

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

“Discovering the Sacred Within”

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 31, 2017

A Year Of The Grace Of Yes



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CHURCH**
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PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Church

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Our Mission Statement

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic Church is to Awaken, Enrich and Enliven the Sacred Within

Our Core Values

We Joyfully, Prayerfully and Lovingly:

✚ *Embrace all we encounter*

✚ *Honor the journey of others*

✚ *Empower all to discover the sacred within*

*Through this
discipleship of Christ
we serve others*

BAPTISMS: Are celebrated after the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays. Parents must be registered, practicing Catholics and attend a Baptismal Workshop. Godparents must be at least 18 years of age, confirmed, practicing Catholics and attend a Baptismal Workshop.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Weekdays 30 minutes before mass
Saturdays 2:15—3:45 pm
And by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Held the 1st Friday of each month after the 9:00 am Mass— 12 Noon

WEDDINGS: Please call the church office 9 to 12 months in advance.

RCIA Would you like to become Catholic?

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith and if you would like to enroll in the RCIA program, please call the church office 337-984-9636, Ext 1202 or Adult Faith Formation Office at 337-654-9671.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Grand Knight-Gus Gallo
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm (Anticipated Mass)
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, 9:00 am
Thursday, Friday 5:30 pm
Tuesday

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
A Year Of The Grace Of Yes*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God;
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord;
World Day of Prayer for Peace;
New Year's Day
Tuesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Friday: St. John Neumann; First Friday
Saturday: St. André Bessette; First Saturday

**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**

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My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

—*Luke 2:30-31*



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Ext 1000

Monday, 1/1

9:00 AM: Buddy Bourque, Shirley Stutes, Sal Diesi, Marvin Howze, Gayle Harrington, Rita B. Keller.

Tuesday, 1/2

5:30 PM: Glenn Comeaux.

Wednesday, 1/3

9:00 AM: Gloria Sellers, Dustin Draughon, Royal Lowery, Sal Diesi, Glenn Comeaux, Gayle Harrington.

Thursday, 1/4

9:00 AM: Matthew Simon, Glenn Comeaux.

Friday, 1/5

9:00 AM: Pauline Meaux, Marion Meaux, Lisa McCoy, Adriel Abshire, Frances Crist, Rocky Scelfo, Glenn Comeaux, Graham Smith, Gayle Harrington.

Saturday, 1/6

4:00 PM: Rena & Miles Arceneaux, M/M Bruno Kidder, M/M Lefiad Simon, Kim Simon Palmer, Dolores DeRouen, George Baudoin, Walter & Aimee Pellerin, Ann Bacque, Intentions for Donny Gallagher, Intentions for Scott Gallagher, Mr. & Mrs. L.A. Blanchard, Mr. & Mrs. H.M. Gaudet.

Sunday, 1/7

9:00 AM: All Parishioners.

11:00 AM: Julie Jardell, Marie Morvant, Curney Joseph Dronet, Errol Deshotels, Joelle Wilson & Family, Donald Usie, Joe & Ida Simon, Lisa & Clayton Verret, Rita B. Keller, Andrew Smith & Family, Sal Diesi, Sarah Romero & Family, Ellen Smith & Family.

5:00 PM: Alcide Clement Family, Paul S. Martin Sr. Family, M/M John Domingue, Whitney Gary, Shirley Schexnider, Grace Simon, Deacon Robert Klingman, Deacon Jim Kincel, Deacon Scotty Baudoin, Living & Deceased Members of Holy Cross Ladies Altar Sodality.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

The December 24, 2017 offering will be posted in the January 7th Bulletin.

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

A monthly lunchtime speakers series.

The Central Deanery of the Diocese of Lafayette presents "**Food for the Journey**", a monthly lunchtime speakers series designed to help Catholics live out our faith in our daily lives.

Our speakers for January are **The Seminarians of the Diocese of Lafayette**. This month "**Food for the Journey**" will be held on **Tuesday, January 2, 2018**, at River Oaks Catering and Event Center Lafayette, 520 East Kaliste Saloom Road, beginning at 12:00 noon.

An optional buffet is available for purchase beginning at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to come "eat and be fed" – **please bring a friend!**

Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call Danielle Huval at 232-1322.

BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

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Gifts for a King

Experience your own Epiphany

January 6th, 2018

St. Pius X Church

Free Admission and Open to All

9:30 AM Worship

10 AM Keynote Presenter : Bishop Sam Jacobs

Testimony , Adoration & Worship

12 Noon Mass

There will be a love offering taken up for evangelization efforts in the Diocese of Lafayette through the Catholic Charismatic Renewal

WHAT WILL YOU SAY **YES** TO IN **December/January?**

- Accepting and seeing beauty in all you see
- Follow one teaching of Jesus each month
- Write a love letter to yourself
- Tell someone of the gift you see in them
- Honoring the stories of others
- Practice the Golden Rule once a week all day
- Respect differences we encounter in others
- Seeking out spiritual opportunities
- Three Random Acts of Kindness

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.

AQUINAS INSTITUTE

Church History and Theology of
the Body at AQUINAS INSTITUTE

Faith Seeking Understanding

Register now for an Aquinas Institute course! Two evening courses will be offered this spring:

THE 350 Church History by Fr. Rene Pellessier (Mondays 6-8:30 PM at Wisdom Catholic Student Center) and

THE 490 Theology of the Body by Kim Anson, MA (Wednesdays 6-8:30 PM at John Paul Great Academy). Courses begin January 24 and end May 7.

The classes can be taken for college credit or for catechetical credit (audit). For more information or to register call (337) 394-6550, email frchampagne@yahoo.com, or go to www.aquinaslafayette.org

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Eucharist will be held on Friday, January 5, 2018 at 9:45 am and we will conclude with Benediction at 12 noon.



Centennial Celebration Opening Mass (South Deanery Celebration)

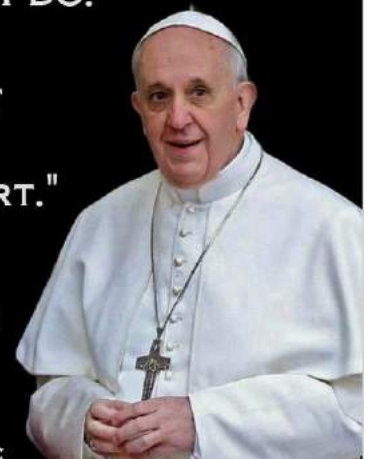
Please join Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel for this special Mass which will serve as the opening celebration of the Diocese of Lafayette's Centennial Celebration. Live stream access will be available at diolaf.org for those who are unable to attend in person.

Thursday, January 11, 2018, 6:30 PM
St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church
in St. Martinville

This date commemorates the January 11, 1918 Proclamation given from Rome by Pope Benedict XV for a new diocese to be erected in Lafayette.

"**HELP ONE ANOTHER**
THIS IS WHAT JESUS TEACHES US.
THIS IS WHAT I DO.
AND I DO IT
WITH MY HEART."

- POPE FRANCIS



Disciple Formation

Kristi Graham
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Thank You for your "YES" to Families on the Move

Thank you all for your "YES" to donating to Families on the Move. With your generous donations, we provided sweatshirts, t-shirts, socks, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and lotion for over 40 children. The Missionary Sisters of Charity are grateful for your continued love and support.

Parish Life

Teri Broussard
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SENIOR CITIZENS' BINGO & LUNCHEON

BINGO				
11	25	47	66	74
4	19	28	61	85
29	30	★	43	51
83	2	17	20	67
80	13	26	44	90

Wednesday
January 11, 2018

Games begin @ 10:30AM
Luncheon provided following the games

Cards \$1 each

Flowers for the Sanctuary

415 Robley Dr Lafayette LA 70503 984-9636

Simply fill out the form below and mail it to the church office or drop it in the collection.

Name _____

In Memory, in Honor, or in Thanksgiving of _____

Amount Enclosed \$100.00

Phone # and or e-mail contact info: _____

Date:
1 st Preference
2 nd Preference



You may turn in your Heifer forms and/or banks by and the end of the year. For more information on the Heifer project, visit their website at www.heifer.org.





EVENING OF PRAYER FOR TEENS

Parishioners of Holy Cross,

The Office of Discipleship Formation, Deacon Scotty Baudoin and Deacon Jim Kincl are hosting a night of prayer and adoration on **Saturday January 13, 2017, from 5:15-7:00 p.m.** Please join them for a night of prayer for our teens who are attending their **Life Teen** retreat. We invite everyone to come to Holy Cross and pray for our teens to have a powerful awakening to the sacred within. To accomplish our goal, we need your prayers that evening. Please say Yes!

Edge and Life Teen Christmas Social



Coming to our community in January

Alpha

What Is It?

The Alpha Course is a practical introduction to the Christian faith, where guests have an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. The course meets once per week for 11 weeks. Each session, people enjoy a simple meal, laughter and learning about the person and teachings of Jesus in a fun and non-threatening atmosphere where no question about life or God is too simple or too hostile. There is no charge to attend the Alpha course. In the middle of the course there is a Saturday retreat.

Who Is Alpha For?

Alpha is for anyone: all backgrounds, religions and viewpoints. Everyone is welcome. The Alpha course has proved to be an effective tool for awakening faith in people who are on the fringe of parish life, faithful Catholics and those outside the faith.

More than 16 million people in 168 countries around the world have taken the Alpha Course already, and it is being offered by Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant churches. The basic truths of Christianity are presented with energy and enthusiasm, and Catholics should not have to go to other churches to hear that message.

Catholic Endorsements?

Although it originated with an Anglican parish in London, the Alpha Course has received enthusiastic endorsements from Catholic cardinals, bishops and archbishops. One of its strongest supporters is Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, preacher to the papal household for Pope Francis, Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

You have questions?

Please contact Stuart Clark by email: sgclark4@aol.com or cell: 337-298-9050.

Stay Tuned.



GIVING TREE GENEROSITY

Thanks to your generosity, Holy Cross was able to deliver Christmas gifts to over 100 nursing home residents. We also provided gifts for eight families and 54 homebound Holy Cross parishioners. Holy Cross paired with the Diocese of Lafayette's Office of Justice and Peace to provide over 354 gifts to children whose parent/parents are incarcerated.

	Mon, Jan. 1	Tues, Jan. 2	Wed, Jan. 3	Thurs, Jan. 4	Fri, Jan. 5	Sat, Jan. 6	Sun, Jan. 7
Priests	Pope Francis	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel	Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell	Rev. Charles Langlois	Msgr. H.A. Larroque	Rev. Bernad Lebiedz, OSB
Seminarians	Andrew Furka	David Furka	Jace Gyles	Jonathan Harris	Nicholas Hebert	Sal Istre	Luke Johnson
						Sacrament of Reconciliation 2 :15—3:45 PM	

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TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—Benjamin Franklin

Adult Faith

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THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Timeline

Don Berkowicz will continue to facilitate a 24 week study of The Bible Timeline, on Wednesday mornings, through March 2018, 9:00-11:00am in the Grace Meeting Room, bldg A, Administration building.

The Epistle of James

Debra Carroll will facilitate a 10 week study of the Epistle of James on Tuesday evenings, beginning January 2, 2018, 6:30-8:00 pm in the Grace Meeting Room, bldg A, Administration building. The cost of the study guide is \$20.

The Book of Psalms

Debra Carroll will facilitate a 10 week study of the Book of Psalms on Wednesday evenings beginning January 3, 2018, 6:30-8:00 pm in Grace meeting room, bldg. A administration building. The cost of the study guide is \$20.

Please call the Holy Cross office at 337-984-9636 to register for the sessions. You can also register online at the Holy Cross web site. Just click on events then The Great Adventure. There will be fliers in church for all these sessions.

OREMUS—LET US PRAY

Do you find it easy to pray? Is prayer an integral part of your day? Do you hear God's voice in your daily life, and know how to respond accordingly?

For many of us, the answer to these questions is, "no." We all desire an intimate relationship with God. But, since learning to "say our prayers" as children, we never moved beyond rote recitation to an authentic conversation with God.

The Oremus study program teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of eight weeks you will discover how God speaks to you, even in the smallest encounters. Following the Tradition of the Catholic Church and the wisdom of the saints, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to hear his voice.

Holy Cross is offering an eight week study on prayer every Tuesday morning, from January 9, 2018 through February 27, 2018, 9:00-10:30 am in the Grace meeting room bldg A. The facilitators will be John Schexnaildre, and Karen Goodrich. Call the Holy Cross office to register, 337-984-9636. The cost of the student workbook is \$15.00.