



# Church of the Holy Cross

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*Holy Cross is a diverse community, welcoming and accepting, united in Catholic faith, and committed to forming people in the image of Christ to better serve the Lord and our neighbor.*

El Boletín *Encuentro* en español se encuentra en la páginas 5 & 6.

### Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm (Spanish)

### Weekday Masses

M, W, F 9:00 am

T, Th 6:30 am

Sat. 7:30 am

### Reconciliation

Sat. 3:30 - 4:30 pm, and

Wed. 6:00 - 7:00 pm

### Anointing of the Sick

Individually by appointment, scheduled during Mass in the Fall and Spring

### Baptisms

Usually the 4th weekend of the month during the 5:00 pm and 11:00 am Masses. Parent classes are every other month.

### Matrimony

Six months notice required. Couples should contact the Parish office for more information.

### Parish Office hours

Mon - Th 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Fri 8:30 am - Noon

### Holy Cross Catholic School

8101 W. 95th Street

913-381-7408

### Early Education Center

7917 W. 95th Street

913-381-7151

## THIRD SUNDAY

# OF Advent

As the earth brings forth its plants,  
and a garden makes its growth spring up,  
so will the Lord God make justice and praise  
spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11



**DECEMBER 17, 2017**



**Make  
straight  
the way  
of the  
Lord**

**Readings for Next Sunday:**

*4th weekend in Advent*

2 SM 7:1-5    1 ROM 16:25-27    LK 1:26-38

**Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:**

Jim Giordano, Ana Marie Antonio, Stephanie Park,  
Antoinette Arragon, Brian Cavanaugh and Dave Jones

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**Welcome to Church of the Holy Cross!** We invite you to join the parish! Fill out the form below and we will send a registration packet to you or go to [www.holycrossopks.org](http://www.holycrossopks.org) to register online.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Drop in collection basket, bring or mail to:  
Church of the Holy Cross, 8311 W 93rd St.  
Overland Park, KS 66212

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday**

9:00 a.m. Hai Hoahg

**Tuesday**

6:30 a.m. World Hunger

**Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. Christian Watson  
7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Peace and Unity in the Church

**Friday**

9:00 a.m. Mary Ann Bockelman

**Saturday**

7:30 a.m. Maria Nguyen  
5:00 p.m. Edward Pelot  
7:00 p.m. Melanie Cruz

**Sunday**

10:00 a.m. Bill Burkhart  
1:00 p.m. People of the Parish  
4:30 p.m. Tony Smigin - Christmas Eve, downstairs  
4:30 p.m. Edward Pelot - Christmas Eve, church  
8:00 p.m. Bill Bronson - Christmas Eve  
9:30 p.m. Gary Matousek - Christmas Eve



**Finance Update**

Weekly Collection Report for Dec. 3, 2017

Dec. 3    FYTD (11/31)    FYTD Bud.

Weekly Offering	\$25,611	\$558,035	\$577,750
Capital Campaign	\$1,539	\$39,737	\$20,000
Special Donations	\$755	\$17,356	\$14,056

*\*Our Fiscal Year runs July 1st thru June 30th.*

Loan and Assessment Balances

St. James High School Loan:	\$354,626
Renovation Construction Loan:	\$403,030
Archdiocesan Assessments:	\$586,026

**Looking ahead, start your New Year off right!**

***Bible study, book of Genesis***

Start the New Year with Bible Study! Fr. Mike will conduct a study on the book of Genesis. Two different time sessions are offered a week, Wednesday evenings or Friday mornings.

Wednesday at 7:30 pm

Jan. 3, Jan. 10, Jan. 17 Jan. 24

Fridays at 9:45 am

Jan. 5, Jan. 12, Jan. 19, Jan. 26



## *Advent & Christmas Masses*

**Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year. Does going to a Christmas Eve Mass cover my Sunday Mass obligation?** No, you would still need to attend either the Saturday Vigil on Dec. 23 or Sunday, Dec. 24 at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm (SP).

### **Regular weekend Masses - 4th weekend of Advent**

Saturday, December 23, 2017 at 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (SP)  
Sunday December 24, 2017 at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm (SP)

### **Christmas Masses**

*December 24*

4:30 pm in the church, 4:30 pm in Lickteig Hall,  
8:00 pm, 9:30 pm, 11:00 pm (SP)

*December 25*

10:00 am, 1:00 pm (SP)

### **Regular weekend Masses**

Saturday, December 30, 2017 at 5:00 pm, 7:00 (SP)  
Sunday, December 31, 2017 at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,  
1:00 pm (SP)

### **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Vigil Mass on Sun. December 31 at 5:00 pm,  
Monday, January 1, 2018 10:00 am, 1:00 pm (SP)



### **Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Cross**

Wednesday, December 20 at 5:00 pm  
Saturday, December 23 at 3:30 pm

### **Communal Penance Services**

**Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 pm**  
Queen of the Holy Rosary (Wea) and St. Ann  
**Sunday, December 17 at 7:30 pm**  
Nativity



### **Memorial flowers**

Each year the altar is beautifully decorated with flowers donated by parishioners in memory of their deceased loved ones. We invite you to donate \$15 for memorial flowers. Call the church office at 913-381-2755 or stop by during office hours to make a donation.

The Parish office will have reduced hours over the next two weeks so that our staff can spend time with their families over the Christmas break. Please feel free to email us with questions or concerns or set up a time to come in and speak with one of us. Email address can be found in the left column. We pray that you will have a healthy and blessed Christmas season.

### **Perpetual Adoration**

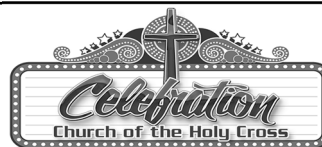
#### **Special needs are:**

Sunday 1:00am, 3:00am, 5:00am, 9:00am  
Monday 2:00am  
Tuesday 1:00am, 2:00am, 3:00am, 9:00pm,  
11:00pm  
Wednesday 1:00am, 3:00am, 4:00am  
Thursday 3:00am, 3:00pm  
Friday 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm  
Saturday 4:00am, 7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 3:00pm,  
5:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm



#### To be an adorer, call

Ruth Kuse 913-963-3700 (text or call) ruthkuse@gmail.com  
Jade Gough 913-488-6607 jough7@hotmail.com  
If you are unable to keep your hour(s) or find a sub please let one of us know via call, text or email.



***Celebration is our parish wide dinner and auction that benefits all of our Holy Cross ministries.***

Saturday January 20, 2018  
Mass at 4:00 pm ~ Check in at 5:00 and fun until 1:00 am

Celebration tickets are on sale!

***Early-bird ticket discount ends Dec. 17th!***

Come join us for an evening of dinner, bidding, winning, dancing and fun! Early Bird cost is \$40/person until Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at which time cost will go to \$50/person, except if over age of 55 then it is \$45/person. For more information or to buy a ticket or register visit our website at <https://bidpal.net/hccscelebration>. For questions, please call contact Brandi Garcia at 913-835-8898.



Please check out the stars on the Celebration display in the church lobby. If you can help out by donating an item from a star we would greatly appreciate it! Thanks for your support of the Holy Cross ***Celebration!***



*In communion with family and church, Holy Cross Catholic School will provide our students with a high quality education and a Christ centered approach to the world community.*

**Message from the principal**

Give your children the best Christmas present ever – a Catholic education!

Holy Cross Catholic School is ready for you. Children in Pre-K thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade receive an exceptional education in a faith-filled environment.

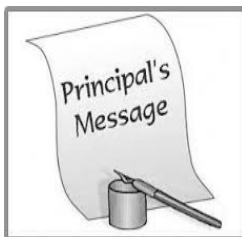
Please contact Allison Carney, Principal at 913-381-7408 or [acarney@holycrosscatholicschool.com](mailto:acarney@holycrosscatholicschool.com) to schedule a tour.

Enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year opens on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Tuition assistance is available for parish families. Don't allow finances to be your only deterrent to a Catholic education.

Experience the Difference! Call today.

God Bless,

*Allison Carney*



**Religious Education This Week**

Our Afternoon Program's theme is the *Epiphany*. The Magi searched for the baby Jesus to honor Him, revealing Him as the Savior of the World.

Our Family Program looks at *Mary and the Saints*. They show us how important it is to say yes to God's call in our lives.

**Remember to turn in your Home Lessons** if you have a child preparing to receive First Reconciliation!

Religious Education classes will not meet on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. Classes resume Jan. 9, 2018!

For questions call Robert Bacic or Patricia Argueta (se habla español) at 381-2757.

**Preparation dates**

Final class of 2017 on December 17  
Sunday from 6:15pm - 8:00pm

**No class December 24, 31**

Please enter through the northwest door. For questions or to discuss attendance please contact, Heather Roche, [hroche@holycrossopks.org](mailto:hroche@holycrossopks.org)



Attention all Sunshine Club Members. Our first 2018 breakfast meeting will be held on Sunday January 7 after the 7:30 mass. Hope you are able to come celebrate the beginning of the New Year with us. If you are interested in joining please contact Karen Peterson at 816-519-5105 or by e-mail at [cakemaker49@gmail.com](mailto:cakemaker49@gmail.com). Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



Scrip will be available to purchase next week in the Parish office. Please email Jonathan Oakes at [joakes@holycrossopks.org](mailto:joakes@holycrossopks.org) to arrange a time to come by and make your last minute holiday purchases

For those really last minute shoppers, Scrip will be available for Sale after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Mass at 10:00 am on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Thank you for your support of Holy Cross!

**See it. Clip it. Help us earn it!**

We collect Box Tops for Education and Best Choice UPC labels all year round! Please keep on clipping! ***Our submission date for Best Choice labels is this month, December!*** Please drop off at the school office or the church as soon as you can.



The school will be closed for Christmas break from Dec. 18 until Jan. 2, 2018. See you on Jan. 3, 2018!

**A CHRISTMAS BLESSING**

Wilda English, n.d.

God grant you the light of Christmas,  
which is faith;  
the warmth of Christmas,  
which is purity;  
the righteousness of Christmas,  
which is justice;  
the belief in Christmas,  
which is truth;  
the all of Christmas,  
which is Christ.

Blessings to each of you this Christmas season and through the New Year of 2018.  
Know of our prayers for you.  
Staff of Keeler Women's Center

### First Saturday Devotion

The next First Saturday devotion will be on **Saturday, January 6**. The Rosary will be prayed at 7:05am, Mass at 7:30am, followed by coffee and donuts in the church hall. All are welcome to join.



### Art Show at Boulevard Brewery for CEF

The Catholic Education Foundation's Futures' Committee is hosting their annual art event Thursday, February 8, 2018, at the Boulevard Brewery. The CEF Art Event offers an exciting evening of music, food and drink as well as the opportunity to view and bid on professional art along with featured CEF student art. All proceeds from this event go to support the CEF Guardian Angel Fund which provides emergency scholarships for families whose children attend designated Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. These scholarships help families who have experienced unexpected personal hardships (medical bills, job loss, etc.) that might impact a family's ability to pay their child's Catholic school tuition. For more information please visit [www.cefks.org/events/art-event-2018](http://www.cefks.org/events/art-event-2018)

**Project Uplift** ~ Join us as we answer the call to feed the homeless. Holy Cross works with Project Uplift, a Kansas City Metro volunteer group whose fundamental belief is that each life matters. Our slot is the first Monday of each month from 4:30 pm - 10:30 pm. Please contact Rich Bontrager at (913) 381-5362 or sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4faea72da2f49-project1>. This is a great opportunity for teens to get service hours.

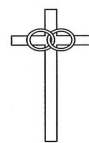
### Stewardship Reflection

December 17, 2017

*"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 -18*

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

### Marriage Minute



#### *Rejoice always!*

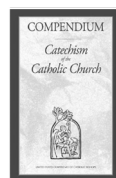
In these weeks before Christmas, we often hear the word "joy," usually accompanied by a couple laughing as they share a blanket and sip cocoa by the fire. But what happens if our circumstances aren't "merry and bright?" What if our family is experiencing painful relationships, illness, death or serious financial strain? In these times, we can remember this weekend's readings which tell us, "Rejoice always." Always?! Yes! Joy recognizes that the coming of Jesus means:

- Forgiveness that sets us free, even if others don't change.
- Hope of eternal life.
- Strength to endure trials.
- Comfort knowing that Jesus became man to enter into our suffering.

Need some joy this week?

Try one of our DIY Date Nights in the Resource section of [www.joyfulmarriageproject.com](http://www.joyfulmarriageproject.com).

### Catechism Corner



*How should we understand the reality of sin?*

Sin is present in human history. This reality of sin can be understood clearly only in the light of divine revelation and above all in the light of Christ the Savior of all. Where sin abounded, he made grace to abound all the more. Further reading: CCC



TurnStyles Thrift Store, a ministry of Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, is excited to announce our new store and donation drop-off site. The store is scheduled to be open to the public in March of 2018. Donations of gently used clothing, housewares and furniture will be accepted starting Dec. 22 on every Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. As a volunteer driven ministry, TurnStyles will need lots of help at the new location. If you are interested in helping please attend a Volunteer Open House on Jan. 26 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the new store. For questions please call 913-433-2100 or email [cnekvolunteers@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:cnekvolunteers@catholiccharitiesks.org)

## Misas de Adviento y Navidad

**La Nochebuena es un domingo este año. ¿Asistir a Misa de Nochebuena cubre mi obligación de Misa Dominical?** No, aún necesitarías asistir ya sea a una Misa de vigilia el sábado, dic. 23 o el domingo, dic. 24 a las 10:00 am o 1:00 pm (Español).

### Misas Regulares de Fin de Semana

sábado, diciembre 23, 2017 a las 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Español)  
domingo, diciembre 24, 2017 at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm (Español)

### \*\*Misas Navideñas

diciembre 24

4:30 pm (en la iglesia), 4:30 pm (en el salón),  
8:00 pm, 9:30 pm, 11:00 pm (Español)

diciembre 25

### Misas Regulares de Fin de Semana

domingo, diciembre 31, 2017 a las 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm (Español)

### Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios -

Misa de Vigilia el dom, 31 de diciembre a las 5:00 pm,  
lunes, enero 1, 2018 10:00 am, 1:00 pm (Español)

**\*\*Indica Día Santo de Obligación**

### Sacramento de Reconciliación en Holy Cross

miércoles, diciembre 20 at las 5:00 pm  
sábado, diciembre 23 a las 3:30 pm



**Celebration es nuestra cena y subasta parroquial que beneficia todos los ministerios de Holy Cross.**

sábado, 20 de enero, 2018

Misa a las 4:00 pm ~ Registración a las 5:00 y diversión hasta la 1:00 am

¡Boletos ya a la venta!

**¡Descuento anticipado termina el 17 de diciembre!**

¡Acompañanos para una noche de cena, baile y ofertas y diversion! Precio de boleto anticipado \$40/persona. Después \$50/persona y boleto para mayores de 55 a \$45/persona.

También necesitamos de tu tiempo y talento para **Celebration**. Regístrate para alguna area de voluntariado. Si estás interesado en ser voluntario, por favor insíbete hablando a la oficina de la parroquia.

# Encuentro

*La Iglesia Holy Cross es una comunidad diversa y acogedora, unida en la fe Católica y comprometida en formar a la gente en la imagen de Cristo, para servir mejor al Señor y al prójimo.*

### MISAS EN ESPAÑOL:

sábados 7 pm; domingos 1 pm, miércoles 7 pm

### MISAS EN INGLÉS:

sábados 5:00 pm y domingos 7:30 am, 9 am y 11 am

### RECONCILIACIÓN (BILINGÜE):

miércoles 6:00—7:00 pm, sábados 3:30—4:30 pm y domingos: 12:15 pm— 12:45 pm

### MATRIMONIOS:

Llamen a la parroquia 6 meses antes de la fecha en que desean casarse para programar la primera entrevista con el sacerdote.

### BAUTISMOS:

Usualmente el 4° domingo del mes, después de la misa de la 1:00 pm. Comuníquese con la oficina para confirmar fechas y para registrarse.

### PLÁTICA PRE-BAUTISMAL:

Padres y padrinos tomarán una clase de preparación, el 1<sup>er</sup> sábado del mes, **9:30 am**. Favor de **NO** traer niños. **Deben anotarse con anticipación para plática y bautizo**, llamando a la oficina de la iglesia.

### SERVICIOS EN ESPAÑOL:

Nuestra recepcionista habla español. Llamen directo a la oficina de la iglesia, **381-2755**, lunes—jueves, 9am—3pm, viernes 9am—12:00 pm.

**Lecturas del próximo domingo:** 4° domingo de Adviento

2 SM 7:1-5    1 ROM 16:25-27    LK 1:26-38

### Esta Semana:

miércoles—Grupo de Oración 5:45 pm

jueves—Legión de María 6:00 pm

viernes—Estudio Bíblico 7:00 pm

### Próximamente:

Dic 14 Grupo de Jovenes—Celebración Navideña

Dic 20 La Posada de Holy Cross

Dic 24 Misa de Gallo en Nochebuena 11pm

Ene 6 Clase Pre-Bautismal - Inscribirse con anticipación

Ene 20 Celebration



### Educación Religiosa Esta Semana

El tema de nuestro Programa de la Tarde es la *Epifanía*. Los Reyes Magos buscaron al bebé Jesús para honrarlo, revelandolo como el Salvador del mundo.

Nuestro Programa Familiar analiza a *María y a los Santos*. Nos muestran lo importante que es decir que sí a la llamada de Dios en nuestras vidas.

**Recuerden entregar sus Lecciones de Casa** si tiene un hijo que se prepara para recibir la Primera Reconciliación. Las clases de Educación Religiosa no se reunen dic 26 y ene 2. ¡Clases se reanudan enero 9, 2018!

Para preguntas, comuníquese con Robert Bacic al 381-2755, ext 111 o Patricia Argueta (para español) al 381-2757, 117.



**Fechas de Preparación**  
domingos de 6:15pm-8:00pm

La clase final del 2017 es diciembre 17

**No habrá clases el 24 y 31 de diciembre**

¡Las clases reanudan enero 9, 2018!

Favor de entrar por la puerta noroeste de la iglesia. Para preguntas o para discutir la asistencia a clase, contacte a Heather Roche, hroche@holycrossopks.org



### Venta de Rosarios

Este es el último fin de semana para aprovechar la venta de la Comunidad Hispana. Tenemos una gran variedad de rosarios y también crucifijos. ¡Todo tiene un precio razonable y estará disponible justo a tiempo para comprar sus regalos Navideños! Visitenos en el nartex después de la venta después de todas las misas. Los fondos recaudados se utilizan para apoyar las actividades del Ministerio Hispano en nuestra parroquia. ¡Muchas gracias por su apoyo!

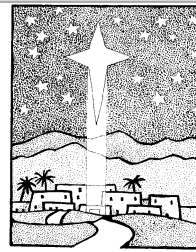


### La Posada Navideña de Holy Cross

La Comunidad Hispana de Holy Cross les invita a celebrar con nosotros nuestra Posada Anual el **miércoles, 20 de diciembre**. La Misa de Español será a las 6:00 pm, seguido por la celebración a las 7:00 pm en el sótano de la Iglesia. Confesiones serán a las 5:00 pm.

Tendremos una noche de convivio, comida, piñatas, dulces y regalos para los niños. **Todas las familias están invitadas a traer un platillo para compartir.**

*El Grupo de Eventos Especiales agradece todo el apoyo con donaciones para las piñatas y aguinaldos. Si puede apoyar, favor de anotarse después de las misas de Español o hablando a la oficina de la Iglesia.*



### Misa de Gallo en Nochebuena

Esté presente con Jesús en su nacimiento, ¿qué mejor manera de mostrarle nuestro amor? El **Padre Saiki** viaja a Kansas desde Roma y estará aquí en Holy Cross para celebrar la Misa de Gallo en Nochebuena con nuestra comunidad hispana a las **11:00 pm**. Le invitamos a que nos acompañe el **24 de diciembre** y aproveche para saludar al Padre Saiki.

**¡Hagamos un sacrificio por Él, quien dio su vida por nosotros!**

Misas de Navidad en Español en JOCO ~ diciembre 25

1:00 pm	Holy Cross
12:15pm	Buen Pastor (Shawnee)
12:30pm	San Pablo (Olathe)

### Flores de Navidad para el Altar:

Todos los años decoramos nuestro altar con bellas flores navideñas, donadas por nuestros feligreses, en memoria de nuestros queridos fieles difuntos. Con un donativo de \$15, usted también puede recordar a sus seres queridos en el altar. Pase por la oficina de la iglesia o llámenos al 381-2755 para hacer su pedido.



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