

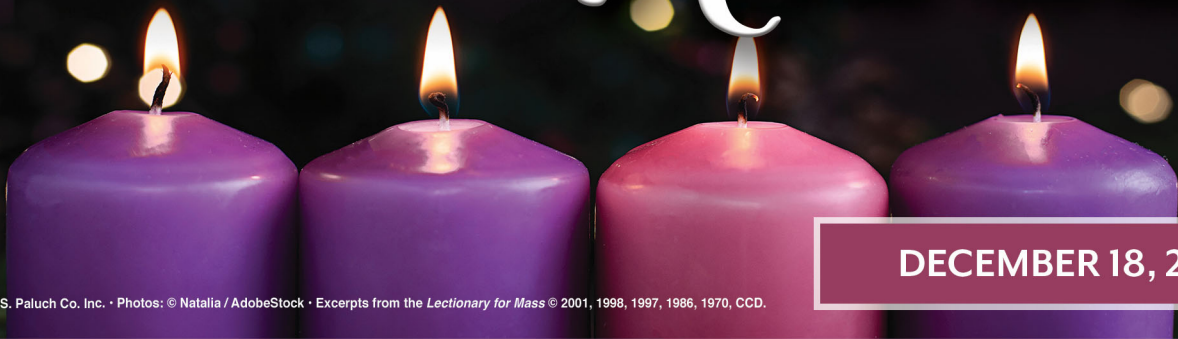


Church of the Holy Cross

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.

**FOURTH
SUNDAY OF**

Advent



DECEMBER 18, 2022

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Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

MATTHEW 1:23

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Fr. Oswaldo Sandoval
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Parochial Vicar

Fr. Ray May
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Permanent Deacon

Deacon Tim McEvoy

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm,
Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am,
10:30 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses

Monday-Saturday: 8:30am
Wednesday: 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:50 pm and
Wednesday: 5:30 - 7:00 pm
First Saturday after 8:30am Mass

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:
8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Friday: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Holy Cross Catholic School

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon 12/19

8:30 am Spec Int– Grosdidier & Mersmann families

Tues 12/20

8:30 am † Rosella Yoksh

Wed 12/21

8:30 am † Luong Pham

7:00 pm Sick of the Parish

Thurs 12/22

8:30 am Spec Int-Alto & Jennifer Trahan

Fri 12/23

8:30 am † John Ferwalt

Sat 12/24

4:00 pm † Howard McCall

5:30 pm † Bill Bronson

7:00 pm All Souls

Sun 12/25

8:30 am † Bunny Ingalls

10:30 am † Franz Andasevits

12:30 pm People of the Parish

Readings for Next Sunday:

The Nativity of the Lord

Isaiah 52:7-10 , Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:18-24

Please pray for those in need of our prayers,

Victor Lamartina, Dan Rogge, Shelby Lynn Roff, Ray Ciesielski, Lindsey Walsh, John Manning, Elizabeth Flattery, Karen K. Lamartina

If you would like to have a name added to this list, please email us at churchoffice@holycrossopks.org or call the parish office.

Welcome to Holy Cross!

We invite you to join the parish. To register as a parishioner go to www.holycrossopks.org then click on *Home* and then select *Parish Registration Form*. Once we receive your registration, someone will reach out to you about how to become more active in the parish.

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Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office to schedule an anointing.

Baptisms

Baptisms in English will be offered after the 4pm mass once a month. Please contact the parish office to register.

Baptism Prep Class

Baptism prep classes are offered the first Wednesday of each month. Please contact the office to register.

Matrimony

If you are interested in getting married through the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish office for information. We ask for at least a 6 month notice.

RCIA

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or you are an adult needing to receive a sacrament, please contact Dave West 816-560-7853.

Homebound Ministry

If you or a loved one are unable to make it to Mass on Sunday, we will bring Communion to you. Please call Margi Foley at 913-381-8145, or the Church Office at 913-381-2755 so that we can take care of your needs.

Legion of Mary

If you are interested in giving one hour a week to charitable work and prayer contact Phil Gough 913-952-2280 for the English speaking Legion or Teresa Aguilar 913-325-9677 for the Spanish speaking Legion.

**Stewardship of Treasure
as of November 30, 2022**

Ordinary Collection: \$ 66,785.80
ACH Collection: \$ 8,446.01
ParishSoft Giving: \$ 103,485.46
Total Contributions Received: \$ 178,717.27

Whether you give online or by using contribution envelopes, you are a blessing to our parish and we are grateful to God for you!



Welcome to The Parish

Sabrina & Eric McFarland

Church Office Hours

The church office will be closing at noon on Thursday, Dec 22 for the Christmas holidays. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Dec 27 at 8:30 am. The office hours for Tuesday, Dec 27, Wednesday, Dec 28 and Thursday, Dec 29 will be 8:30 am—noon.

We will be closed Fri, Dec 30 and reopen on Tues Jan 3 at 8:30 am for normal office hours.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Giving Tuesday
Holy Cross Parish

Thank You!!!!

We wish to thank you for your generosity for Giving Tuesday. We collected \$6,380.00 which will be used for the landscaping and facility updates around the church grounds.



Christmas Eve - Sat, Dec 24

4:00 pm
5:30 pm
7:00 pm Spanish

Christmas Day - Sun, Dec 25

8:30 am
10:30 am—Archbishop Naumann celebrant
12:30 pm Spanish

New Year's Eve—Dec 31

Regular Mass Times will be followed

New Year's Day— Jan 1

Regular Mass Times will be followed

No Food Drive in December

We will **NOT** have a food collection in December for Catholic Charities. Please save your donations for the January collection.

Celebration Tickets

Celebration tickets will be on sale soon. Watch the bulletin for more details coming soon.

Bunco

All women are invited to join us for a fun evening of Bunco, refreshments and prizes on **Mon. Jan 23 at 7:00 pm** in the church hall. Please RSVP to Donna Sarow 913-634-2541 or Joann Benson 642-5966 so we know how many tables to set up. There is a \$5.00 charge at the door.

Holy Cross Catholic School

It is never too early to start planning for your child's future for the 2023-2024 school year. We have classes for children who are potty trained and 3 years by August 31 and all the way through to 8th grade. Scholarships and financial aid are available for Kindergarteners - 8th graders. To set up a tour or for more information please contact Stefanie Bridges at sbridges@holycrosscatholicsschool.com or 913-381-7408. Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year will begin in January for new families.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Join Deacon Tim for an Adult Bible Study on Thursday mornings after 8:30 Mass in room 5. New faces are always welcome! Come when you can as we have designed this for maximum flexibility for people whose schedules vary. Bring your own Bible, but if you forget, we have some copies you can borrow.

Come meet some new people, enjoy each other's company and dive deeper into God's Word.



Stephen Ministry

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

Stephen Ministers provide Care and support to hurting people by bringing God's love to them through confidential conversation and prayer. If you are hurting in any way, for any reason, or know of someone who is hurting, please call to arrange a confidential meeting to get further information. Tom Bryon (816) 863-3027, Jim Gisler (913) 940-2519, Susie Coultis (913) 484-1190.

Holy Cross Traveling Virgin Pilgrim Statue

The Legion of Mary here at Holy Cross has a Traveling Virgin Pilgrim statue which families can sign up to have in their home for one week. Families are encouraged to pray the rosary for peace in our families, nation and world.

The sign up sheet is in the Adoration Chapel on the counter. Pick up the statue on Sunday or Monday in the alcove area by the church office and return it when you come to Mass the next weekend.

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Adoration Chapel

During this Advent season, spend some time in Jesus presence in our wonderful adoration chapel.

If you would like to commit to visiting Jesus once a week, please contact Ruth Kuse at 913-963-3700 or at ruthkuse@gmail.com to inquire about

Catechism Corner


For what ends has God instituted Matrimony?

The marital union of man and woman, which is founded and endowed with its own proper laws by the Creator, is by its very nature ordered to the communion and good of the couple and to the generation and education of children. According to the original divine plan this conjugal union is indissoluble, as Jesus Christ affirmed: "What God has joined together, let no man put asunder" (Mark 10:9).

Further reading: CCC 1659-1660

FOURTH SUNDAY OF Advent

December 18, 2022



“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid
to take Mary your wife
into your home.”

MATTHEW 1:20

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Interest in genealogy is much, much older than current fascination with using DNA analysis to trace our heritage. Matthew's Gospel opens with the genealogy of Jesus, going all the way back to Abraham, Israel's father in faith. This is what immediately precedes today's Gospel reading, and is crucial to how we hear the opening sentence: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about." It's not so much as a starting point, but a pivot point that places Jesus firmly in the "house of David" through Joseph (in first-century Judaism, lineage and heritage was traced solely through males). An essential understanding of the Messiah was that he would come from the house and lineage of King David. For those of us who follow Jesus in faith, it's important to recall that it was through Joseph that Jesus both came from the house of David and was made a son of the covenant of Moses.

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Healing Retreat For Adult Children of Divorce

Adult children of divorced or separated parents can come find healing at the Life-Giving Wounds retreat, February 24-26 at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, KS. The weekend is presented by trained peer leaders and includes insightful talks, Reconciliation/Adoration, time for prayer and optional small groups. For more information and to register: archkck.org/LGW

WHOSE HOME?

Matthew's Gospel also contains an angelic annunciation scene; we hear from it today. Another pivot point is presented, when the angel says "Do not be afraid to take Mary into your home." As with most angelic appearances in scripture, the angel provides an instruction not to fear. More importantly, Joseph is instructed by God's messenger to take Mary into his home. When Joseph and Mary were betrothed, they were officially constituted as husband and wife; the next step—approved by an angel—would have been for Joseph to take Mary into his home. So he provided a safe place for a young woman in a troubled pregnancy, and offered her child a home, a heritage, and a lineage. This rather difficult and risky move on Joseph's part might inspire us in this season to seek out and help out in those places where people are longing to have a house and—more importantly—a home.

Today's Readings: Is 7:10–14; Ps 24:1–2, 3–4, 5–6; Rom 1:1–7; Mt 1:18–24

Retreat for Newly Married Couples

Couples married 0-7 years are welcome to join the First Seven Fellowship at Queen of the Holy Rosary in Overland Park for a Weekend Immersion retreat: January 21-22, 2023. For more information go to: archkck.org/livinginlove Scholarships available! Contact Brad DuPont: bdupont@archkck.org

Celebration - Be the Light!
February 11, 2023

Raffle Tickets

1st place - \$1500

2nd place - \$700

3rd place - \$300

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1 for \$15 or 3 for \$30

Drawing is at night of Celebration on Feb 11.

You need not be present to win.

To purchase tickets on line go to <https://one.bidpal.net/celebration2023/welcome>
"Buy Cash Raffle Tickets"

For questions, call Becky Dixon 913-961-5538



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Encuentro

Matrimonios:

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

Bautismos:

El horario de las fechas en sábado será a las 10:30 am, y el horario de las fechas en domingo será después de la misa de 12:30 pm.

Favor de comunicarse a la oficina para mayores informes.

Plática Pre- Bautismal:

Padres y padrinos tomarán una clase de preparación el 1^{er} jueves a las 6:00 pm o el 1^{er} sábado del mes a las 9:30 am.

Favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial para registrarse con anticipación. Favor de no traer niños a la clase.

SERVICIOS EN ESPAÑOL:

Nuestra recepcionista habla español. Llaman directo a la oficina de la iglesia al **381-2755** de

Miércoles a jueves de 1:00 pm a 3:00 pm

Programa de Formación Familiar en la Fe

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Horario de Oficina:

Lunes a jueves de 9:00 am a 3:00 pm



Lecturas para el Próximo Domingo:

Isaías 52:7-10, Hebreos 1:1-6

Mateo 1:18-24

Holy Cross Early Education

Holy Cross Early Education atiende a niños de 3 a 5 años. Tenemos la suerte de contar con un excelente personal que ama a nuestros avispones más jóvenes. Holy Cross Early Education se esfuerza por desarrollar ese amor por el aprendizaje desde una edad temprana. El aprendizaje a través del juego práctico e interactivo en el aula los prepara para la resolución de problemas del mundo real a medida que avanzan en los niveles de escuela primaria y secundaria. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Stefanie Bridges al 913-381-7408 osbridges@holycrosscatholicsschool.com

Estudio Bíblico en Español



Acompáñanos todos los viernes de 7:00 pm a 8:30 pm para un estudio bíblico en el Salón #1.

Todos son bienvenidos. Si tienes alguna pregunta o para más información, favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial.

¡Bienvenidos a Holy Cross!

Te invitamos a formar parte de la parroquia. Para registrarte como feligrés, visita nuestra página web www.holycrossopks.org, luego haz clic en "Home" y selecciona "Parish Registration Form". También puedes pasar por la oficina parroquial para llenar un formulario. Una vez que recibamos tu registro, alguien se comunicará contigo sobre cómo ser más activo en la parroquia.

¿QUÉ HOGAR?

El Evangelio de Mateo contiene también una escena de anunciación angélica; la escuchamos hoy. Se presenta otro punto de inflexión, cuando el ángel dice "No tengas miedo de recibir a María en tu casa". Como en la mayoría de las apariciones angélicas en las Escrituras, el ángel da una instrucción de no temer. Lo más importante es que el mensajero de Dios instruye a José para que acoja a María en su casa. Cuando José y María se desposaron, se constituyeron oficialmente en marido y mujer; el siguiente paso -aprobado por un ángel- habría sido que José acogiera a María en su casa. Así, proporcionó un lugar seguro a una joven en un embarazo problemático, y ofreció a su hijo un hogar, una herencia y un linaje. Este movimiento bastante difícil y arriesgado de José podría inspirarnos en esta época para buscar y ayudar en aquellos lugares donde la gente anhela tener una casa y, sobre todo, un hogar.



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