



HOLY CROSS CHURCH



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018

A Year Of The Grace Of Yes

WELCOME HONOR EMPOWER

BELONGING

PARTICIPATING
SERVICE

REGISTERING

YES



INITIATIVE

PRAYING

DREAMING

BECOMING

ENCOURAGING

415 Robley Drive, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503

Web Site – www.holycrosslafayette.com

Office: 337-984-9636



PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Church

PARISH STAFF

Administrative Office

337.984.9636
FAX 337.988.3790

Pastor: Fr. Howard Blessing Ext. 1006
shepherd@holycrosslafayette.com
 Parish Manager: Deacon Robert Klingman Ext. 1001
rklingman@holycrosslafayette.com
 Deacon Scotty Baudoïn
 Deacon Jim Kincel
 Office Manager: Kathy Borah Ext. 1000
kborah@holycrosslafayette.com
 Parish Facilitator: Teri Broussard Ext. 1003
tbroussard@holycrosslafayette.com
 Sacred Space Coordinator: Christine Cox Ext. 1002
ccox@holycrosslafayette.com
 Adult Faith: John Schexnaildre Ext. 1202
jschexnaildre@holycrosslafayette.com
 Bulletin Editor: Lillie Long Ext. 1007
llong@holycrosslafayette.com

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Thursday 8:30 AM—Noon, 1 PM—4 PM
Friday 8:30 AM—Noon

Disciple Formation Office

337.984.9643

Director of Disciple Formation: Kristi Graham Ext. 1104
kgraham@holycrosslafayette.com
 Noemi Perillo Ext. 1101
nperillo@holycrosslafayette.com
 Joel Sandridge Ext. 1100
jsandridge@holycrosslafayette.com
 Youth Minister: Kyle Melancon Ext. 1103
kmelancon@holycrosslafayette.com
 Linda Blessing Ext. 1102
lblessing@holycrosslafayette.com

Little Shepherds ELC

(Early Learning Center)
337.984.2636

Principal: Sandy Gallo Ext. 1300
little-shepherds@holycrosslafayette.com

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
337.984.6159
a.gallo@cox.net

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Year Of The Grace Of Yes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28



337.984.9636

Monday, 1/22

9:00 AM: Dick Gill.

Tuesday, 1/23

5:30 PM: Esteban Mendoza, Alicia Mendoza, Antoine & Mary Joyce Richard, Intentions for Don & Maddy Gallagher.

Wednesday, 1/24

9:00 AM: Monique Vidos, Julie Jardell, Errol Deshotels.

Thursday, 1/25

9:00 AM: Robyn Boudreaux.

Friday, 1/26

9:00 AM: Antoine & Mary Joyce Richard, Frances Crist.

Saturday, 1/27

4:00 PM: M/M Bruno Kidder, J. B. Benoit, Helen Titre Mouton, Richard Price, Kim Simon Palmer, M/M Lefiad Simon, Blair Harden, Harris Viator, Shirley Stutes, Bettye & Roland Hidalgo, Sr.

Sunday, 1/28

9:00 AM: All Parishioners.

11:00 AM: Marie May Morvant, Julie Jardell, Errol Deshotels, Joe & Ida Simon, Lisa & Clayton Verret, Rita B. Keller, Thomas Mhire.

5:00 PM: Shirley Schexnider, Grace Simon.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

January 07, 2018 — \$17,396.85

Building Fund — \$5,487.00

January 14, 2018 — \$19,632.85

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: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Tuesday: St. Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope

Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales

Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Friday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

Saturday: St. Angela Merici; Blessed Virgin Mary



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 21, 2018

Taking a Pro-Life Stand - The U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion in the infamous Roe v. Wade decision on January 22, 1973. In a short span of days, 105 Lafayette Physicians, led by Dr. Zerben Bienvenu and others, wrote and signed a resolution stating their opposition to abortion and their resolve to preserve human life. Their advertisement read in part: "We maintain that life DOES exist before birth. As physicians, we intend to fulfill our commitment to preserve that life." The Diocese of Lafayette continues to respect, protect, and serve life from conception to natural death.

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).

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. In

these times of economic struggles, poverty and violence are still major obstacles in the daily lives of the people in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support helps give hope to people in the region, especially the youth who seek to live faith.

DAY OF REFLECTION

Embracing Change, Maintaining Values

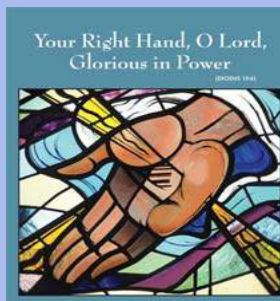
On February 17, 2018, the Roses of Acadiana District Theresians will host "Embracing Change, Maintaining Values" a Day of Reflection at St. Pius X School Theatre. Speakers are Very Rev. Chester C. Arceneaux, Katie Austin and Kessie Thomas. It will be held between 8:30 am- 2:00 pm. Light breakfast, lunch 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

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.

The theme for the 2017 observance is Reconciliation — **The Love of Christ Compels Us (2 Corinthians 5:14-20)**.

If we could let Christ's love burn in us like a fever or seize us with the strength of terror, that love would demand and compel us to be reconciled with one another and thus reconciled to God.

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

NEWCOMER REGISTRATION

Welcome to Holy Cross. Registration cards are located in the wall receptacles by the entrances.

If you would like to become part of our faith family at Holy Cross we welcome you and your gifts. Simply sign the back of the card and drop it in the welcome basket at the main entrance of the church. Someone from the office will get in touch with you soon.

Registration can also be completed online and is located on our website in resources on the bar at the top of Home Page; then Parish Membership Form on the left bar.

<http://www.holycrosslafayette.com>

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?

- Being the best version of myself
- Spending time with people who make me laugh and feel loved
- Accepting and seeing beauty in all you see
- Follow the teachings of Jesus each month
- Turning off all electronics once a week from 5pm on
- Listening without interrupting
- Making someone's life easier
- Spreading kindness
- Being braver
- Not gossiping for two days a week

Our Mission Statement

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



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



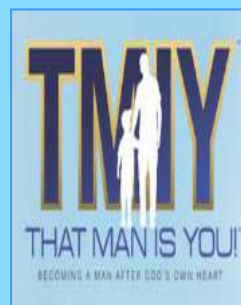
The Fake News Series : Like, Follow, Share

Parish Life

Teri Broussard
tbroussard@holycrosslafayette.com

LITTLE SHEPHERDS OPEN HOUSE

Little Shepherds is our Catholic preschool here at Holy Cross. We have classes available for children ages 18 months — PreK-4. We invite you to our Open House in Building S on Sunday, January 28th from 10AM (after the 9AM Mass) -12:30PM. Stop by and tour, ask questions, and learn more about all we have to offer for your family. Spread the word to friends and neighbors and we look forward to meeting you at Open House!



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!

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?

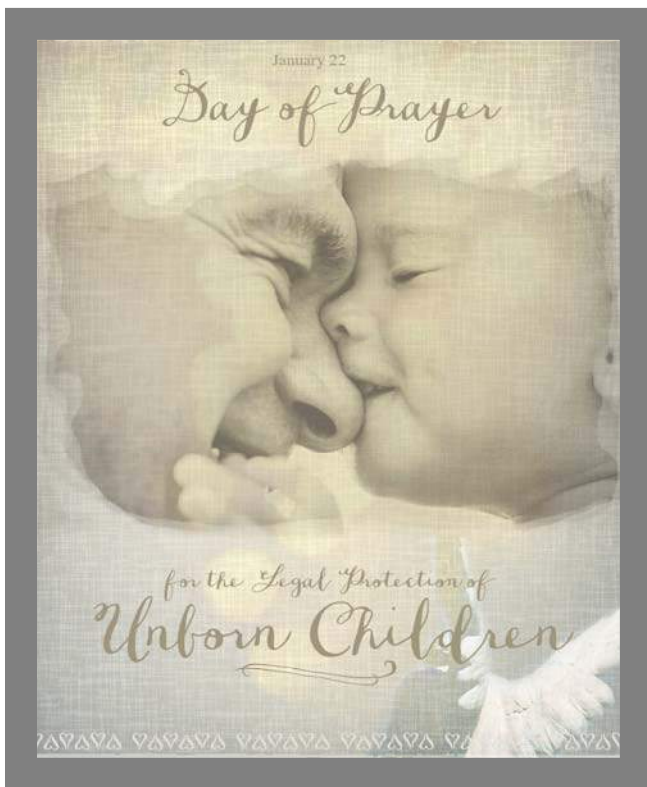
Alpha is for anyone: all backgrounds, religions and viewpoints. Everyone is welcome. The Alpha course has proved to be an effective tool for awakening faith

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.



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@bellesouth.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.



Flowers in the Sanctuary

In Memory of

L. J. Trahan

	Mon, Jan. 22	Tues, Jan. 23	Wed, Jan. 24	Thurs, Jan. 25	Fri, Jan. 26	Sat, Jan. 27	Sun, Jan. 28
Priests	Rev. Kenneth Mayne	Rev. Louis McCabe, SJ	Rev. Garrett McIntyre	Rev. Bert Mead, SJ	Rev. Glenn Meaux, SOLT	Rev. Aaron Melancon	Rev. Bill Melancon
Seminarians	Connor Poirrier	Rev. Mr. Andrew Schumacher	Rev. Mr. Brent Smith	Michael Vidrine	Nicholas Ware	Rev. Mr. Kyle White	Rev. Kevin Bordelon, <i>Director of Seminarians</i>
						Sacrament of Reconciliation 2:15—3:45 PM	

Your friends at Asbury United Methodist Church invite you to join us beginning **January 21st** for this helpful, healing support group.

GriefShare

Sunday Afternoons - 3:30pm
Asbury UMC 101 Five Oak Boulevard

The loss of a loved one is one of life's most difficult experiences. You do not have to go through the grieving process alone. This outstanding **13-week program** offers you caring support and many helpful tools for coping with the many aspects of grief.

Simply come to the Asbury Church Office and you will be greeted and guided to your classroom.

For more information, call Church Office at 984-4211 or please contact: Patsy Campbell Fletcher, GriefShare Coordinator at patsy.campbell@lusfiber.net
Jan Cooke, Director of Adult Ministries at jancooke@asbury-umc.org


KC GUMBO Fundraiser

SUNDAY, January 28th

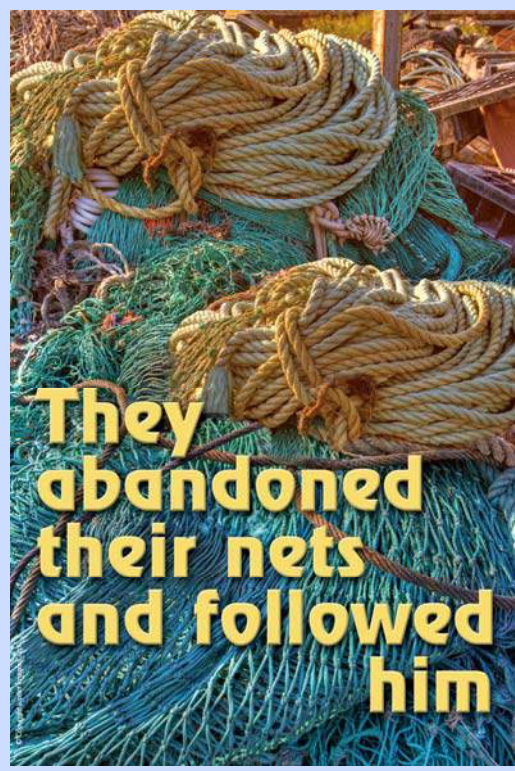
At the KC Hall

Gumbo sales from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm or till we sell out

\$ 8.00/1 quart



Chicken and Sausage Gumbo with rice



They abandoned their nets and followed him

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!



Knights Of Columbus Council 7275

NEW MEMBER DRIVE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS




The Knights of Columbus are seeking new members.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Gus Gallo 984-6159 or A.gallo@cox.net