



HOLY CROSS CHURCH



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Year Of The Grace Of Yes

January 14, 2018

WELCOME HONOR EMPOWER

BELONGING
PARTICIPATING
SERVICE
REGISTERING

YES



INITIATIVE

PRAYING
DREAMING
BECOMING
ENCOURAGING

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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20



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Monday, 1/15

9:00 AM: Glenn Laviolette.

Tuesday, 1/16

5:30 PM: Esteban Mendoza, Alicia Mendoza, Madelle Lockard.

Wednesday, 1/17

9:00 AM: William Martin, Julie Jardell, Errol Deshotels, Merlyn Lachaussee, Sr.

Thursday, 1/18

9:00 AM: Mrs. Zula Reaux.

Friday, 1/19

9:00 AM: Frances Crist, Mrs. Irma Mullins.

Saturday, 1/20

4:00 PM: Rene & Miles Arceneaux, M/M Bruno Kidder, L. J. Trahan, Intentions for Donny Gallagher, Intentions for Scott Gallagher, Kim Simon Palmer, M/M Lefiad Simon, Blair Harden, Shirley Stutes.

Sunday, 1/21

9:00 AM: All Parishioners.

11:00 AM: Joe & Ida Simon, Lisa & Clayton Verrett, Marva & Frank Gallagher, Rita B. Keller, Rocky Scelfo.

5:00 PM: Julie Jardell, Errol Deshotels, Shirley Schexnider, Grace Simon.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

December 31, 2017 — \$24,975.85

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.

Homily Recording on Website

Explore our Website

Are you aware that we can access a recording of the Sunday Homily on our website? Please visit our website at www.holycrosslafayette.com and click on the broadcast icon that links to the Sunday homily recording. We also have an Events calendar. Please take a look.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

Wednesday: St. Anthony

Thursday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Friday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)

Saturday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian



YES INITIATIVE

The journey of the Yes Initiative is a Conscious Awakening to the power the Holy Spirit has given to each of us to actively engage in the Mission of Jesus. For so long we have not been informed nor empowered to reach the potential for which we have all been created by our wonderful God. This Initiative is to stir each of our pots to see and then to Belong to our parish. And in our belonging to move from taking what the church has to offer, to giving of who we are to build the Kingdom of the Father. Our YES is our challenge for all to Step up to the Plate and take our rightful place in becoming a Disciple and inviting others to walk with us. So in the word of the Jedi of Star Wars, may the Force be with Us!!

A NEW LANGUAGE FOR A NEW DIRECTION

This YES Initiative requires a new language that the Church has given us since Vatican II. First, as a people we are called the Laity, that is those not ordained or in the religious state. By our Baptism all have a part to play by directing every day affairs according to the will of God. The Laity must bring God's enlightenment and order to society. A big undertaking to say the least, but one that is essential to Discipleship and the building of unity through the Holy Spirit.

Pope Pius XII said the Laity are on the front lines and must have a clear consciousness of actually being Church. Notice the emphasis on being Church and not going to Church. This been the direction of our Catholic Church since Vatican II, just never acted upon. Again, the challenge is to move from simply doing or going to Church to accepting the gift of the Spirit we received at Baptism to become a people creating a sense of belonging Welcoming those we meet, Honoring their journey and Empowering all to awaken to the gift they are for the Body of Christ.

WELCOME HONOR EMPOWER

Centennial News — Sunday, January 14, 2018

- **A New Diocese is Named** - On January 11, 1918, Pope Benedict XV officially created the Diocese of Lafayette. News reached New Orleans weeks later. The Pope did not immediately name a bishop for the new diocese, so the Archdiocese of New Orleans continued to look after the new diocese until a Bishop was in place. Fr. Teurlings and the parishioners at St. John in Lafayette, had completed a new church just two years prior. In February, Fr. Teurlings received the word that his new church would serve as the Cathedral of the new diocese.
- **Centennial Indulgence** – an indulgence granted by Pope Francis can be gained throughout this Centennial Year by all who visit the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and pray the Centennial Prayer (with the usual conditions for an indulgence). Please see the Diocesan Webpage for more information. The Centennial Prayer will be in the Cathedral beginning January 11th or you may print it from the webpage (available in various languages on webpage).
- **Pro-Life March Activities** – Vigil Mass on January 19 at 7pm at St. Pius X in Lafayette (tickets required – free). Rosary Congress from January 19 – 26 in the St. Pius X Adoration Chapel. Rally Praise and Worship on January 20 in ULL Quad from 9:30am-11:30am followed by the Pro-Life March (11:30-12:30) to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist with a welcome by Bishop Deshotel at 12:30 and a Prayer Service and Benediction (12:30-1:30) inside the Cathedral. Rose Dinner at the Petroleum Club at 6pm (tickets required — \$75 per person/\$600 per table of 8). For all ticket information, call the Diocesan Pro-Life Office – 261-5607.

DAY OF REFLECTION

Embracing Change, Maintaining Values

On February 17, 2018, the Roses of Acadiana District Theresians will host “Embracing Change, Maintaining Values” a Day of Reflection at St. Pius X School Theatre. Speakers are Very Rev. Chester C. Arceneaux, Katie Austin and Kessie Thomas. It will be held between 8:30 am- 2:00 pm. Light breakfast, lunch and snacks provided. Cost is \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Download registration form at: www.acadianatheresians.com
Mail checks to:
Roses of Acadiana District Theresians
4400A Ambassador Caffery Parkway
Box #179
Lafayette, LA 70508-6706

National Prayer Vigil for Life January 18 -19, 2018

The National Prayer Vigil for Life is an all-night pro-life prayer vigil held on the eve of the March for Life each January. Over 20,000 pilgrims from across the nation pray through the night for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life. It is held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The vigil [schedule](#) includes the Opening Mass celebrated in the Great Upper Church. Prayer continues throughout the night with the National Rosary for Life, Night Prayer and Holy Hours for Life. The following morning, the prayer vigil concludes with Morning Prayer, Benediction and the Closing Mass the next morning. The National Prayer Vigil for Life is one small part of the Church's "great prayer for life." It is sponsored by the USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and The Catholic University of America Office of Campus Ministry. A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer. — Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 100

January is Poverty Awareness Month

January is a month-long initiative to raise awareness and call attention to the growth of poverty in America.

For more info and tips on getting involved, visit PovertyUSA.org or PobrezaUSA.org. Longer daily reflections are available at <http://bit.ly/USCCBpoverty>. This calendar may be printed and distributed without charge in its original format only for personal and institutional use. No other use of the copyrighted content is permitted. Copyright © 2017, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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 are offered: **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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18-25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity invites the whole Christian community throughout the world to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus **"that they all may be one"** (John 17:21) The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was first observed in 1908 and continues to be celebrated annually from January 18-25.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

God of all, we pray as one,
that we may be one, just as the
Lord Jesus prayed we may
be one in Him.

Your son Jesus compels us to be
reconciled to one another.
May our spirits be joined to your
Holy Spirit that we may
witness to the visible unity of
your Church.

May we all recognize that we
are truly one with you, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit and grow
together in peace.

We ask this in the name of
Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*The international texts are developed, adapted,
and published for use in the USA by the Graymoor
Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute.
www.geii.org*

WHAT WILL YOU SAY YES TO IN January?

- Speaking well of others for two days a week
- Allowing older children to live their journey
- Acknowledging your gifts
- Honoring the stories of others
- Leaving your comfort zone
- Willingness to change
- Listening more and speaking less
- Being of service for someone
- Three random acts of kindness
- Attending an ACTS Retreat
- Stretching your divine nature

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Share your Faith

Second Offering — January 21st
Generous gifts made to this offering are
invaluable to fund formation and education/
catechesis efforts for the Church in Latin
America.



Some of our third and fourth graders and their families will be participating in the mass on Sunday, January 28th at 9:00 A.M. They will be greeters, commentators, lectors and gift bearers.

Fifty-nine second graders are currently in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday February 8, 2018 at 6 PM

Please be in prayer for our children as they get ready for this grace-filled step of their journey!

First Reconciliation



Together in Jesus

LIFE NIGHT SUNDAY

Final Session for the Fake News Series

Confirmation Session Next Week Only Junior Class

Teens 1/28/18



The Fake News Series : Like, Follow, Share

**FOLLOW HOLY CROSS
LIFE TEEN ON
SOCIAL MEDIA!**



INSTAGRAM:

@Holycrosslifeteen_laf

Edge Night

Wednesday
January 17th
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
In the Gym
Mission Hall
6th to 8th Grade

Alpha is Coming to our community in January

What Is It?

The Alpha Course is a practical introduction to the Christian faith, where adults 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 29 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.

VITA

Volunteer Instructors Teaching Adults

- VITA is offering another U.S. Citizenship Class beginning January 17. Focus is on the citizenship interview, understanding the application, the 100 civics questions and provides practice in reading, speaking and writing in English.
- Tutor training workshops are scheduled for Thursday, January 25 and February 1 from 5 to 7:30 pm. Session 1 is a prerequisite to Session 2. Volunteers must attend both sessions.

Both offering to be held on the 4th floor of the former Whitney Bank building at 905 Jefferson Street. Contact VITA at 337-234-4600 or email: vitala@bellsouth.net.

Catholic Bible School

Embracing Change, Maintaining Values

Join us for a Men's Bible Study on Thursday mornings 5:30—6:30 am at Community of Jesus Crucified, 115 Railroad Ave, St. Martinville, LA. The study is led by one of the CJC Priests. All men are invited. Coffee provided, no cost and no registration. Show up any Thursday morning with your bible. For more information call Fr. Champagne at (337-394-6550).

HOLY CROSS ACTS RETREATS

Acadian Baptist Center — Eunice

Women's April 5 - 8, 2018

Men's April 19 - 22, 2018

ACTS is an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. The retreat's goals are to strengthen our faith and its application in our daily life, to renew ourselves spiritually and to build strong, lasting friendships. The ACTS weekend is presented by lay Catholic women, with support provided by a Spiritual Director/companion or clergy.

For more information on the Women's Retreat, please contact Lisa Draughon at 337-207-6543.

For more information on the Men's Retreat, please contact Joe Simon at 337-258-0650 or joesimon@bellsouth.net.

Please find registration forms in church, the church office and online on the Holy Cross website at www.holycrosslafayette.com or our ACTS website at www.holycrossacts.org.

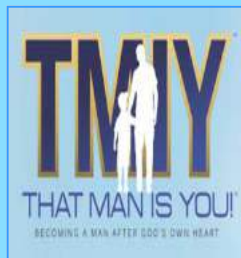
Priests	Mon, Jan. 15 Rev. Roland Lesseps, SJ	Tues, Jan. 16 Rev. James Liprie	Wed, Jan. 17 Rev. Albert Louapre, SJ	Thurs, Jan. 18 Rev. Thomas Madden, SJ	Fri, Jan. 19 Msgr. Charles Mallet	Sat, Jan. 20 Msgr. W. Curtis Mallet, JCL, VG	Sun, Jan. 21 Rev. William Massie
Seminarians	Calvin LeMaire	Seth Lemaire	Joseph Marcantel	Riley Maturin	Scott Mitchell	Rev. Mr. Stephen Pellessier	Rev. Mr. Ben Pitre
						Sacrament of Reconciliation 2:15—3:45 PM	

DIOCESAN CENTENNIAL PRO-LIFE RALLY AND WALK FOR LIFE

January 20, 2018
 Rally: 9:30am to 11:30am – University of Louisiana at Lafayette Quad
 Key Note Speaker – Joe Farris
 March: 11:30am – From UL Quad to St. John Cathedral
 Prayer Service and Benediction: 12:30pm at St. John Cathedral

This is a free event. All are welcome to attend. Please remember to bring your own snacks. Bottled water will be available at Cathedral after the March.

* In the event of inclement weather, there would be a change in location
 **Pro-Life T-shirts are available to order. Individual orders can be placed online: www.diolaf.org/events/pro-life-rally-2. Please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life for any questions, 337-261-5653.



THAT MAN IS YOU is a program for men to help them become "men of God" in the fullest sense. The meetings address topics that refer to men and their challenges in life.

THAT MAN IS YOU meets on Friday mornings at 5:45 a.m. in the Calais Center. All men (18 and older) are invited! Early rising is a great sacrifice, but the results are heavenly!

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LOST AND FOUND

Items left in Church are placed in the Usher's Room in church. The Ushers room is located in the church with the door to enter being on the wall between the Broadmoor and the Fire station entrances. If you have misplaced an item in church, please look there. We will be clearing out items soon.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

THE DESORMEAUX FOUNDATION, INC.
 The Women's Center and the St. Marguerite d'Youville Home for Pregnant and homeless women.
January 20th & 21st (handed out)
January 28th & 29th (picked up)

Please place them in the baskets at the entrances.



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 Of
 Columbus
 Council 7275**