

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
A Year Of The Grace Of Yes*

April 1, 2018



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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.

Holy Cross 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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

A Year Of The Grace Of Yes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



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Monday, 04/02

9:00 AM: Ronnie Ardoin, Jean Paul Judice, Beverly Posseno, Kathryn Kelly.

Tuesday, 04/03

5:30 PM:

Wednesday, 04/04

9:00 AM: Matthew Simon, Esteban Mendoza, Julie Deshotels Jardell, Errol Deshotels.

Thursday, 04/05

9:00 AM: Gregorio Lim, Gayle Harrington.

Friday, 04/06

9:00 AM: Remic Meaux, Pauline Meaux, Marion Meaux, Frances Crist, Rocky Scelfo, Graham Smith, Kathryn Kelly.

Saturday, 04/07

4:00 PM: Rene & Miles Arceneaux, M/M Bruno Kidder, Whitney Gary, Dolores DeRouen, Blair Harden, Shirley Stutes, Stella E. & Lynn J. Veron, Emma Lena & Alphonse Eldridge, M/M Lefiad Simon, Kim Simon Palmer, Intentions for Scott Gallagher, Beverly Colomb, George Baudoin, Walter Pellerin, Aimee Pellerin, Kathryn Kelly, Alyson Vidacovich.

Sunday 04/08

9:00 AM: All Parishioners.

11:00 AM: Marie May Morvant, Jeanette Boudreaux, Thomas Mhire, Matthew Simon, Rita B. Keller, Wilton & Margaret Larriviere, Mo Trent, Gayle Harrington, Barbara Lynd Gutierrez.

5:00 PM: M/M John Domingue, Alcide Clement & Paul S. Martin, Sr. Families, Living & Deceased Members of Holy Cross Ladies Alter Sodality, The Deceased Deshotels Family, Deceased Bacque Family.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
- Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
- Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday:** Friday within the Octave of Easter; First Friday; Julian Calendar Good Friday
- Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter; First Saturday

WEEKLY OFFERINGS for

March 18, March 25 and April 1 to be published on April 8, 2018.

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.



SENIOR CITIZENS' BINGO & LUNCHEON

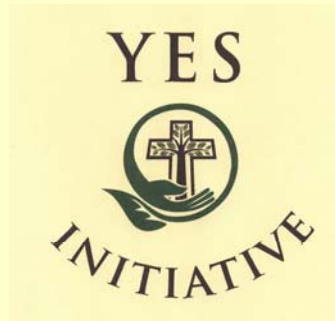
**Wednesday
April 11, 2018**

Games begin @ 10:30AM
Luncheon provided following the games
Cards \$1 each

WELCOME

HONOR

EMPOWER



YES INITIATIVE

YES

There are two parts to this important yet simple phrase. The first part or word is **YES**. Three letters that can determine the direction of your journey and the journey of the parish. The **YES** comes from our Blessed Mother who said **YES** to the invitation of the Father to be the mother of His Son. With doubt and struggle, Mary surrendered and the dream of the Father became flesh in our world! It was her time. But NOW it is YOUR TIME for **YES**! It is most challenging and somewhat fearful as it brings us across the threshold to encounter the person of Jesus, the Sacred Within.

INITIATIVE

The next part of the phrase is **INITIATIVE**. Now what, pray tell, does that mean? This is a word not often applied to Church, Parish, Journey, or Spiritual Path. Yet, without **INITIATIVE** there is NO movement, No growth, and NO becoming. The word means Creativity, Spirit, Energy, Vision, Self-Motivation or Resourcefulness. Now which one of these descriptions applies to you, where you are in relation to God, His Son Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Community, and Parish?? For many of us, this is new. The world in which we grew up as Catholics was never spoken of in these terms. After all, the parish was simply a place where the Church was located; it was a place where one attended mass or sent children to CCD: a place for baptisms, weddings, or funerals. It was NOT, usually spoken of in terms of **A COMMUNITY TO BELONG TO AND TO GROW WITH AND TO BE INVESTED IN.**

Holy Cross desires and is hungering for the gift of who you are and the gifts you bring to welcome, honor and empower the self and the parish. We invite you to dance and to pray with this new yet old idea of becoming church.

A white dove is shown in flight, positioned in the upper left quadrant of the image. The background is a textured, light-colored stone wall, possibly the interior of a tomb. In the foreground, a white cloth is draped over the floor, partially covering the base of the wall. The lighting is warm and dramatic, highlighting the dove and the cloth.

**2018
Easter Mission**

"THE 'YES' OF DISCIPLESHIP"

**Saturday, April 14th - Wednesday, April 18th
at 6 p.m.**

PRESENTER:

Deacon Keith Strohm
Executive Director of M3 Ministries

**Holy Cross Church
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Centennial News — Sunday, April 1, 2018

St. Landry Church Dedicated - April 7, 1909, marks the dedication of the current St. Landry Church in Opelousas by Archbishop Blenk of New Orleans. This massive Romanesque Revival church still stands as one of the largest churches in southwest Louisiana. St. Landry Church Parish traces its establishment back to 1776 and is the second oldest parish in the Diocese of Lafayette. Over the years, many new parishes would be formed from the boundaries of St. Landry in Opelousas. In 1920, Bishop Jeanmard formed a second parish in Opelousas, Holy Ghost, in order to expand ministry to African-American Catholics in Opelousas.

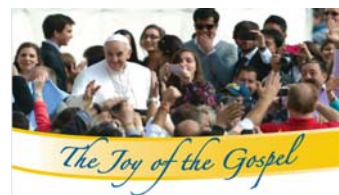
Jubilee Bible Marathon – In honor of the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette 1918-2018, the Holy Bible will be read from cover to cover in the Square of St. Martinville beginning Wednesday, April 4th at 12:30pm to Sunday, April 8th at 4:30pm - **100 hours for 100 years!!!** All are invited to come and participate in this Proclamation of the Foundation of our Faith. Come and marinate in the word. For more information or to sign up as a Reader, call Fr. Michael Champagne at 337- 394-6550. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as much as possible of this extraordinary event.

3rd Centennial Deanery Mass will be on April 13th at 6:30pm at St. Mary Magdalen. St. Mary Magdalen is our oldest Church Parish in the West Deanery and the 8th oldest canonically established Church Parish in the Diocese. Our Centennial Year is well underway and all Clergy and Laity are invited to attend this Mass and reception with Bishop Deshotel. On April 13 in 1918, Jules B. Jeanmard, who was then the Administrator of the Diocese of New Orleans, was sub delegated by the Apostolic Delegate to carry out and begin the actual work of forming the Diocese of Lafayette. Thus we continue to celebrate our history and hear the call of God for today and tomorrow in our Diocese. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

ANNULMENT PROCESS WORKSHOP

April 17, 2018, the Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Lafayette, Msgr. Robie Robichaux, will be presenting workshops on Declaration of Nullity and what is needed to begin the process. Additionally, the Office of Marriage and Family Life will provide information and resources available to individuals dealing with divorce and grief recovery. The two hour workshop will be held at 10:00 am or 6:00 pm at the Diocesan offices, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA. Prior to attending one of the sessions, please register by calling 261-5623, or via email to catrahan@diolaf.org.

There is no charge for this workshop.



The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis' remarkable exhortation on evangelization, is quickly gaining its place among the most powerful and inspiring papal documents of all time. The Joy of the Gospel is a passionate call for every Christian to be constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others.

Holy Cross is offering a six-session reflection study on the Joy of the Gospel. This study focuses on the three main themes contained in Pope Francis' letter. The study guide can be downloaded from the internet or a copy can be obtained from Holy Cross. <http://www.jesuitforum.ca/sites/jesuitforum.ca/files/joyweb.pdf>

The study guide is self-contained with quotes from the document, narratives on the three themes and questions for discussion. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from April 25 through May 30, 2018, 6:30-8:00 PM in Faith Hall. There is no cost for the study. Please call the Holy Cross office to register for the study, 337-984-9636.

Worship

Christine Cox
ccox@holycrosslafayette.com

Divine Mercy Sunday

Our Lady of Fatima Church, Lafayette, will once again host a special 3:00 pm Mass on **Sunday, April 8th**, Divine Mercy Sunday. Exposition of the Holy Eucharist and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at 2:00 pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung at 2:15pm with Benediction and Mass following at 3:00 pm. For more information, contact Our Lady of Fatima Church, 232.8945.

Food for the JOURNEY

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 speaker for April is **Rev. David Hebert, Pastor of St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Lafayette.** **“Food for the Journey”** will be held on **Tuesday, April 10, 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, call Danielle Huval (232-1322).

Jesuit Spirituality Center Upcoming Directed Retreats

The Jesuit Spirituality Center at Grand Coteau announces upcoming individually directed retreats. Silent, Individually-Directed Retreats of 3, 5 or 8-days begin on:

Monday, April 9 or Thursday, April 12
Monday, April 23 or Thursday, April 26
Monday, May 14 or Thursday, May 17
Monday, May 28 or Thursday, May 31
Friday June 8 — 3 & 5 days only
Monday, June 18 or Thursday, June 21

Registration form on website at jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or call 337-662-5251.

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 information on the Women’s Retreat, contact Lisa Draughon at 337-207-6543.

For information on the Men’s Retreat, 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 ww.holycrosslafayette.com or our ACTS website www.holycrossacts.org.

JUBILEE OF THE WORD



MARATHON

In honor of the centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette 1918 - 2018
the Holy Bible will be read cover to cover publicly in the

Square of St. Martinville

Beginning

Wednesday, April 4th at 12:30pm

and Ending

Sunday, April 8th at 4:30pm

A 100-Hour Marathon with over 300 Assigned Readers!
Come Marinate in the Word!

For More Information or to Sign Up as a Reader,
Call Fr. Michael Champagne at

(337) 394-6550

fetieduduteche@gmail.com

For all you are
For all you do
Thank You

Thank You to Our Liturgical Ministries

With great appreciation to Father Blessing, Deacon Robert Klingman, Deacon Scotty Baudoin, Deacon Jim Kinzel, our Music Ministers, Adult and Young Adult Choir, Altar Servers, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Greeters, Ushers, volunteers and staff who participated in the Palm Sunday, Sacred Triduum preparations. Our celebrations were inspiring faith community gatherings preparing us for living our faith as a whole.

Lent, Holy Week, Easter Sacred Space Care and Décor



Our Sincere Thanks.

On behalf of the Holy Cross community, we extend our appreciation to all who participated in the décor for Lent, Palm Sunday, Sacred Triduum Liturgies. Special thanks to the Ladies Altar Sodality, Sacristans, Plant Care and Church Care Ministers and to all other helpers whose contribution helped us celebrate and sustain our prayer, preparing us for the Joy of Easter.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS 2018 IN MEMORY OF:

Dr. James & Lori Ardoin	Lisa Fasnacht	Jaclyn Prejean
Mary Grace Ardoin	Heather Renee Faulk	Frank Rieber
The Arnould & Pitre Family	Sam & May Firmin	Julie Savage
The Bacque Family	Nelda Fontenot	Ron Savoy
Baudoin & Hockaday Families	James & Dolores Gamble	Gloria Sellers
Billie Bernhard	Francis "Sis" Garboard	Barbara Shea & Jeanne Svendson
Horace Bertrand	In Honor of: 10 Healthy Grandchildren	Lois Simon
Mable Bordelon	Ed Guidry	Matthew Simon
Percy & Nursey Bourque	Keith Hendrick	Michael L. Smith
Gigi Roberts Boyd	Russell Jackson	V. Farley Sonnier
Shelton & Marian Braud	Kathryn Kelly	Dudley Spiller
Richard O. Breaud	Shirley Landry	Grace Spiller
Patrick Breaux	Bernice Lee	Shirley A. Stutes
Bill & Lula Carroll	Gregorio A. Lim	Rita Terradot
Prosper & Marie Casbon	Justin Mueller	In Thanksgiving
Verna Cousin	Annette & Jerry O'Keefe	Nelson A. Thibodeaux
John Detillier, Sr.	Mark R. Pharr, Jr.	Michah J. Touchet
Dustin C. Draughon	Susie Pharr	My Wife
Dennis & Dominick Driscoll Mr. & Mrs. Nores Dubois	Emillien & Matile Prejean	

Heifer International (also known as **Heifer Project International**) is a global nonprofit working to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable, values-based holistic community development. Heifer distributes animals, along



with agricultural and values based training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency. Recipients

must agree to “pass on the gift” by sharing animal offspring, as well as the skills and knowledge of animal husbandry and agricultural training with other impoverished families.

Holy Cross has participated in the Heifer Project since Father Blessing came to Holy Cross and he received a note from the President of the organization.

Dear Father Blessing,

Thank you and all of the people of Holy Cross for your amazing generosity and support. It might interest you to know that I was raised Catholic and was educated by Josephites and Jesuits! My faith has guided me through many challenges. It always gives me a little extra thrill to see other Catholics helping out! We appreciate your prayers and blessings and of course the resources. Be sure they will be well used.

May all of you be well and joyful.

Pierre, Ferrari

Heifer International's mission is to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth. For more than 70 years, we have provided livestock and environmentally sound agricultural training to improve the lives of those who struggle daily for reliable sources and food and income. We currently work in more than 25 countries, including the United States, to help families and communities become self-reliant.

THE EASTER SEASON: OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

**Make time to eat with all
the family present**

**Write a love letter to the
members of your family**

**For those in your life, offer
a prayer of thanksgiving**

**Speak well of others, of all
people**

**The Light given to you, pass
it on**

Let the past stay in the past

**Smile in gratitude for all
you have**

**Become the change you
want for the world**

**Embrace your value as
God's creation**

**Silence cell phones when
eating with others**

**Remember the poor both
here and abroad**

	Mon, April 2	Tues, April 3	Wed, April 4	Thurs, April 5	Fri, April 6	Sat, April 7	Sun, April 8
Priests	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel	Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell	Rev. Bryan Taylor	Rev. Joseph Tetlow, SJ	Rev. Mark Thibodeaux, SJ	Rev. Jude Thierry
Seminarians	Jonathan Harris	Nicholas Hebert	Sal Istre	Luke Johnson	Andrew Killeen	Luke Kirk	Hayden Lacour
						Sacrament of Reconciliation 2:15—3:45 PM	



Pictured front row L to R: Lois LeBlanc, Lisa “Toot” Dupuis, Sonia Vice; center row: Willie Mae Graciana; back row L to R: Howard Ratliff, Joe Graciana and Shelia Stagg.

Our Heartfelt Thanks for Your Service

Holy Cross Church recently recognized these parishioners for saying YES to many years of dedicated volunteer service to our parish. Joe Graciana retired after nearly 50 years of successfully operating the St. Vincent de Paul organization at Holy Cross. Also retiring from the St. Vincent de Paul office are Shelia Stagg, Sonia Vice and Howard Ratliff.

Willie Mae Graciana, Lois LeBlanc and Lisa “Toot” Dupuis also retired after many years of volunteer service in the Holy Cross Administrative Office. We thank them and wish them well in their retirement. We will surely miss them.

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>

WHAT WILL YOU SAY **YES** TO IN **April**?

- Willingness to change
- Dreaming once again
- Accepting that you can't fix some things
- Spend time with people who make you laugh and feel loved
- Living life
- Listening without interrupting
- Promise without forgetting
- Making someone's life easier
- Being kinder
- Volunteer your talents to others
- Visit someone lonely