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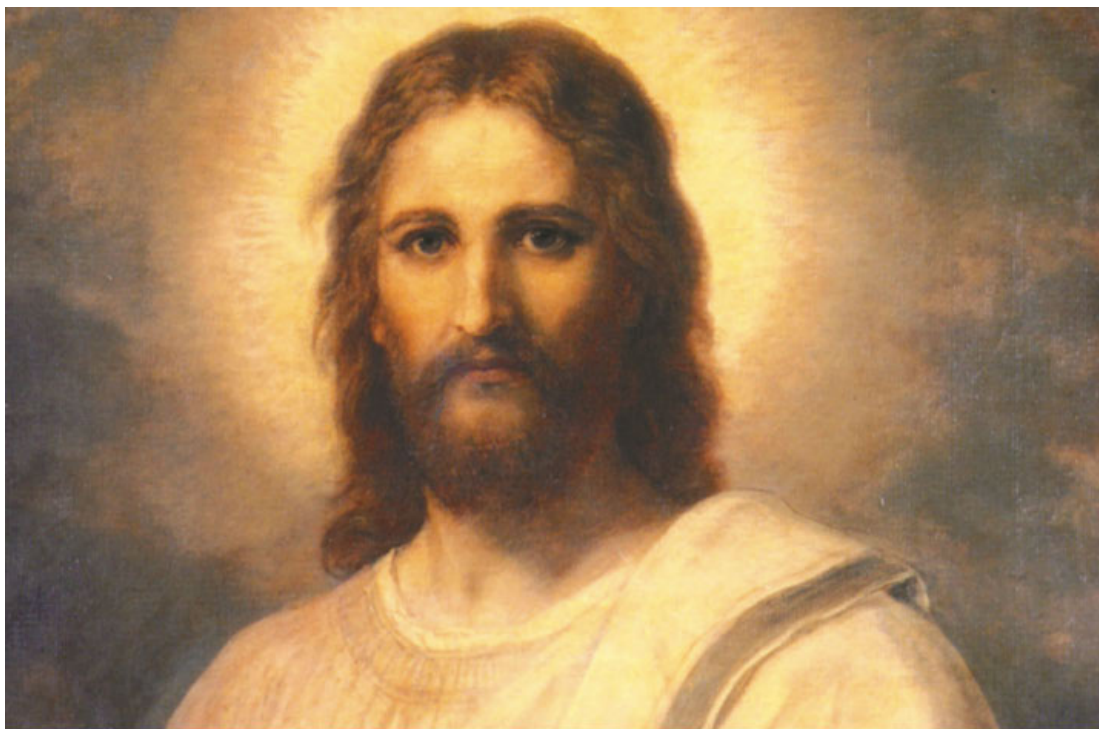
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WELCOME MESSAGE

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!



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

"Supongan que alguno de ustedes tiene un amigo que viene a medianoche a decirle: 'Préstame, por favor, tres panes'. Pero él le responde desde dentro: 'No me molestes'. Si el otro sigue tocando, yo les aseguro que, aunque no se levante a dárselos por ser su amigo, sin embargo, por su molesta insistencia, sí se levantará y le dará cuanto necesite". - Lc 11, 5. 7. 8

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SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022 | 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

DEAR FRIENDS,

What is a prayer? A prayer is a conversation with God. To put otherwise, it is communication between God and the human being who opens up to his/her Creator. In today's readings we are reminded of the purpose of it. When we pray, we should give priority to God rather to ourselves. Does not Jesus tell us that our Father knows what we need even before we tell Him and ask for it? Yes, He did. Then what?

What striking in today's gospel reading is the fact that disciples are asking the Lord to teach them how to pray. Their humility which, I would say, is fruit of their awareness about their own spiritual emptiness, leads them to ask for the Lord to teach them how to pray. It is always difficult to acknowledge one's own emptiness especially with regards to the ways we relate to God. The disciples could have been proud of themselves and claim that they know everything because they were the closest collaborators of Jesus. On the contrary, the closer they were to the Lord, the more fragile and lesser articulate they felt in their relationship with the Father. The truth they convey to us is that our relationship with the Lord should always nurture in us hunger and thirst for a deeper relationship in our conversation with Him.

Have you ever thought about this? Maybe you have, and you realized how sometimes meaningless and empty your words are in your prayer. When you look at your focus during your prayer time, you may wonder whether these or those are the right words you should have uttered. What is the focus of your prayer? What are you asking for, and what are telling your Lord? Jesus says, "you do not receive what you ask for in prayers, because you do not know how to pray." So, let us, as disciples, ask the Lord to teach us to pray. While He gives us the structure of true prayer in the 'Lord's Prayer,' Jesus reminds of two major things in our prayer life: perseverance and trust. God is our Father who will always provide for us and give us what we ask for with humility and trust.

During this time of Eucharistic Revival, one of the most important prayer is Eucharistic Adoration. We come to the Lord not only to talk to Him but to listen to Him. In Eucharistic Adoration, we enter in deep relationship of interior conversation with the Eucharistic Christ, present in front of us. There we experience the murmuring and whispering of the Lord that we hear loudly in our hearts and souls. There, we hear the Lord saying and proclaiming once more His love for us all and for you. There, He calls you by your name, telling you about the deep love He has for you, and assuring you of His endless care and support. In the Eucharistic Adoration, we hear once more the Lord telling us to lay everything, our loads at His feet.

Today, as we ask for the Lord to teach us how to pray, His respond is, "come and spend some minutes with me. Take your time and gaze upon my face as I look at you and pour my love upon you." You are His own, and He will always give you even more than what you ask for... Besides your corporal needs, He gives you abundance of the Holy Spirit when you ask him in prayers with perseverance and humility.

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

QUERIDOS AMIGOS,

¿Qué es una oración? Una oración es una conversación con Dios. Dicho de otro modo, es comunicación entre Dios y el ser humano que se abre a su Creador. En las lecturas de hoy se nos recuerda su propósito. Cuando oramos, debemos dar prioridad a Dios en vez de a nosotros mismos. ¿No nos dice Jesús que nuestro Padre sabe lo que necesitamos incluso antes de que se lo digamos y lo pidamos? Sí, lo hizo. ¿Y que?

Lo sorprendente en la lectura del evangelio de hoy es el hecho de que los discípulos le piden al Señor que les enseñe a orar. Su humildad que, diría, es fruto de la conciencia de su propio vacío espiritual, les lleva a pedir al Señor que les enseñe a orar. Siempre es difícil reconocer el propio vacío, especialmente con respecto a las formas en que nos relacionamos con Dios. Los discípulos podrían haber estado orgullosos de sí mismos y afirmar que lo saben todo porque fueron los colaboradores más cercanos de Jesús. Al contrario, cuanto más cerca estaban del Señor, más frágiles y menos articulados se sentían en su relación con el Padre. La verdad que nos transmiten es que nuestra relación con el Señor siempre debe alimentar en nosotros el hambre y la sed de una relación más profunda en nuestra conversación con Él.

¿Alguna vez ha pensado en esto? Tal vez sí, y te diste cuenta de cuán a veces sin sentido y vacías son tus palabras en tu oración. Cuando miras tu enfoque durante tu tiempo de oración, puedes preguntarte si estas o aquellas son las palabras correctas que deberías haber pronunciado. ¿Cuál es el enfoque de su oración? ¿Qué pides y qué le dices a tu Señor? Jesús dice, "no reciben lo que piden en las oraciones, porque no saben orar". Así que, como discípulos, pidamos al Señor que nos enseñe a orar. Si bien nos da la estructura del verdadero orar en el "Padrenuestro", Jesús nos recuerda dos cosas importantes en nuestra vida de oración: la perseverancia y la confianza. Dios es nuestro Padre que siempre nos proveerá y nos dará lo que le pidamos con humildad y confianza.

Durante este tiempo de Avivamiento Eucarístico, una de las oraciones más importantes es la Adoración Eucarística. Venimos al Señor no solo para hablar con Él sino para escucharlo. En la Adoración Eucarística entramos en profunda relación de conversación interior con Cristo Eucarístico, presente frente a nosotros. Allí experimentamos el murmullo y susurro del Señor que escuchamos en voz alta en nuestros corazones y almas. Allí escuchamos al Señor decir y proclamar una vez más su amor por todos nosotros y por vosotros. Allí, Él te llama por tu nombre, hablándote del profundo amor que te tiene y asegurándote Su cuidado y apoyo infinitos. En la Adoración Eucarística, escuchamos una vez más al Señor diciéndonos que pongamos todo, nuestras cargas a Sus pies.

Hoy, cuando le pedimos al Señor que nos enseñe a orar, Su respuesta es: "Ven y pasa unos minutos conmigo. Tómate tu tiempo y mira mi rostro mientras yo te miro y derramo mi amor sobre ti". Vosotros sois suyos, y siempre os dará más de lo que pidáis... Además de vuestras necesidades corporales, os da la abundancia del Espíritu Santo cuando le pidáis en oración con perseverancia y humildad.

Sigamos orando unos por otros y por nuestra familia parroquial.

READINGS

FIRST READING

GN 18:20-32

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out." While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" The LORD replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham spoke up again: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?" He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there." But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty." Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there." Still Abraham went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?" The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty." But he still persisted: "Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

SECOND READING

COL 2:12-14

Brothers and sisters: You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

GOSPEL READING

LK 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence. "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

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, JUL 23

8:00 am †

4:00 pm †

JER 7:1-11/MT 13:24-30

Ricardo Suarez Macias

Antonette Borrelli

SUN, JUL 24

8:00 am

10:00 am †

12:30 pm

GN 18:20-32/COL 2:12-14/LK 11:1-13

Holy Cross Parishioners

Vernon Strickland

Felix Rivera

MON, JUL 25

8:00 am †

12:00 pm †

2 COR 4:7-15/MT 20:20-28

Cathelyn Kapuy

Betty M. Pierotti

TUES, JUL 26

8:00 am †

12:00 pm †

JER 14:7-22/MT 13:36-43

Ricardo Suarez Macias

Ellen Stanton

WED, JUL 27

8:00 am

12:00 pm

7:00 pm †

JER 15:10, 16-21/MT 13:44-48

Vocations

Caitlin Kassebaum

Luis Eduardo Mesa Luchito

THURS, JUL 28

8:00 am †

12:00 pm

JER 18:1-6/MT 13:47-53

Ricardo Suarez Macias

Claudia Crispyn

FRI, JUL 29

8:00 am †

12:00 pm

JER 28:1-9/JN 11:19-27 OR LK 10:38-42

Richard Rigaux

Caitlin & Andrew Kassebaum

SAT, JUL 30

8:00 am †

4:00 pm †

JER 28:11-16, 24/MT 14:1-12

Kalyn Byaly

Andrea Beaucage

SUN, JUL 31

8:00 am

10:00 am

12:30 pm †

ECCL 1:2; 2:21-23/COL 3:1-5, 9-11/LK 12:13-21

Holy Cross Parishioners

Jackie Velez

Gutierrez-Romo Family

PARISH NEWS

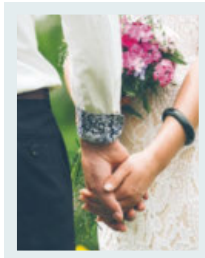


BINGO

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!

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION OPENING SOON

Registration is opening **July 31** for Faith Formation, grades K-8, as well as sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Forms can be downloaded off our website, or filled out online. Please make sure to return your registrations as soon as possible, along with all required paperwork for 2022-23!



MARRIAGE JUBILEE MASS

The Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving will take place at the Cathedral of St. Jude on Sunday, August 21, at 3:00pm. This event honors couples throughout the diocese who celebrated their 25th anniversary in 2021 or 2022, as well as those celebrating 50 or more years of

marriage. Please RSVP to the parish office by Monday August 8.

LECTORS NEEDED

A message from from Joan Terrell, our Lectors ministry head: "Because of covid and other things, some of my lectors have dropped out. But I feel blessed by God that the lectors that I do have now are dedicated and loyal. They are awesome! I need lectors for both weekend and weekday masses. If you feel that God is telling you that this ministry is what He wants you to do, then contact me, Joan Terrell, at flaterrellstoo@gmail.com."



SAINT QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, which is moved and carried about by the wind. Therefore let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord." St. James, Apostle

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.



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, Stacey, Louis, Steve, Marge, Ms. Blue, Heather, Emily, Walter, Nicholas, Gabriel

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL 2024

"If Christ did not want to dismiss the Jews without food in the desert for fear that they would collapse on the way, it was to teach us that it is dangerous to try to get to heaven without the Bread of Heaven." St. Jerome

"How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes. You do see Him, you touch Him, you eat Him. He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment." St. John Chrysostom

"I throw myself at the foot of the Tabernacle like a dog at the foot of his Master." St. John Vianney

"All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man." St. John Vianney, Cure d'Ars

"Of the sacrifice which we offer in every place, that is, of the bread and chalice of the Eucharist, Malachias has prophesied." St. Justin, 2nd Century Martyr

"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar." St. Maximilian Kolbe

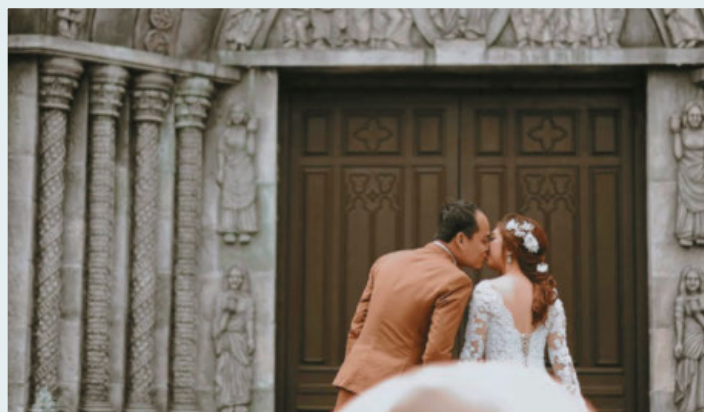
"We have close to us as much as Joseph had at Nazareth; we have our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, but our poor eyes fail to see Him. Let us once become interior souls and we shall immediately see. In no better way can we enter into the Heart of our Lord than through Saint Joseph. Jesus and Mary are eager to pay the debts which they owe him for his devoted care of them, and their greatest pleasure is to fulfill his least desire. Let him, then, lead you by hand into the interior sanctuary of Jesus Eucharistic." St. Peter Julian Eymard



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Dialogo Matrimonial MDS

Invita a las parejas a nuestras reuniones semanales los Miércoles de 7:30 pm–9pm en el salón social. Nuestra misión es fomentar una relación de pareja (casada o no casada) bajo el plan de Dios basado en el amor, comprensión, y respeto teniendo como base una buena comunicación y a Dios como centro del hogar. Nuestro propósito es apoyar el crecimiento espiritual de todas las parejas basado en temas relacionados al matrimonio que tienen como referencia la Palabra de Dios y el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica. Tenemos niñera para que las parejas que tienen niños, puedan asistir a las reuniones sin preocupaciones. Los esperamos.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of July 9–10, 2022

Envelopes: 184 (out of 732 families)

Online Giving: \$ 1,759.50 (from 33 donors)

Weekly Total: \$ 7,719.80

Annual Budget: \$ 291,200.00



ALTAR FLOWERS

There are no altar flower intentions this week.

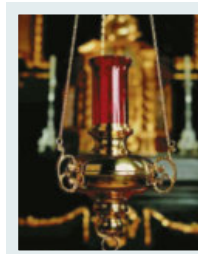
SANCTUARY LAMP

There are no sanctuary lamp intentions this week.



ALTAR BREAD & WINE

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



CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

FUNDING DIOCESAN MINISTRIES AND SERVICES

2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL (CMA)

Goal: \$54,225.00

Actual Pledged: \$44,434.50

Total Paid: \$40,741.17

Total Unpaid: \$3,693.33

Number of Families: 732

Number of Pledges: 195

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 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
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Parish Secretary

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Director of Faith Formation

Shirley Schuler
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Vincent Sclafani
Evangelization & Worship

Angelica Bañuelos-Espino
Weddings & Quinceañeras

Millie Haylock
Baptisms

FAITH FORMATION

DAILY FAITH

Question: What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Answer: Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Recite the rosary together. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people.

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE | JULY 25

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee.

Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb.

In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.

Saint James, pray for us!

commits to a Holy Hour on a distinct day of the week, thus covering a complete week. The Holy Hour is ideally prayed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We ask for a one-year commitment, which can begin at any time, and is renewable each June. If you are interested in committing to this apostolate, or simply wish to learn more, please contact Laura McKenna 813-340-9305 or tennismc@msn.com or MaryAnn Taylor 502-550-4860 or martaylady@gmail.com. Thank you!

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

Please join us in the small hall to learn more about the Seven Sisters apostolate on **August 11**, after the noon mass. Refreshments will be served. If you are already a sister please come to meet each other. If you are a sub please come so we can show our appreciation. The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call for women to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of our parish priests. Each woman

commits to a Holy Hour on a distinct day of the week, thus covering a complete week. The Holy Hour is ideally prayed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We ask for a one-year commitment, which can begin at any time, and is renewable each June. If you are interested in committing to this apostolate, or simply wish to learn more, please contact Laura McKenna 813-340-9305 or tennismc@msn.com or MaryAnn Taylor 502-550-4860 or martaylady@gmail.com. Thank you!



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