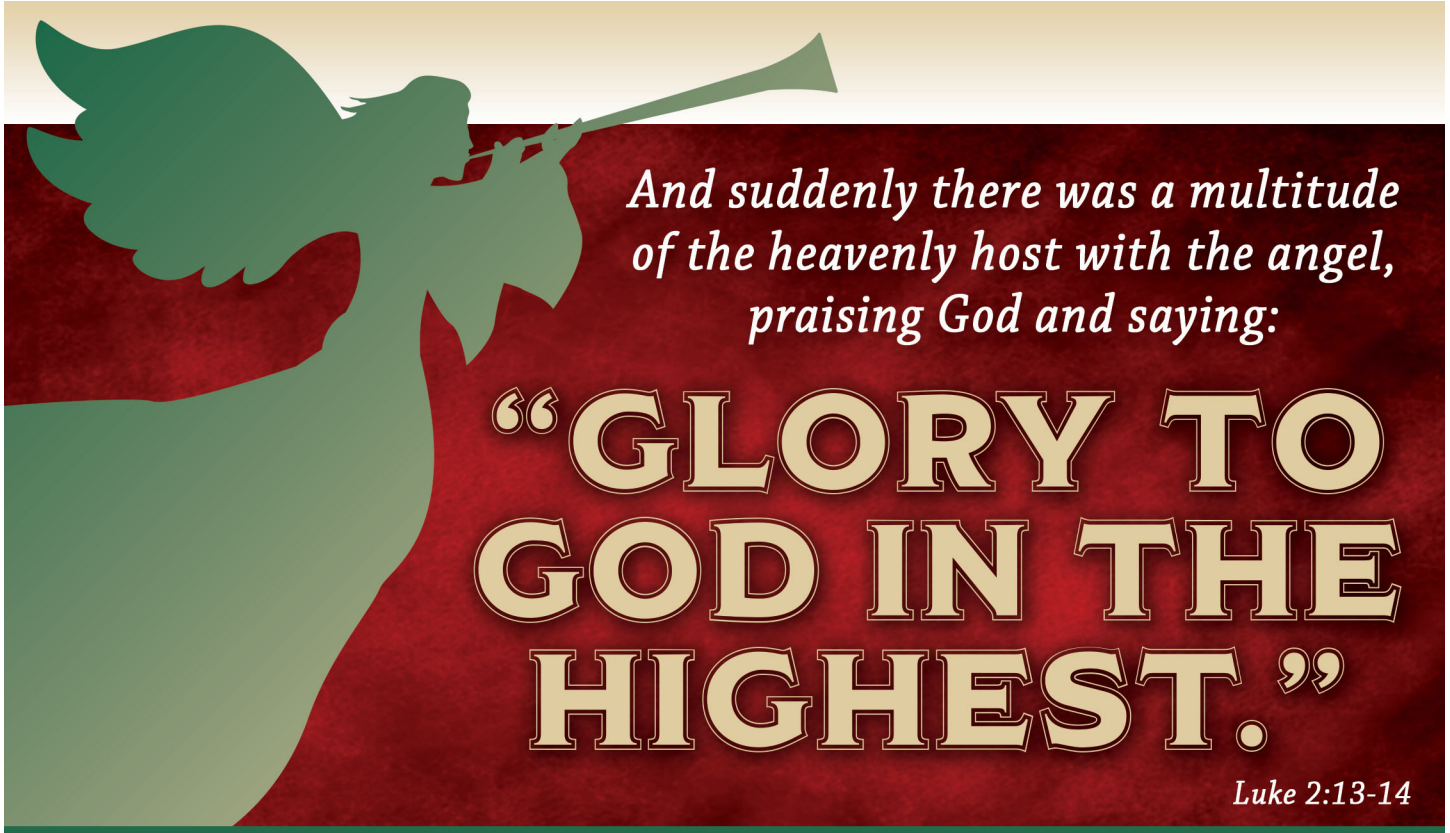


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Fr. Ray May
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Deacon Tim McEvoy

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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon 12/26

8:30 am † Hat Pham

Tues 12/27

8:30 am Spec Int– Ashley Gough

Wed 12/28

8:30 am † Nadine Moore

7:00 pm † Jose Luis Rodriguez Lopez

Thurs 12/29

8:30 am Spec Int-Jon & Kitsy Vane

Fri 12/30

8:30 am † An Nguyen

Sat 12/31

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory

4:00 pm † Mike Peterson

Sun 1/1

7:00 am † Thien Nguyen

8:30 am † Robert Andrusevits

10:30 am † Stephanie & Glenda

12:30 pm People of the Parish

Readings for Next Sunday:

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Numbers 6:22-27 , Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

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!



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.

Sunshine Club News

There will be NO Sunshine Club meeting in January. Information on February's activity will be coming out mid-January. Please watch the bulletin for details. For questions, please call or text Pat Sheldon 816-522-1801 or email pat.sheldon@yahoo.com

Thursday Morning Bible Study

The Thursday morning Adult Bible Study will not meet December 29th through January 5th. We will begin again Thursday January 12th at 9:15 am. At that time we will be studying the New Testament Epistle to the Hebrews.

Holy Cross Book Club

Our next meeting is January 10 at 10:00 a.m. due to the holidays. We normally meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the church hall. All are welcome. On January 10th we will be discussing *Have You Seen Luis Valez* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. It is a heartwarming story about two strangers who find that kindness is a powerful antidote to fear. For more information please call Janet McManus 816-560-0377.

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!

Hand and Foot Card Game

Join us the First Friday after 8:30 am Mass in the church hall to play Hand and Foot! We will meet Fri, Jan 6.

Hand and Foot is a card game related to Canasta, in which each player is dealt two sets of cards - the hand, which is played first, and the foot, which is played when the hand has been used up.

So we know how many tables to set up, please RSVP to Nancy Murray 913-219-9530.

Holy Cross Morning Bridge Group

Come join us on the second Friday of the month, Jan 13 from 9:30-11:30am in the church hall for a morning of bridge. Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in joining us or for more info, call Vickie Bronson 913-484-9593 or Margi Foley 913-381-8145.

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.

School Holiday Office Hours

The school office will be closed Tues Dec 20 starting at 12:30 pm—January 3. The classes will resume and the office will be open on January 4.

Catechism Corner

How does sin threaten marriage?

Because of original sin, which caused a rupture in the God-given communion between man and woman, the union of marriage is very often threatened by discord and infidelity. However, God in his infinite mercy gives to man and woman the grace to bring the union of their lives into accord with the original divine plan.

Further reading: CCC 1606-1608

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.

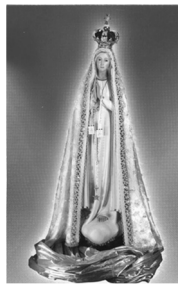
Bunco

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.

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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.

Adoration Chapel

You are invited to 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 available hours.

Parish Beautification *plan*

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we have made much-needed improvements around the church.



Power Wash Church



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Exterior Lighting



Down-Spout Drain



Rectory Tree Trimming



Paint Narthex/Stairwell



Carpet Cleaning

Stay Tuned... more to come.

8th Grade Class of 2023 invites you to

TACO BINGO NIGHT

Friday, January 6th

Holy Cross School



Taco Dinner – 6:00 to 7:00pm in Pflumm Hall
Bingo – 7:00 to 9:00pm in the Gym



Great prize baskets for bingo and raffle winners

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Cash prizes: \$75, \$100, \$150

Childcare available 7:00 - 9:00pm

Proceeds benefit the 8th Grade Graduation Fund

Adult plate: 2 tacos, rice, chips, salsa, dessert, lemonade or water
\$7 in advance, \$9 day of event

Child plate: 1 taco, rice, chips, salsa, dessert, lemonade or water
Children ages 4-10 - \$5, 3 and under - Free

50 chicken tamales will be available separately for \$2.50 each (first come, first served)

Soda will be available for purchase during bingo

For more information contact Flora Sokol at 913-558-0260 (rylandmalea@gmail.com) or
Monica Roberts at 913-444-0799 (allformyboys@aol.com)

Taco Bingo Night Preorder Form *Preorder forms due by Friday, December 16th

Name _____ **Taco dinner** # of Adult plates (\$7 each) # \$

Phone _____ # of Child (4-10) plates (\$5 each) # \$
Children 3 and under - Free

Scan the QR code to preorder online with Paypal or Venmo



visit: neartail.com/us/taco-bingo-night

Bingo cards	\$1 each	30 cards \$20	50 cards \$30	70 cards \$40	\$
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5 bonus cards included with 30 or more cards preordered

or return this form to the school office with cash or check payable to:

Holy Cross

(add **8th Grade Grad Fund** in memo field)

Raffle tickets	\$5 each	5 tickets \$20	\$
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Winner does not need to be present to win

Thanks for supporting 8th Grade Graduation!

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

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

Grados K-12

Horario de Oficina:

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



Lecturas para el Próximo Domingo:

*Números 6:22-27, Gálatas 4:4-7
Lucas 2:16-21*

¡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.



EL TIEMPO DE LA LUZ

Es costumbre celebrar la Navidad con luces de todo tipo. Esto ocurre incluso en el hemisferio sur, donde la gente no experimenta los días más cortos y oscuros de los climas del norte.

Desde los pequeños destellos en los árboles de Navidad hasta el brillo de las velas en la iglesia, la Navidad es una celebración de la luz que nace hoy en la Palabra de Dios hecha carne. Al igual que otros tipos de luz, la luz de Cristo adopta diferentes formas. A veces su luz es directa, aunque otras veces es un reflejo. Las luces de la Navidad, como Jesús, la Luz del mundo, ofrecen consuelo, alivian los temores, nos muestran el camino y nos ayudan a ver que Dios está presente. Aunque creemos que Jesús es la luz que ninguna oscuridad puede vencer, a veces puede parecer que la penumbra que nos rodea vence a la luz. Todos estamos familiarizados con las diferentes formas de oscuridad que parecen bombardearnos diariamente, minuto a minuto, si se lo permitimos. Y sin embargo . . .

ESTA PEQUEÑA LUZ MÍA

Los implacables informes diarios de la oscuridad pueden fácilmente llevarnos a no ver los muchos destellos de luz que nos rodean. Los que seguimos la luz de Cristo debemos estar siempre atentos a los signos de esa luz a nuestro alrededor. Asimismo, los que tenemos esa luz de Cristo en nosotros debemos dejarla brillar. No importa lo pequeña que creamos que es nuestra luz, debemos recordar que es la luz de Cristo la que llevamos dentro. Como Juan el Bautista en el pasaje del Evangelio de hoy, estamos destinados a dar testimonio del poder de la luz, a ayudar a otros a ver destellos de Dios-con-nosotros. Nuestras acciones deben ser portadoras de buenas noticias, deben anunciar la buena nueva. Incluso las pequeñas obras de luz pueden brillar con fuerza, dando a luz a Jesús una vez más cada día. El día de Navidad y todos los días estamos llamados a ser personas de esperanza, mensajeros de paz que ofrecen consuelo y dan a conocer la gloria de Dios. Deja que la luz de Cristo en tu vida sea una de las más brillantes de este tiempo.

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