3321 www.brettfuneralhome.net



Elder Law Attorneys Gilbert J. & Susan A. Rooth Ryan P. Rooth & Marie R. Zorrilla Wills, Estates, Medicaid Asset Protection 397-4768 | www.RoothLaw.com

Complete Plumbing Services & Supplies **Johnnie Jones Plumbing Co.**

> Founded by Carl H. Jonasson Sr. Barbara J. Pace CFC 1427395

27247 23rd Ave. North **727-323-2300** St. Petersburg, FL 33713-4318





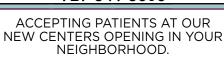
Steve Michalski • Lector, Parishioner eachrealtor@yahoo.com | (727) 692-7042 | stevesellsstpete.com



Wade W. Hancock, D.M.D.

727-541-5606

Please contact Rafael for information.





Contact Greg Maurer to place an ad today! gmaurer@4LPi.com or (941) 243-3206







'The Specialists in Home Repairs'' 7855 62nd Way N. 544-5914

> Mention This Ad to Receive \$25 Off Any Service

www.beselplumbing.com

State Lic # CFC 1426188



We accept medicare. Accepting new patients

Come visit us, we have 7 medical centers conveniently located in Bradenton, Clearwater, East Tampa, Largo, North Tampa, St. Petersburg and West Tampa

Simply call (727) 732-9587 to schedule a tour and get a \$10 Gift Card



NEVER MISS A BULLETIN

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com

