

# WELCOME

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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



# **13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:61-62

Otro le dijo: "Te seguiré, Señor; pero déjame primero despedirme de mi familia". Jesús le contestó: "El que empuña el arado y mira hacia atrás, no sirve para el Reino de Dios". - Lc 9, 61-62

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# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

### **DEAR FRIENDS**,

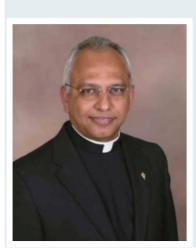
The end of June is one of the busiest times in our diocese. Priests move around from one assignment to another. This year Holy Cross is also concerned. There is an outgoing priest as well as an incoming a priest. We have been blessed with the priestly ministry of Fr. Jesus Martinez for the four past years. We are

deeply sorry to lose him as he leaves to his new assignment as Parochial Vicar of Saint Cecilia Parish. You will see Fr. Martinez at all masses this weekend to bid us farewell as we wish him the best on his new journey. Our loss is their gain. We thank God for Fr. Martinez's ministry among us, and we call upon the Holy Spirit to lead him successfully and fruitfully in his new endeavor.

While Fr. Martinez leaves us, we are also welcoming a new priest here at Holy Cross. Please welcome Fr. Pius Matthew who is coming to us from the diocese of Austin, Texas. Originally from India, Fr. Pius has served for several years in the diocese of Austin. His last assignment was as the pastor of Saint Mary's Church in Mejia, Texas, where he ministered to a predominantly Hispanic Community. We are happy to welcome Fr. Pius onboard in the Lord's vineyard here at Holy Cross.

Today's gospel reading presents to us the challenges of discipleship. Time and again we feel called to follow the Lord. Unfortunately, in so many way we are faced with the lack of courage to do so. So many situations stand on our way and chock our willingness and determination to serve the Lord. These can be of all kinds.., it is up to each one of us to find with the help of the Holy Spirit, what excuse we give to refrain ourselves from following Christ.

Christ knew what awaited him in Jerusalem. Yet we are told that "he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem." We are invited to courageously live the gospel. We are aware that there will be so many obstacles on that journey. But knowing that we will never be alone, we like Christ should undertake the



journey with trust and faith. The One who is the Way, will always lead us to the fulfillment of the mission he has entrusted to us.

As we strive to follow Christ, once we have set our hands on the plow, and bear witness as intentional disciples let us continue to pray for one another and for our parish family.

### **QUERIDOS AMIGOS**,

El final de junio es uno de los momentos más ocupados en nuestra diócesis. Los sacerdotes se mueven de una asignación a otra. Este año Santa Cruz también está preocupada. Hay un sacerdote saliente así como un sacerdote entrante.

Hemos sido bendecidos con el ministerio sacerdotal del P. Jesús Martínez durante los últimos cuatro años. Estamos

Lamento profundamente perderlo mientras se va a su nueva asignación como Vicario Parroquial de la Parroquia de Santa Cecilia. Verá al p. Martínez en todas las misas de este fin de semana para despedirnos y desearle lo mejor en su nueva andadura. Nuestra pérdida es su ganancia. Damos gracias a Dios por el P. Martínez entre nosotros, e invocamos al Espíritu Santo para que lo guíe exitosa y fructíferamente en su nuevo emprendimiento.

Mientras que el p. Martinez nos deja, también estamos dando la bienvenida a un nuevo sacerdote aquí en Holy Cross. Dé la bienvenida al p. Pius Matthew, quien viene a nosotros desde la diócesis de Austin, Texas. Originario de la India, el P. Pius ha servido durante varios años en la diócesis de Austin. Su última asignación fue como pastor de la Iglesia de Santa María en Mejía, Texas, donde ministró a una comunidad predominantemente hispana. Estamos felices de dar la bienvenida al P. Pío a bordo en la viña del Señor aquí en Holy Cross.

La lectura del evangelio de hoy nos presenta los desafíos del discipulado. Una y otra vez nos sentimos llamados a seguir al Señor. Desafortunadamente, en muchos sentidos nos enfrentamos a la falta de coraje para hacerlo. Tantas situaciones se interponen en nuestro camino y bloquean nuestra voluntad y determinación de servir al Señor. Éstos pueden ser de todo tipo.., depende de cada uno de nosotros encontrar con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo, qué excusa damos para abstenernos de seguir a Cristo.

Cristo sabía lo que le esperaba en Jerusalén. Sin embargo, se nos dice que "resueltamente determinó viajar a Jerusalén". Estamos invitados a vivir con valentía el evangelio. Somos conscientes de que habrá tantos obstáculos en ese viaje. Pero sabiendo que nunca estaremos solos, nosotros como Cristo debemos emprender el camino con confianza y fe. Aquel que es Camino, nos conducirá siempre al cumplimiento de la misión que nos ha encomendado.

Mientras nos esforzamos por seguir a Cristo, una vez que hayamos puesto nuestras manos en el arado y demos testimonio como discípulos intencionales, sigamos orando unos por otros y por nuestra familia parroquial.

# READINGS

#### **FIRST READING**

#### 1 KGS 19:16B, 19-21

The LORD said to Elijah: "You shall anoint Elisha, son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah, as prophet to succeed you." Elijah set out and came upon Elisha, son of Shaphat, as he was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen; he was following the twelfth. Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Please, let me kiss my father and mother goodbye, and I will follow you." Elijah answered, "Go back! Have I done anything to you?" Elisha left him, and taking the yoke of oxen, slaughtered them; he used the plowing equipment for fuel to boil their flesh, and gave it to his people to eat. Then Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant.

#### **SECOND READING**

GAL 5:1, 13-18

Brothers and sisters: For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. But if you go on biting and devouring one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another. I say, then: live by the Spirit and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh. For the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want. But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

#### **GOSPEL READING**

#### LK 9:51-62

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. On the way they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his reception there, but they would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village. As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

# **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**

<b>SAT, JUN 25</b> 8:00 am 4:00 pm †		LAM 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/LK 2:41-51 Richard Sisco Maurice Boulay
<b>SUN, JUN 26</b> 8:00 am 10:00 am † 12:30 pm †		<b>1 KGS 19:16B, 19-21/GAL 5:1, 13-18/LK 9:51-62</b> Holy Cross Parishioners Andres Reguindin Juan Gonzalez Aguilera
<b>MON, JUN 27</b> 8:00 am 12:00 pm †		AM 2:6-10, 13-16/MT 8:18-22 Mary Ann Branesky Joseph Fadelici
TUES, JUN 288:00 am†12:00 pm†		AM 3:1-8; 4:11-12/MT 8:23-27 Gloria Mantione James Kelly
<b>WED, JUN 29</b> 8:00 am 12:00 pm † 7:00 pm †		ACTS 12:1-11/TM 4:6-8, 17-18/MT 16:13-19 Vocations Judi Wilhelmi Luis Eduardo Mesa "Luchito"
<b>THURS, JUN 30</b> 8:00 am 12:00 pm †	)	AM 7:10-17/MT 9:1-8 June Skvorzov Joseph Raymond Sheedy
<b>FRI, JUL 1</b> 8:00 am 12:00 pm		AM 8:4-6, 9-12/MT 9:9-13 Maria Vasconez Denise Lamoureux
<b>SAT, JUL 2</b> 8:00 am 4:00 pm †		AM 9:11-15/MT 9:14-17 Nicholas McKenna Mary Jowina Crehan
SUN, JUL 3		IS 66:10-14C/GAL 6:14-18/LK 10:1-12, 17-20
8:00 am 10:00 am † 12:30 pm †		OR 10:1-9 Holy Cross Parishioners David Marshall Kirby Pedro P. Bahamundi

# **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!

#### **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**

"O Heart of love, I put all my trust in Thee, for I fear all things from my own weakness, but I hope for all things from Thy Goodness." *Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque* 

#### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED**

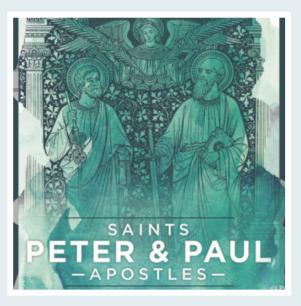
Holy Cross parish is in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers. Training will be conducted in August. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Ken Hossley at 727-219-6789. Thank you!

#### **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Please note that our office hours for the summer are Monday—Friday, 8:30 am to noon.

#### **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., Frank, John, Linda, Idania

# **NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL 2024**

A Eucharistic Procession, just like Eucharistic Adoration, is an extension of the worship of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. The supreme act of adoration and the source and summit of the Christian life is the celebration of the Mass, and that celebration is prolonged and intensified through Eucharistic worship outside of the Mass. In Eucharistic Processions, the missionary aspect of the Eucharist is emphasized as we go forth into the world. Not only gazing upon our Eucharistic Lord, but walking with him, we experience what the disciples did 2000 years ago as they walked with Jesus, proclaiming the Good News to the world. A parish community that undertakes a Eucharistic Procession has made the decision to publicly proclaim its belief in Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist. By this public witness of faith, the parish invites people in the community to encounter the Risen Lord present in the Eucharistic Host. For those who participate in the procession, it is an opportunity not only to proclaim their faith but also to grow in their faith. The procession is, finally, an invitation to lesus himself to be a part of our daily lives, to be immersed in the world in which we live. "We entrust these streets, these homes, our daily life, to his goodness. May our streets be streets of Jesus!

# WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

#### New Director of Liturgy and Worship

Please join us in welcoming Vincent Sclafani to our Holy Cross family as our new Director of Liturgy & Worship! Vincent comes to us with vast experience in Catholic music ministry. He is an accomplished pianist, organist, electric and upright bassist, a singer, and more.

We are glad to have you as a part of our Church family!



May God enrich our lives together as we worship and serve Him. Thank You, O Holy One, for all that has led to this wonderful day. It is with great anticipation, hope, and joy that we greet our new companion. With him, we enter into a new period in the life of our parish. Bless the wisdom, talents, diversity, and faith that he brings and share.

May our houses be homes for him and with him! May our life of every day be penetrated by his presence." Pope Benedict XVI, Homily on Corpus Christi, 26 May 2005. In the 13th Century, when the Solemnity of Corpus Christi was established for the universal Church, Eucharistic Processions quickly became a part of that celebration. Over the following centuries, Eucharistic Processions spread more and more throughout the Church. The Church has consistently encouraged the development and growth of Eucharistic Processions down through the centuries.



# 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**

There are no altar flowers intentions this week.

### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

There are no sanctuary lamp intentions this week.

# ALTAR BREAD & WINE

The altar bread and wine this week is a gift from Andre & Anna Gerardi in honor of Robert Marchiafava.

*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

#### **ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT | JULY 1**

Saint Oliver Plunkett was the last Roman Catholic Martyr to die in England. He was canonized in 1975, the first new Irish saint in almost 700 years.

Oliver was born in Loughcrew, Oldcastle, County Meath in November 1625, the son of the Baron of Loughcrew. As a young man, he wanted to become a priest, but it was illegal to travel to the continent to enter seminary. Even so, he undertook the dangerous journey with four other young men and a Papal Envoy. They were pursued by English privateers, storms at sea, and robbers on land. However, Oliver entered Rome in 1647, and was admitted to the Irish College. He was an excellent student and was ordained on January 1, 1654. Oliver remained in Rome, studied law and served as chaplain at Spienza University, ministered at Santo Spirito hospital, and cared for the poor and ill. By 1657 he was a professor of Theology and later of Controversies at Propaganda College.

The 1650s were a difficult time in for Catholics in Ireland, the majority of population, as Cromwell passed many penal laws against them, and the practice of Catholicism was banned. During this time Oliver was appointed by Irish bishops to be their agent in Rome. Following the



Restoration of Monarchy, Pope Clement IX appointed Oliver Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland 1669. Oliver returned to a country where the Catholic Church was in disarray and divided. He had to travel largely incognito and perform his duties in makeshift locations. He is credited with unifying the Church and in traveling across the eleven dioceses under his purview, confirming thousands, and ordaining several priests.

In 1673 persecution of Catholics was again on the rise and bishops were banned. Oliver went into hiding, but in 1679 he was arrested and charged with treason. He was hanged, drawn, and quartered at Tyburn in July 1681. Before his death he publicly forgave those responsible.

#### WHAT IS A VICAR GENERAL?

The vicar general is a priest, appointed by the bishop and acts in the name of the bishop in administering the diocese. He has executive authority within the diocese. This means that he is involved in the day-to-day pastoral and temporal administration of the diocese. Canon law does not allow a bishop to appoint a relative to the position, nor the priest in charge of the sacrament of penance (his confessor). In both cases, the purpose of the law is to avoid conflicts of interest.



#### BAPTISMS SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022

Congratulations to the Pastrana and Castaneda families for the baptisms of their children on June 11!

Just as a man cannot live in the flesh unless he is born in the flesh, even so a man cannot have the spiritual life of grace unless he is born again spiritually. This regeneration is effected by Baptism (John 3:5)." *Saint Thomas Aquinas* 



