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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



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:20-21

"Pero Dios le dijo: '¡Insensato! Esta misma noche vas a morir. ¿Para quién serán todos tus bienes?' Lo mismo le pasa al que amontona riquezas para sí mismo y no se hace rico de lo que vale ante Dios". - Lc 12, 20-21

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SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022 | 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

DEAR FRIENDS,

A Roman Poet named Horace has a life aphorism, "Carpe diem," translated by "Seize the day." The saying is usually used to encourage someone to make the most of the present rather than dwelling on the future. This invitation to focus only on immediate success and fulfillment in life has brought different understandings of happiness, particularly the one themed Hedonism, which is the belief that pleasure, or the absence of pain, is the most important principle in determining the morality of a potential course of action. This has led to the moral relativism that characterizes our world today.

Today's readings take us to a different direction and different level of understanding the meaning of our life. They remind us of the purpose of life. Why did God create human beings? Saint Paul said that we are not citizens of the world. "We are citizens of heaven..." (Philippians 3:20-21). The same truth comes from the mouth of Christ in his priestly prayer in the gospel of John when he says, "I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world" (John 17:15-16).

Two things to consider here. For one we are reminded that life is a journey on earth; and as such it should be oriented towards things which make us experience the ascent to the highest joy and happiness, which is communion with the Lord. Secondly, that we are meant to strive to live up the foretaste of what we shall be here on earth. For the kingdom of heaven is at hand. It is already here although not yet fulfilled. We are invited to labor for what is above because all is vanity here on earth. Concern for temporal materials will always be cause of distress and anxiety.

The first reading from the book of Qoheleth is a constant reminder is given to us today as antidot to the culture of jouissance that characterized our world today. Happiness is a function of the social rank we hold or our possession. We are reminded that material possessions have a mission and purpose in God's plan; that they are means to help us strengthen our relationship with God and to spread God's love. They are not an end on their own. True richness is to be found in a personal relationship with God when we strive to seek the One who is above. This will make us claim not only what we have but who we are as belonging to Christ. Seek ye first the kingdom of heaven and everything else will be given to you besides.

At this table, God invites us to share in eternal food which is more valuable than any other food. Whereas material food and possessions can give us a certain level of joy and relief, they will not give us eternal happiness. It is only in and with God that we will find true food that sustains our life.

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

QUERIDOS AMIGOS,

Un poeta romano llamado Horacio tiene un aforismo de vida, "Carpe diem", traducido por "Aprovecha el día". El dicho generalmente se usa para alentar a alguien a aprovechar al máximo el presente en lugar de pensar en el futuro. Esta invitación a centrarse solo en el éxito inmediato y la realización en la vida ha traído diferentes interpretaciones de la felicidad, en particular el hedonismo temático, que es la creencia de que el placer, o la ausencia de dolor, es el principio más importante para determinar la moralidad de un potencial. Curso de acción. Esto ha llevado al relativismo moral que caracteriza nuestro mundo hoy.

Las lecturas de hoy nos llevan a una dirección diferente y a un nivel diferente de comprensión del significado de nuestra vida. Nos recuerdan el propósito de la vida. ¿Por qué Dios creó a los seres humanos? San Pablo dijo que no somos ciudadanos del mundo. "Somos ciudadanos del cielo..." (Filipenses 3:20-21). La misma verdad sale de la boca de Cristo en su oración sacerdotal en el evangelio de Juan cuando dice: "No te pido que los quites del mundo, sino que los protejas del maligno. Ellos no pertenecen al mundo más de lo que yo pertenezco al mundo" (Juan 17:15-16).

Dos cosas a considerar aquí. Por un lado, se nos recuerda que la vida es un viaje en la tierra; y como tal debe orientarse hacia cosas que nos hagan experimentar la ascensión al gozo y felicidad más altos, que es la comunión con el Señor. En segundo lugar, que estamos destinados a esforzarnos por vivir el anticipo de lo que seremos aquí en la tierra. Porque el reino de los cielos se ha acercado. Ya está aquí aunque aún no se ha cumplido. Estamos invitados a trabajar por lo de arriba porque todo es vanidad aquí en la tierra. La preocupación por los materiales temporales siempre será causa de angustia y ansiedad.

La primera lectura del libro de Qoheleth es un recuerdo constante que se nos da hoy como antídoto a la cultura del goce que caracterizó nuestro mundo de hoy. La felicidad está en función del rango social que ostentemos o de nuestra posesión. Se nos recuerda que las posesiones materiales tienen una misión y propósito en el plan de Dios; que son medios para ayudarnos a fortalecer nuestra relación con Dios y a difundir el amor de Dios. No son un fin en sí mismos. La verdadera riqueza se encuentra en una relación personal con Dios cuando nos esforzamos por buscar a Aquel que está arriba. Esto nos hará reclamar no solo lo que tenemos, sino también lo que somos como pertenecientes a Cristo. Buscad primero el reino de los cielos y todo lo demás se os dará.

En esta mesa, Dios nos invita a compartir el alimento eterno que es más valioso que cualquier otro alimento. Mientras que los alimentos y las posesiones materiales pueden darnos un cierto nivel de alegría y alivio, no nos darán la felicidad eterna. Sólo en y con Dios encontraremos el verdadero alimento que sostiene nuestra vida.

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

READINGS

FIRST READING

ECC 1:2: 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill, and yet to another who has not labored over it, he must leave property. This also is vanity and a great misfortune. For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation; even at night his mind is not at rest. This also is vanity.

SECOND READING

COL 3:1-5, 9-11

Brothers and sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all.

GOSPEL READING

LK 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Then he told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to 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

12:30 pm MON, AUG 1

8:00 am

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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

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SAT, JUL 30 8:00 am 4:00 pm	† †	JER 26:11-16, 24/MT 14:1-12 Kalyn Byaly Andrea Beaucage
SUN, JUL 31 8:00 am 10:00 am		ECCL 1:2; 2:21-23/COL 3:1-5, 9-11/LK 12:13-21 Holy Cross Parishioners Jackie Velez

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JER 28:1-17/MT 14:13-21 Gloria Mantione **Rita Marshall**

JER 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/MT 14:22-36 loe Charron Oliver A. Pugliese

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TUES, AUG 2

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

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12:00 pm SAT, AUG 6

8:00 am 4:00 pm

SUN. AUG 7

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

JER 31:1-7/MT 15:21-28 Vocations Carolyn McBride Living & Deceased Members of

the Banuelos Cardenas Family JER 31:31-34/MT 16:13-23 Austin & Herby Violette John P. Kennedy

NA 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/MT 16:24-28 Ron Newinski & Family Michael Zalewski

DN 7:9-10, 13-14/LK 9:28B-36 **Diane Marie Barnes** John Maire

WIS 18:6-9/HEB 11:1-2. 8-19LK 12:32-48 Heather Sullivan Holy Cross Parishioners Felicitas Rodriguez de Espino

PARISH NEWS



CATECHSITS NEEDED

The office of Faith Formation is looking for catechists to teach our faith, 11:15 am—12:15 pm on Sundays. We are also looking for youth volunteers, grades 9— 12, to assist teachers in the classroom. If you love children and our faith, we have a place for you. No experience necessary! If you are interested or

would like more information, please email Michelle Timm at <u>faithformation@holycrossrcc.com</u>.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration is **now open** 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.

FORMED WEEKLY WATCHLIST

This week's FORMED weekly watchlist is *Clare and Francis,* an epic feature film about the lives of St. Clare and St. Francis of Assisi. Please visit us at holycrossrcc.com to watch this delightful and informative movie for free on FORMED.org!



SAINT QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Love tends to union with the object loved. Now Jesus Christ loves a soul that is in a state of grace with immense love; He ardently desires to unite Himself with it. That is what Holy Communion does." Saint Alphonsus Liguori

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, Lleva, Robert, Margaret N., Tina V., Frank, John, Linda, Idania, Stacey, Louis, Steve, Marge, Ms. Blue, Heather, Emily, Walter, Nicholas, Gabriel & family, Heather, Michael, Mary

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL 2024

15 Q. What are the species of the bread and of the wine?

A. The species of the bread and of the wine are the quantity and sensible qualities of the bread and of the wine, such as the form, the color, and the taste.

16 Q. How can the species of the bread and of the wine remain without their substance?

A. The species of the bread and of the wine remain without their substance in a wonderful way by the power of God Almighty.

17 Q. Under the species of the bread is there only the Body of Jesus Christ and under the species of the wine only His Blood?

A. Both under the species of the bread and under the species of the wine the living Jesus Christ is all present, with His Body, His Blood, His Soul and His Divinity.

18 Q. Can you tell me why Jesus Christ is whole and entire both in the host and in the chalice? A. Both in the host and in the chalice Jesus Christ is whole and entire, because He is living and immortal in the Eucharist as He is in heaven; hence where His Body is, there also are His Blood, His Soul, and His Divinity; and where His Blood is, there also are His

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.



Body, His Soul and His Divinity, all these being inseparable in Jesus Christ.

19 Q. When Jesus Christ is in the host does He cease to be in heaven?

A. When Jesus Christ is in the host He does not cease to be in heaven, but is at one and the same time in heaven and in the Blessed Sacrament.

20 Q. Is Jesus Christ present in all the consecrated hosts in the world?

A. Yes, Jesus Christ is present in all consecrated hosts in the world.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of July 16—17, 2022 Envelopes: (out of 732 families) Online Giving: \$ 479.50 (from 33 donors) Weekly Total: \$ \$5,459.88 Annual Budget: \$ 291,200.00

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

SANCTUARY LAMP

The sanctuary lamp this week is a gift from Pat Morrison in memory of Andrea Beaucage.

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

The altar bread and wine this week is a gift from Pat Morrison in memory of Andrea Beaucage.

CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL FUNDING DIOCESAN MINISTRIES AND SERVICES

2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL (CMA)

Goal: \$54,225.00 Actual Pledged: \$44,571.50 Total Paid: \$41,869.84 Total Unpaid: \$3,701.66 Number of Families: 732 Number of Pledges: 199

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.



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Parish Secretary Michelle Tamulewicz-Timm Director of Faith Formation

> Shirley Schuler *Housekeeper*

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

Vincent Sclafani Evangelization & Worship

Angelica Bañuelos-Espino Weddings & Quinceañeras

> Millie Haylock Baptisms

FAITH FORMATION

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What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We can easily become quasihoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our selfworth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught.



When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.

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.

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 oneyear 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 <u>tennismc@msn.com</u> or MaryAnn Taylor 502-550-4860 or <u>martaylady@gmail.com</u>. Thank you!



