



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 once a 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



Fourth Sunday of

Advent

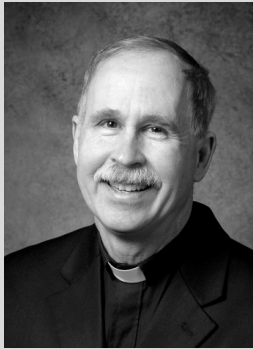
December 23, 2018

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Luke 1:41-42

Dear parishioners,

Here is a prayer you might use for your Christmas dinner: Lord Jesus, in the peace of this season our spirits rejoice. With the beasts and angels, the shepherds and stars, with Mary and Joseph, we sing God's praise. By your coming among us, may the hungry be filled with good things, and may our table and home be blessed. Amen



Fr. Mike

Readings for Next Sunday:

Feast of the Holy Family
SIR 3:2-6, 12-14, COL 3:12-21, LK 2:41-52

Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:

Brett Blanchard, Jim Giordano, Phyllis Jansen, Annie Millard, William Park III, Joshua Thor Vargas and Eleanore Burke

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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 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 *Christmas Eve*
4:40 pm Bunny Ingalls
8:00 pm Bill Bronson
9:30 pm Tony Smigin
11:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of Holy Cross (Spanish)

Tuesday *Christmas Day*
10:00 am David Volz
1:00 pm People of the Parish (Spanish)

Wednesday
9:00 am Edward Pelot
7:00 pm Spec Int - Carlos & Norma Palacios (Spanish)

Thursday
6:30 am Rick Wilson

Friday
9:00 am Jim Hadel

Saturday
7:30 am In Thanksgiving
5:00 pm Bill Anderson
7:00 pm People of the Parish (Spanish)

Sunday
7:30 am Betty Smith
9:00 am Roland Wells
11:00 am World Peace
1:00 pm Nelly Vargas (Spanish)



Upcoming events

- Dec. 23** - Posada, 2:30 pm (after 1:00 pm SP Mass)
- Dec. 24** - 11:00 pm Misa de Gallo - Fr. Anthony Saiki celebrating
- Dec. 25** - Merry Christmas
- Jan. 3** - Holy Cross School classes resume
- Jan. 5** - 1st Saturday devotions 7:00 am
- Jan. 19** - Celebration - 4:00 pm Bilingual Mass

Upcoming bulletin deadlines Bulletin deadlines are Tuesdays at Noon, a minimum of two weeks in advance of your requested publication date. Please send all requests to Natasha O'Donnell at nodonnell@holycrossopks.org



Church of the Holy Cross
December 2018

****Christmas Masses**

December 24
4:30 pm in the church (**NO Mass downstairs this year**)
8:00 pm, 9:30 pm, 11:00 pm (SP)

December 25
10:00 am, 1:00 pm (SP)

****Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -**
Vigil Mass on Mon. Dec. 31 at 5:30 pm,
Tues. Jan. 1, 2019 9:00 am , 1:00 pm (SP)

**** Holy Day of obligation**

Please prayerfully consider Year-End Giving



Whether for gratitude, the joy of the season, catching up on a commitment or the excitement about exceeding your commitment, we are grateful for your year-end giving. Only gifts completed by December 31 help to reduce taxes you owe next April. We hope that you will consult your qualified professional advisers on how your gift would fit into your overall plan. Thank you for planning for generosity. For questions please contact Jonathan Oakes in the Parish office.

St. Benedicts Circle Meeting

Please join us for our next meeting on Sat. Jan. 5 at 9:30 am in room 8. Hope to see you there.



The Church office will be closed

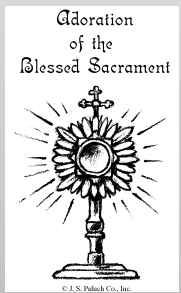
Mon. December 24 - Mon. January 1
We will reopen on Tues. January 2
Have a blessed Christmas!

Spend time with Jesus this Advent
Perpetual Adoration (revised 11/30/18)

Special needs are:

Sunday 9:00am, 2:00am, 3:00am
Monday 8:00 am, 2:00am, 3:00am, Noon
Tuesday 1:00am, 2:00am, 3:00 am, 4:00am, 3:00pm, 11:00pm
Wednesday 1:00am, 3:00am, 4:00am
Thursday 3:00am, 1:00 pm
Friday 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am, 2:00pm
Saturday 4:00am, 5:00am, 7:00am, 8:00am, Noon, 3:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm

To be an adorer, call Ruth Kuse 913-963-3700 (text or call), email at ruthkuse@gmail.com or call 913-258-5008.



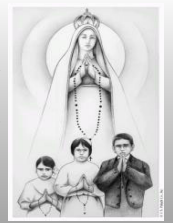
Tickets on sale now for our Jan. 19, 2019 event!

Get out your calendars and circle January 19, 2019 for Holy Cross's annual parish Celebration! Join us for an evening of dinning, dancing and bidding. Bilingual Mass is at 4:00 pm and then head over to the school as cocktail hour starts at 5pm. Purchase your tickets online at <https://bidpal.net/celebration2019>

We also need your talents and time for Celebration. Please sign up for your favorite volunteer area. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4aaea82ea57-celebration>

First Saturday Devotion

The next First Saturday devotion will be on **Sat. Jan. 5**. The Rosary will be prayed at 7:10 am, Mass at 7:30 am, followed by coffee and donuts in the church hall. All are welcome to join.



Legion of Mary News

- *The Pilgrim Virgin's Home Visitation Program* is now taking reservations into January and February 2019. This program provides your family the opportunity to pray the rosary daily with the blessed items. Prayerfully consider answering our Blessed Mother's call for prayer. Schedule your home visit with Grace

Ann Hernandez-Warwick via email: grace.ann@att.net or 913-341-7182.

- If you would be interested in leading the Rosary before the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturdays, please contact Pat at 341-3474. Families, couples or individuals are invited to help us lead the rosary as we begin this prayer before Masses.



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.

Growing in Truth, Beauty and Goodness

Message from the Principal



As we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent we all are anxiously waiting for the Birth of Jesus! It also is a time to reflect on all the wonderful things that have happened this year. Holy Cross Catholic School has been blessed with a wonderful first semester of school! I hope each of you have a joyous Christmas. ~ Dr. Hopson

4th Grade News

The fourth graders had the privilege of proclaiming at the All Saints' Day mass. They had fun presenting a "Boom, Snap, Clap" chant that challenged the congregation to follow Jesus and reach the ultimate goal of sainthood.

The fourth grade Hornets studied historical figures who have set and achieved difficult goals: the framers of the Constitution, the waves of immigrants who reached the United States shore seeking a life that is more, Mother Cabrini, Kateri Tekakwitha, and Juan Diego.

An immigrant who came to the United States at the request of Pope Leo XIII to minister to other newcomers, Mother Cabrini was able to become a naturalized citizen and was canonized the first American saint. She models for us how a listening ear, an open heart, and a lot of perseverance help one set and achieve goals that please God.

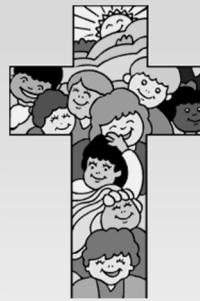
As they study Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American saint, the Hornets will continue to grapple with the historical and current issues of diversity, acceptance, and justice that arise each time two cultures meet.

Enter Our Lady of Guadalupe. The fourth graders led the school in a prayer service Dec. 12 to commemorate the appearance of Our Lady to Juan Diego, an indigenous convert. Her choice to appear to St. Juan makes it clear that ALL people are dear to her Son. Our Blessed Mother draws the poor and oppressed near and showers her love upon them. She reminds the fourth graders that they are called to create a world that is just and must do the same.



Wishing everyone at Church of the Holy Cross a very Happy Christmas season! We appreciate everyone's patronage and help to the Church and the School! For those that haven't tried Scrip we hope that it is on your New Year's resolution list. Scrip sellers are always happy to answer your questions and guide you through the process. Scrip is very easy to use and HELPS out in so many way\$ (YES - dollar signs intended!) Thank you for supporting our school with prayers and Scrip.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE



We wish you a blessed and joyful Christmas holiday!

Religious Education classes are on break. Classes resume Jan 8, 2019!

Questions? Contact Robert Bacic or Patricia Argueta (se habla Español) at 381-2757.

Confirmation



No classes Dec. 23, 30

Classes resume Jan. 6, 2019

Classes are from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Please enter through the northwest door. For questions or contact Nancy Feldhaus at nfeldhaus@holycrossopks.org or call 913-428-3118.

Mark your calendar for our Confirmation retreat on Sunday January 27 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Teens Encounter Christ Retreat

Are you a high school student looking for a way to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ? Come join us January 19 -21 at Savior Pastoral Center 12601 Parallel Parkway Kansas City, KS. for our Teens Encounter Christ Retreat Weekend. TEC is a retreat hosted by the Archdiocese that guides us in applying the Paschal mystery to our own lives. Participants learn to rise to a new life in Christ and go forth to evangelize. You can sign up at www.sunflowertec.org. Cost is \$90, however no one is turned away because of cost.



Special Needs Ministry Respite Care Program

Sat. Jan. 12, 2019

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Holy Cross Catholic School

Respite Care provides the gift of time away from caregiving for families who have a loved one with a disability age 5 and older. **Volunteers are needed for this program!** Please prayerfully consider offering your time. If you have any questions regarding the program please contact Tom Racunas, at 913-647-3054 or at tracunas@archkck.org or Audrey Amor, at 816-739-1197 or at aamor@sjakeepingfaith.org. To register a loved one for the program please go to www.archkck.org/special-needs and complete the on-line form.



Weekly reflections

Why is Mary called blessed? Luke 1:45 - She "believed." In Luke 11:28 Jesus says "Blessed are those who hear God's word and obey it." How well do I listen to Scripture readings, and then act upon it?

Ponder on whether you truly let God's Word make a change in your life and whether you are willing to be transformed into a better person; read and think about people who were great and blessed like Mother Theresa, St. Joseph and St. Francis of Assisi.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend

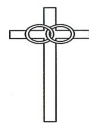
It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You deserve the best and your children need to see you reaching for it. The next weekend in KC will be held March 1-3, 2019. For more information or to apply, visit www.wwme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066 or tonybarbz@prodigy.net

Job opportunity - Director of Music

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish in Shawnee seeks a Full Time Director of Music. We seek an accomplished musician with an appreciation of and experience in a wide variety of liturgical music. The candidate should have a deep knowledge of liturgy and the liturgical year and a strong sense of appropriate music selections for various liturgies, including funerals and weddings. The position requires expertise in vocal technique and choral conducting experience. Proficiency with keyboard accompaniment is required as is the ability to work with and coordinate volunteer instrumentalists. A desire to work with the Hispanic community is essential; familiarity with Spanish is beneficial. Position is available beginning in Jan. 2019. Please email a cover letter and resume to Fr. Kent O'Connor at frkent@gsshawnee.org Video links to performances/celebrations where you are demonstrating your skills are appreciated.

The Call to Address Racism in Our Hearts and Communities

- In their new pastoral letter against racism, Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, the Catholic bishops of the United States invite conversion of hearts, minds, and institutions in order to address the evil of racism that still exists in our communities. You can read this letter and find other great USCCB resources against racism at www.usccb.org/racism.



Marriage Minute

We love Christmas for its symbols and signs: trees, holly, and, of course, the Nativity set. If you're married, are YOU a sign too? At Christmas, we celebrate the fact that God does not love us from a distance. He became a baby boy so he could share all of our joys and sorrows.

As spouses, we committed the same in our vows and proclaim this reality every time we share:

- The joy of our spouse's accomplishments
- The grief of a loss with our spouse
- The weight of an important decision

By entering deeply into our spouse's reality, we shine brightly like the Star of Bethlehem, guiding people to the love of God.

Discover more for your marriage at
www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com



See why over 700 couples in the Archdiocese have experienced the "Living in Love" retreat. You can sign up now for the "Living in Love" retreat at Holy Spirit Parish, Overland Park, February 16-17, 2019. Register online at

www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information.

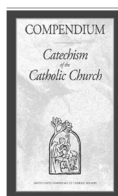
Stewardship Reflection

Dec. 23, 2018

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.

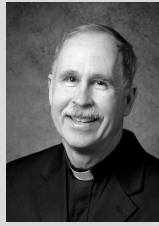
Catechism Corner



Why does Jesus call upon his disciples to take up their cross? By calling his disciples to take up their cross and follow him Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who are to be its first beneficiaries. Further reading: CCC 618

Estimados feligreses,

Aquí hay una oración que podrías usar para tu cena de Navidad: Señor Jesús, en la paz de esta temporada nuestros espíritus se regocijan. Con las bestias y los angeles, los pastores y las estrellas, con María y José, cantamos las alabanzas de Dios. A través de tu llegada entre nosotros, que el hambriento sea llenado de cosas buenas, y que nuestra mesa y nuestro hogar sean bendecidos. Amen



Padre Mike

Lecturas para el Próximo Domingo:

Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia
SIR 3:3-7, 14-17a, COL 3:12-21, LC 2:41-52

Esta Semana:

- miércoles—Grupo de Oración 5:45 pm
- jueves—Legión de Maria 6:00 pm
- Viernes—Grupo de Biblia 7:00 pm

Próximamente:

- Dic 23 Posada Holy Cross #2—2:30 pm
- Dic 24 Misa de Gallo—Padre Anthony Saiki
- Dic 25 La Natividad del Señor—*Día de Precepto*
- Dic 26 Hora Santa—Padres y Madres Orantes
- Ene 1 Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios—
Día de Precepto
- Ene 19 Celebration
- Feb 8-10 Encuentro Matrimonial

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 4º 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^{er} 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:

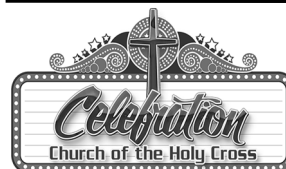
Nuestra recepcionista habla español. Llamen directo a la oficina de la iglesia, **381-2755**, lunes—jueves, 9am—3pm, viernes 9am—12:00 pm.

La oficina de la Iglesia estará cerrada



Lunes, diciembre 24 - lunes, enero 1
Reabriremos el martes, 2 de enero

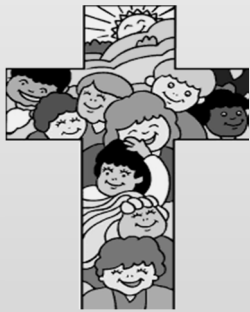
¡Muchas bendiciones esta Navidad!



¡Boletos ya a la venta para nuestro evento de enero 19!

Obtenga sus boletos ahora para la gran subasta anual de nuestra parroquia, la cual beneficia a todos nuestros ministerios. El precio de compra anticipada es de \$40 por boleto hasta al 17 de diciembre. Visita <https://bidpal.net/celebration2019>

NOTICIAS DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA



¡Te deseamos unas felices vacaciones navideñas!

Las clases de educación religiosa están en descanso. Las clases se reanudarán el 8 de enero de 2019!

Familias de Primera Reconciliación, no olviden completar sus lecciones en casa.

¿Preguntas? Contactar Robert Bacic o Patricia Argueta (se habla Español) at 381-2757

Ceremonia de Confirmación 2019

Guarda la Fecha - marzo 21, 2019 7:00 pm

No hay clases dic. 23, 30

Próxima clase ene. 6, 2019



Clases son de 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Favor de entrar por la puerta noroeste. Para preguntas, comuníquese con Nancy Feldhaus nfeldhaus@holycrossopks.org o llamando al 913-428-3118.

Marquen sus calendarios para nuestro retiro de Confirmación el domingo, 26 de enero de 10:00 am—5:00 pm.

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 de nuevo este año 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!



Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

8-10 de feb, 2019

El retiro será en el Centro del Salvador del Mundo. Entrada es viernes a las 7:15 pm y termina el domingo a las 4:30 pm. Parejas, inscribanse ya y reserven su lugar llamando a Michelle Cabrera en la Iglesia San Pablo al (913) 764-0323 El costo es de \$200 por pareja, \$100 al entregar su registración. ¡No se lo pierdan! Solo hay espacio para 33 parejas.



Parroquia Holy Cross

diciembre 2018

****Misas de Navidad**

Diciembre 24

4:30 pm, 8:00 pm, 9:30 pm, 11:00 pm (Esp)

Diciembre 25

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

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

****Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios -**

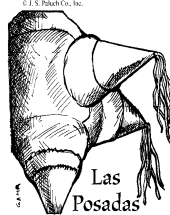
Misa de Vigilia el Lunes, Diciembre 31 a las 5:30 pm
Martes, Enero 1, 2019 9:00 am , 1:00 pm Español

**** Día de Precepto**



Las Posadas en Holy Cross

domingo, 23 de dic.—2:30 pm



Todos están invitados a participar de nuestras Posadas en Holy Cross. Habrá convivio, comida, actividades y diversion para toda la familia. Este año tendremos dos posadas. El 12/23 será convivio de compartir. Todos están invitados a traer un platillo para compartir con la comunidad. ¡Aquí los esperamos para celebrar las fiestas Navideñas!

Árbol del Ángel de Navidad ~ Gracias



El Círculo de San Benedicto Circle envía su más sincero agradecimiento a todos los que contribuyeron al Árbol de Ángel este año. A través de su generosidad, pudimos brindar asistencia a 24 familias de Holy Cross para ayudarles a tener una Feliz Navidad. *“No pierdas la oportunidad de hacer un pequeño sacrificio, aquí por una mirada sonriente, allí por una palabra amable; siempre haciendo el más mínimo bien y haciendolo todo por amor.” – Thérèse de Lisieux*

Sacramento de Reconciliación en Holy Cross

sábado, diciembre 22 a las 3:30 pm



Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Muchas gracias a los coordinadores, voluntarios y colaboradores de nuestra Celebración a la Virgen de Guadalupe de este año. Agradecemos su trabajo y esfuerzo cada año para traernos esta linda celebración y la oportunidad de rendir honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Patrona de México y Emperatriz de las Américas.