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**They opened their treasures and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**

— Matthew 2:11b

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Dear Parishioners,

At the beginning of the New Year, it is the custom to take on a resolution for the year. I invite you to consider a change in your lifestyle that will improve your relationship with God. Perhaps you could set aside 10 minutes for prayer every day. Perhaps you could decide to read the Scripture readings for Sunday Mass earlier during the week. The key thing is to make it a habit. It takes discipline, but it is worth it. At the end of the year, you will be a different person.



Fr. Mike

Readings for Next Sunday:

Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a , 5-6;
Matthew 2:1-12

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Tues, Thurs 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Wed, 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM
Fri, 8:30 AM to Noon

SACRAMENTS

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM (Spanish)
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM (Spanish)

Daily Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 AM
Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 AM and 8:15 AM (At the school during the school year)
Saturday 7:30 AM

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

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30-4:30 PM and Wednesday, 6:00-7:00 PM

Matrimony: Six months notice required. Call the office for more information.

Anointing: Individually by appointment, scheduled during Mass in the fall and of the Sick spring

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday
9:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Alfino

Tuesday
6:30 a.m. Robert Paul

Wednesday
9:00 a.m. Linda Barenberg
7:00 p.m. Ricardo Lopez Velasquez (Span)

Thursday
6:30 a.m. Bernice Altman
8:15 a.m. Evelyn Rothenberg (at school)

Friday
9:00 a.m. Arnie & Mary Meier

Saturday
7:30 a.m. Joseph Le Van Khiem
5:00 p.m. Dennis Gerrity
7:00 p.m. People of the Parish (Spanish)

Sunday
7:30 a.m. James M. Raine III
9:00 a.m. Floreine Sanderson
11:00 a.m. Helen Winn
1:00 p.m. Spec Int of the Pope (Spanish)



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:

Lorene Campbell, Frank Hauber, Pene Havens, John Manning, and Mary Ann Meert.



Finance Update

Weekly Collection Report for Dec. 18, 2016

	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>FYTD (11/30)</u>	<u>FYTD Budget</u>
Weekly Offering	\$26,588	\$582,272	\$593,600
Capital Campaign	\$1,140	\$145,303	\$100,000
Special Donations	\$528	\$15,067	\$13,900

Pregnant? Need Help? All calls confidential. Gabriel Project (913) 602-0306



The Church Office will be closed :
Mon, Jan 2.

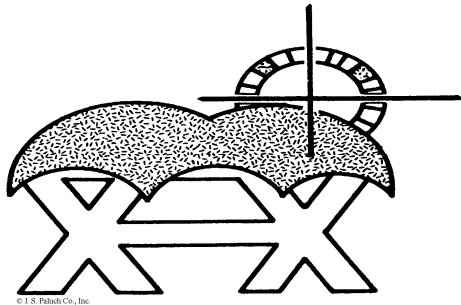


Will My Donation Count for 2016?

YES, if is received in the mail and postmarked on or before Dec. 31 or received in the collection on or before

Saturday, Dec. 31st.

NO, if it is postmarked after Dec. 31 or received in the collection on Sunday, Jan. 1, or later.



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Funeral Luncheon Ministry

As a service to grieving families, Holy Cross will prepare and serve a luncheon after a funeral. **We are in need of volunteers** to continue this ministry. We need volunteers to provide salads and desserts as well as to help set up and serve the meal. To be added to the list of volunteers, please call Norma McCall at 913-648-4058.

Stewardship Reflection January 1, 2017

On entering the house, the wise men saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Matthew 2:11

Mary's example of faith, hope and love must have had a profound impact on Jesus as he was growing up in her care. And Mary's example has had an impact on countless millions of Jesus' followers too. During this new year, how can we reach out with the same faith, hope and love as did Mary?



Celebration: Sat, Jan 21, 2017. Time will be **5:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.** This is our biggest fundraiser of the year for both the school and the Church.

Buy Your Tickets Now!



Celebration tickets are now on sale! Come join us for an evening of bidding, winning and fun. Cost is \$50/person or \$45/person for over 55. For more info or to buy a ticket contact Brandi Garcia 913-358-8898 or bcarroll619@gmail.com.

Silent Auction

Silent Auction is part of the event with various rooms setup with different themes (Ladies, Men, Kids, Sporting Goods, Home & Garden, etc.) We are need of donations! Don't forget while you are shopping for Christmas gifts, to pick up an item to donate! You can drop the item off at the school office or for pick up, contact Pat Sheldon at 816-522-1801 or pat.sheldon@yahoo.com

Volunteers Needed

It takes over 100 volunteers to make Celebration happen! We still need help! To sign up, go to www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0449A5A823AA8-celebration or call Pat Sheldon at 816-522-1801.

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.

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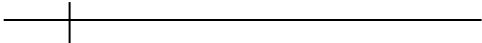
See it. Clip it. Earn!

We collect Box Tops for Education and Best Choice UPC Labels all year round! Please keep clipping! You can drop them off at the school office or leave them in the box outside the church office. Thank you for your support!



Attention Alumni! Holy Cross is celebrating its 30th year! We would like to hear from alumni and invite you to some upcoming events.

Please email gradeschool@holycrosscatholicschool.com with name, years at Holy Cross, email, address, phone #, current job/school, spouse and family info. Check out our alumni Facebook: [holycrossOPalum!](https://www.facebook.com/holycrossOPalum/)



Volunteers Needed!

Volunteer to be part of the rosary ministry at Bickford of Overland Park, 107th & Barclay! Holy Cross goes the 1st and 5th Monday of each month to pray the Rosary with the residents. We are in need of more volunteers! Please prayerfully consider join this ministry. For more info or to volunteer, call Pat at 913-341-3474



Confirmation classes will start back on **Sun, Jan 8 at 6:30 pm!**



Classes start back on **Tues, Jan 3**. Have a wonderful Christmas break!



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There are many wonderful books and CDs about the Catholic faith and prayer. Check out the Lighthouse kiosk in the narthex. Questions? Call Brenda Scruggs 302-8430.

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Come hear **Chap Clark on Wed. Jan. 18th at St. James Academy from 7-8:30 pm.** Chap Clark, Author of *Hurt 2.0*. He provides a vivid and insightful view into the world of today's teenagers. Now leading youth ministry expert Chap Clark substantially updates and revises his groundbreaking bestseller (over 55,000 copies sold). *Hurt 2.0* features a new chapter on youth at society's margins and new material on social networking and gaming. Each chapter has been thoroughly revised with new research, statistics, quotations, and documentation.



Join other young adults in their 20's and 30's playing **dodgeball with Catholic Challenge Sports!** The 40-minute games will take place on Saturdays January 21st - March 4th between 10AM-2PM at Garrison Community Center in Kansas City, MO. Cost is \$30. **Registration ends Jan 7th.** This is a popular sport, so don't delay, **register here:** <http://bit.ly/2hFv9pR>.



Adoration Chapel FAQ

What is Adoration? Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the "King of Glory," respectful silence in the presence of the "ever greater" God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications.

—Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2628

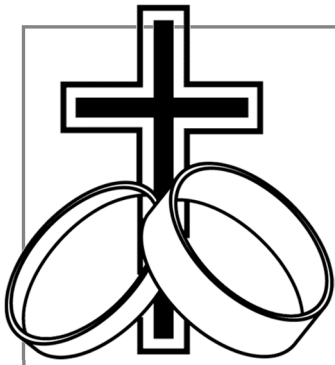
Where can I go for Adoration? Holy Cross has an Adoration Chapel located on the southeast corner of the Church.

What are the Adoration Chapel Hours? We have adoration 24 hours a day every day of the week! The doors are usually open from 8:00 am – 9:00 pm Mon-Fri and Sat-Sun from 8:00 am– till the end of the last Mass for the day. You can drop by during these times! If you wish to come at another time, you will need to commit to an hour of adoration.

How do I sign up for an Adoration Hour? If you wish to commit to an hour of Adoration, contact Ruth Kuse at ruthkuse@gmail.com or 913-258-5008 or 913-963-3700 (can send a text at this number) to volunteer or for more info.



Coats for Kids is a coat drive to provide new coats for kids that have none. The Knights of Columbus are collecting donations. Checks can be made out to "Knights of Columbus Council 11534" and dropped off at the church office or given to any Knight of Columbus. **Donations will be collected at the Jan breakfast.** Question? Contact Marty Power at 913-232-6972 or email martin.d.power@gmail.com



Marriage Minute

By the time this Sunday's gospel had taken place, Mary had been through a lot, the most recent of which is a visit by shepherds sent by angels. Scripture tells us that she "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." While none of us will literally bring the Messiah into the world, we all have had moments where God has touched our marriages. Do we take time to "keep all these things," or "reflect on them in our hearts?" When we fail to reflect, we can miss God's action in our lives!

Need some help building this time into your day? Try signing up for our free email retreat based on Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of Love. Every day for a month, you'll receive a brief excerpt from the letter with practical insights and reflection questions. www.archkck.org/30DayRetreat



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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:

sábado 7 pm; domingos 1 p.m. miércoles, 7 p.m.

MISAS EN INGLÉS:

Sábados 5:00 p.m. y domingos 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. y 11 a.m.

RECONCILIACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL:

miércoles: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. y domingos: 12:15 p.m.- 12:45p.m.

MATRIMONIOS:

Llaman a la parroquia 6 meses antes de la fecha en que desean casarse para tener la primera entrevista con un 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:

Padres y padrinos tomarán una clase de preparación, el 1er sábado del mes, **9:30 a.m.** Favor de **NO** traer niños. **Deben anotarse con anticipación para plática y bautizo**, llamando a la oficina de la iglesia, durante el horario en español, **381-2755,**

SERVICIOS EN ESPAÑOL:

Para hablar en español, llamen a la oficina de la iglesia, **381-2755**, miércoles, 3-8 p.m., lunes y martes y jueves, 9am-1 p.m. viernes 9am-12:00 (noon)



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Las clases reanudan el martes, 3 de enero. ¡Que tengan unas maravillosas vacaciones de Navidad!



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¡Las clases de Confirmación empiezan de nuevo el dom, 8 de enero a las 6:30pm!

Estimados Feligreses,
 Al comienzo del Año Nuevo, es costumbre tomar una resolución para el año. Los invito a considerar un cambio en su estilo de vida que mejorará su relación con Dios. Quizás podrías reservar 10 minutos para la oración todos los días. Tal vez usted podría decidir leer las lecturas de las Escrituras para la misa dominical durante la semana. Lo importante es convertirlo en un hábito. Se necesita disciplina, pero vale la pena. Al final del año, usted será una persona diferente.

Fr. Mike



Convalidación

¿Parejas, se han preguntado como Dios bendiciera su unión por medio del Sacramento de Matrimonio? Comuníquense con el Padre Saiki para una consulta.



ENTRENAMIENTO para Monaguillos

****CAMBIO DE FECHA y HORARIO****

Tendremos entrenamiento para monaguillos el **sábado, 7 de enero de 9:00 - 10:00 am** en la iglesia. ¡Se anima a los servidores actuales que asistan para renovar sus habilidades de servicio! ¡Niños y niñas que tengan por lo menos 9 años de edad e interesados en servir, por favor acompañenos para el entrenamiento!



FLOCKNOTE

¡Mantente en contacto con Holy Cross!

¿Ya estas inscrito con Holy Cross en **FLOCKNOTE**? Este medio nos permite enviarte correos electrónicos y mensajes de texto, manteniéndote al tanto de los eventos, actividades y noticias dentro de nuestra comunidad. Si enviaste mensaje de texto **“hcop”** al **84576**, recibiste el enlace para completar tu registración. ¡Hazlo hoy y selecciona los ministerios de los que deseas recibir avisos!



Día Mundial de Inmigrantes y Refugiados

Misa con el Arzobispo en la Parroquia San Patricio para el día mundial de Inmigrantes y Refugiados, todos están invitados a asistir. Se buscan grupos de todas nacionalidades que quieran tener una representación especial este día (Ecuador, Guatemala, El Salvador, México, Perú, Bolivia, etc.). Comuníquese con uno de nuestros miembros del Comité Hispano para obtener más información.

Parroquia San Patricio (Kansas City)

15 de enero, 2017; 5:00pm



Celebration

Marque sus calendarios. **Celebration** será el **sab, 21 de enero, 2017**. Este es el recaudador de fondos más grande del año tanto para la escuela como para la Iglesia. Celebration requiere más de 100 voluntarios para ayudar a que nuestro evento sea un éxito, por favor ayúdenos. Para registrarse como voluntario o para averiguar cómo puede apoyar este evento, comuníquese con la oficina de la iglesia durante los horarios de español.

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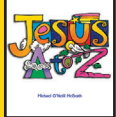
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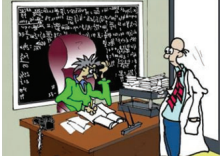
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