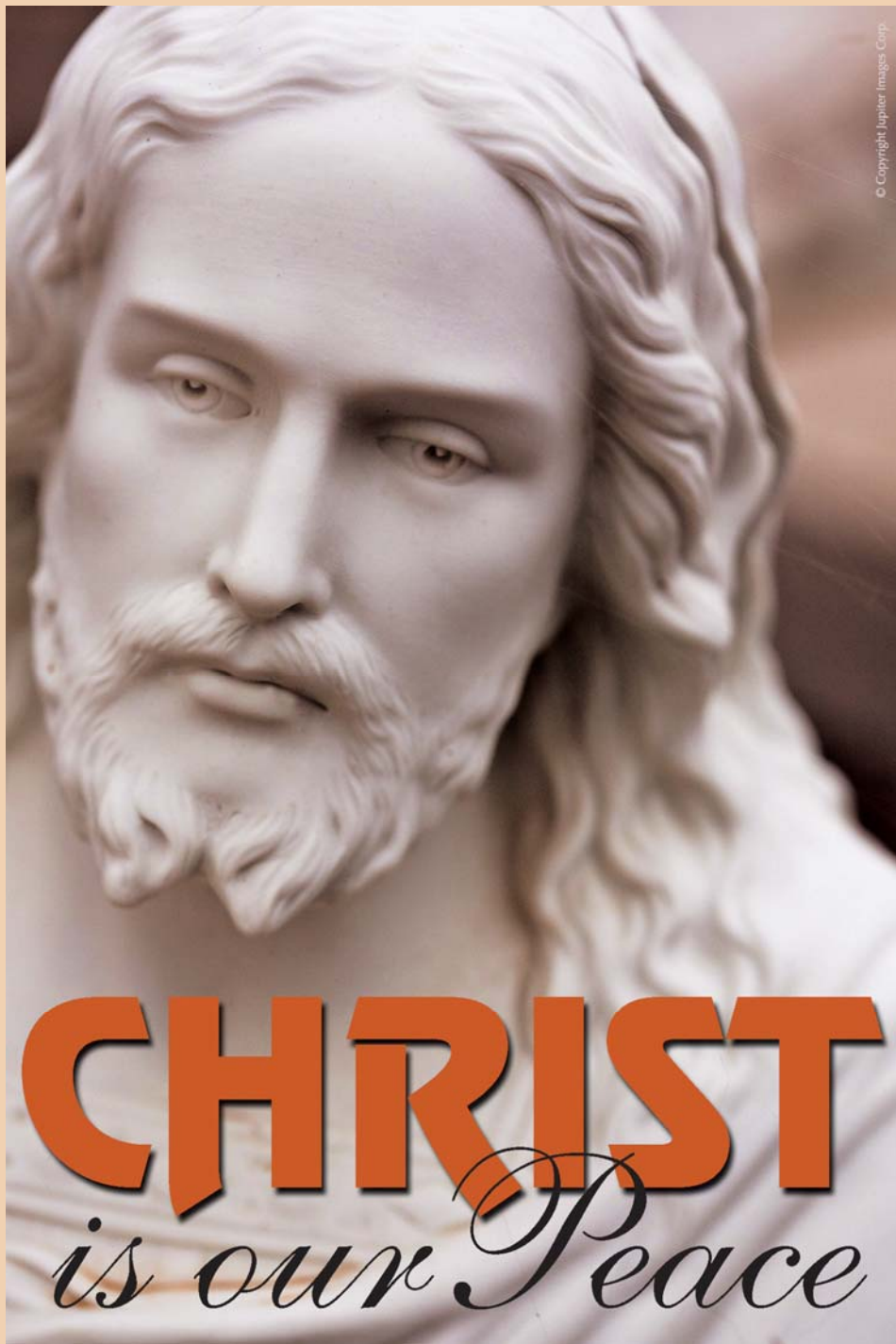


16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Year Of The Grace Of Yes

July 22, 2018



415 Robley Drive, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503
Web Site – www.holycrosslafayette.com
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PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Church

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(Early Learning Center)

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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:

- Welcome 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

www.knightsofcolumbus7275.com

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bridget

Tuesday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf

Wednesday: St. James

Thursday: Ss. Joachim and Anne

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



**Catholic
Communication
Campaign**
CONNECT WITH CHRIST

Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support will help the CCC connect millions of people with Christ and spread the gospel message. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.



The July 29th Second Collection is for St. Vincent de Paul.
Neighbors helping Neighbors!



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Monday, 07/23

9:00 AM: Kathryn Kelly.

Tuesday, 07/24

5:30 PM: Evangeline Grace Breaux, Ellora Guidry.

Wednesday, 07/25

9:00 AM: Matthew Simon, Gayle Harrington, Marcela Lim, Rufina Lim.

Thursday, 07/26

9:00 AM: Rita B. Keller, Ted Harrington, M/M J. M. Pere, Verlie Boudreaux & Family, Brandt & Glynn Broussard, F. J. & Leona Robicheaux, Lana Edmondson.

Friday, 07/27

9:00 AM: Francis Crist, Melba Broussard, Kathryn Kelly, Margaret & Ed Bollich, Ellora Guidry.

Saturday, 07/28

4:00 PM Helen Titre Mouton, Blair Harden, Curtis Prejean, Shirley Stutes, Beverly Colomb, Kathryn Kelly, Brian Fruge, Kim Simon Palmer, M/M Lefiad Simon, The Block Family, Wanda Simon Troy, Blanche Brailey, Rowena & Jack Blanchard.

Sunday 07/29

9:00 AM: All Parishioners.

11:00 AM: Rita B. Keller, Thomas Mhire, Beverly Mixon, Ellora Guidry.

*Flowers in the
Sanctuary*

In Memory of

Mary L Trahan

WEEKLY OFFERINGS for

July 15, 2018

Offertory—\$13,177.40

Second Collection Offering—\$3,173.00
Catholic Communications Campaign

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Continues

For nearly fifty years, Holy Cross Catholic Church through the incredible work of its tireless volunteers, dedicated themselves to the mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul which is "building a more just world through relationships with and in service to people in need."

As a Church we are grateful to reaffirm that same dedication and outreach to the poor continues and has evolved into a new partnership with Catholic Charities of Acadiana.

A new avenue for this ministry will be a monthly financial gift to the Catholic Charities-Stella Maris Center. The Stella Maris Center is a hygiene facility that provides a place for homeless individuals to take a shower, use the restroom, do laundry, and take care of other basic hygiene needs. It is said; the Stella Maris Center is the first place we learn of the names of the poor among us in Acadiana. Through partnerships like Holy Cross, this local center, connects homeless individuals with additional resources to assist them as they find a way to regain life's basic accommodations of food, clothing and shelter.

Built in 2012, Stella Maris Center (named after Our Lady Star of the Sea), is a safe harbor from the storms of the world. Our homeless brothers and sisters needing these basic human services will find a peaceful place of restoration.

While basic food pantry donations will continue to be accepted at Holy Cross Church, our new partnership with Catholic Services of Acadiana will focus primarily in strengthening the well-being of individuals and families in our community through our monetary donations to Catholic Services of Acadiana which will help with funds for rent and utilities in crisis situations.

We continue to be hopeful that you will continue to support this ministry as we provide help for people's physical, mental, and spiritual needs. By doing this with care and respect, we show them that they matter and that they are children of our Most High God.

"The sense of futility is one of the greatest evils of the day... People say, "What can one person do? What is the sense of our small effort?" They cannot see that we can only lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time; we can be responsible only for the one action of the present moment. But we can beg for an increase of love in our hearts that will vitalize and transform all our individual actions." – Dorothy Day

Centennial News

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Jesuits Come to Acadiana - In 1836 a contract was signed in France which would have a lasting effect on the Catholic Church in southwest Louisiana. The Archbishop of New Orleans contracted the Jesuits to come to Louisiana to establish a school for boys in Grand Coteau, where there was already a school for girls. The Jesuits arrived the following year and began building a school. On July 31, 1837 Archbishop Blanc laid the cornerstone of St. Charles College. In 1972, the campus of St. Charles College became the Jesuit Spirituality Center. Today, over 180 years later, the Jesuits remain active in the Diocese of Lafayette.

August 15 – get your boat and join the procession - Fete Dieu de Vermilion – our Eucharistic Adoration will be on the Vermilion River this year beginning in Abbeville at St. Mary Magdalen with a Mass in French at 8am. The river procession will begin after with a Rosary and Benediction in Milton @11:35 @Waweas, then a Rosary and Benediction at River Ranch @1:40 @Rufinno's, then a foot procession @ 3:45pm from Beaver Park to Cathedral up University St. to the Cathedral – Vespers at 5pm and Mass at 5:30 with Bishop Deshotel. Having 121 Church Parishes in our Diocese we would like to have at least 1 boat from each parish. To register, please visit www.fetedieuduteche.org or call 337-349-6550. This is an extraordinary event and we ask that you please consider being a part of the 121 boats.

Centennial Youth and Family Fest – a gathering at Parc International Downtown Lafayette on Saturday, October 20th from 3pm to 9pm for Faith, Fun, Music, Food and Eucharistic Adoration. Our Youth, All Youth Groups, Families, Clergy and Religious are invited. Please mark your calendars now and watch for more information soon.

Worship

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The American Revolution cleared the way for freedom of religion in the former colonies, since the colonies had always been a more religiously tolerant place than the old country. Even so, colonial laws restricted the practice of the Catholic faith, and just as in England, Americans who desired to be priests or nuns had to go to the Netherlands or France. As political storm clouds gathered in France, an American woman, Mother Bernardina Matthews, the prioress of the Hoogstraeten Carmel in Holland, made a brave move. With two other American nuns, her nieces, and a Dutch sister, she came to Port Tobacco, Maryland, in 1790. Within twenty years the community had grown to twenty, although by 1823 their farm failed and they had to move to Baltimore and open a school. The Carmelite order requires contemplation and cloister, so in time the school was closed. The Port Tobacco land had long since been sold, but in 1976 a community of nuns was able to return thanks to loyal neighbors who had worked for forty years for their restoration. Today, our original American convent is fully alive in prayer, hard work, and strong community.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

REST IN THE LORD

For several weeks we have listened to readings that have recounted just how arduous the work of prophets and disciples can be. In today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus listens to the reports of those he had sent out "two by two" to minister to the people. After the apostles reported what they had done, Jesus, recognizing their fatigue, says, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31). Perhaps this is what the Lord is telling his disciples in the year 2018 as well. We need to pause on our journey of discipleship and simply rest in the Lord. Sunday Mass provides many opportunities for quiet times, particularly during the periods of silence following the readings. Why not take the time today to allow the saving word of the Lord to penetrate your heart during those silent times? Ask the Lord to renew you in body, mind, and spirit for the arduous work of discipleship.

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WHAT WILL YOU SAY YES TO IN JULY?

- Spreading kindness
- Talking to God in your own words
- Making someone's life easier
- Promising without forgetting
- Forgiving without punishment
- Volunteering your talents
- Laughing often
- Dreaming big
- Recognizing the good that you did today



2018 NOVENA TO SAINT ANNE

The Ladies Altar Society of St. John the Evangelist Church in Henry is inviting **all** Altar Society members throughout the Diocese of Lafayette to pray with them,

privately at home, a novena to St. Anne. The novena will begin on Wednesday, July 18 and end on Thursday, July 26, which is the feast day of St. Anne and St. Joachim. On the final day, July 26, members are invited to attend mass at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral in Lafayette at 12:05 in honor of the Centennial year of our diocese.

Time Change for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Beginning with the First Friday in July, the time for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will change. It will still begin at 9:45 am but will now end at 11 am.



The nursery is located in
Building S by the playground
Room 9

To learn more about our Sunday Nursery
please drop by and visit with the
caregiver.

The caregivers have received the child
protection training required by the
Diocese of Lafayette.

HOLY CROSS NURSERY

Toddlers ages
12 months (walking) to Pre-K.

The nursery affords parents an opportunity
to participate more fully at the celebration
of the Eucharist knowing their children are
in a safe and nurturing environment.

The Nursery is open for Sunday morning
mass:

9:00 am opens at 8:45 am

11:00 am opens at 10:45am

Please pick up your child soon after mass

No reservations are required
Service is Free

*If you have any feeling at all that your child may
be sick, PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM TO
THE NURSERY*



Children's Disciple Formation Registration Now Open

Registration for Disciple Formation Classes for all grades (1st-11th)
is now open. Registration is available on the Holy Cross website
at www.holycrosslafayette.com.

*Please complete the online registration form before August 31,
2018.*

Applications are now being accepted for the full-time position of **Disciple Formation Administrative Assistant**.

Successful candidates would organize and coordinate administrative duties for Office of Disciple Formation Staff. This role involves working closely with Elementary students and Catechists; ensuring both high levels of effectiveness and a pleasant work environment.

Administrative Assistant duties include, but not limited to, answering telephone, greeting visitors, assisting with class/teacher scheduling, data entry, distribution of mail, office supply ordering, vacation bible school preparation and recording of confidential sacramental certificates.

Ideal candidates should have basic to intermediate skills in both Word & Excel. Knowledge of databases is a plus. Position requires attendance to some occasional Disciple Formation events held evenings and/or weekends throughout the year.

If you would like to apply for this position, please submit your resume, **no later than August 10, 2018**, to:

**Holy Cross Catholic Church
415 Robley Drive
Lafayette, LA 70503**



HOLY CROSS WELCOMES NEW ADDITION TO STAFF

At Holy Cross we are excited to announce a new addition to our Staff, Alex Dietlein. Alex has expertise in all things from web design to video creation to marketing in all its many forms. We are more than blessed to have him on our team, so please make him feel welcome.

BIBLE STUDIES

The Great Adventure Bible Study

Several Bible studies offered at Holy Cross

Gospel of Matthew

Don Berkowicz will facilitate a 24 week study of the Gospel of Matthew on Wednesday mornings, beginning August 8, 2018, 9:00-11:00am in the wisdom Meeting Room, bldg. D. The cost of the study guide is \$20.

The Bible Timeline

Debra Carroll will facilitate a 24 week study of The Bible Timeline, on Tuesday evenings, beginning August 28, 2018, 6:30-8:00 pm in the Wisdom Meeting Room, bldg. D. The cost of the study guide is \$20.

The Bible and the Virgin Mary

Debra Carroll will facilitate an 11 week study of the Bible and the Virgin Mary on Wednesday evenings beginning September 5, 2018, 6:30-8:00 pm in Wisdom meeting room, bldg. D. The cost of the study guide is \$20.

Please call the Holy Cross office at 337-984-9636 to register for the sessions.

The Office for Catholic Charismatic Renewal Diocese of Lafayette

Presents



**UL Student Union Ballroom
Free Admission
Reserve your spot at
www.renewdol.org**

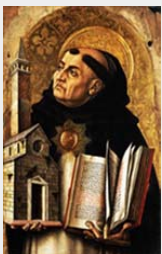


IRELAND AND SCOTLAND TRIP

Come join Fr. Blessing for a wonderful trip to Ireland and Scotland leaving June 1, 2019. A great group of parishioners have already signed up but there is more room for you and your friends. The trip is not limited to Holy Cross parishioners.

Information of the trip can be found at the entrances of Church.

Register Now for an Aquinas Institute Course!



Fall Courses: THE 203 Jesus, Son of God by Fr. Michael Russo, STB, MA (Tuesdays 6:15 - 9:00 PM at Knight Hall at Our Lady of Fatima - Classes begin Aug. 21 and end Dec. 4)

PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy 3 sem. hrs. by Fr. Brian Harrington, MA,

PhL (Wednesdays 6-8:45 PM at ULL - Classes begin Aug. 22 and end Dec. 5).

The classes can be taken for college credit (accredited through University of Holy Cross) or for catechetical credit (audit).

For more info or to register call (337) 394-6550, email frchampagne@yahoo.com, or go to www.aquinaslafayette.org

Fostering understanding and appreciation of the Catholic Faith

**“Gently Worn”
Public School Uniforms Needed**
(Please Only Public School Uniforms)

School Uniform Outreach will continue to collect and process gently worn public school uniforms. **The need is great!**

Various agencies will make these uniforms available to children who are in need in our Lafayette parish schools. Soon volunteers will begin processing your donations for the 2018-2019 school year. We request your help in this Ecumenical Effort.



Please bring your children’s outgrown uniforms to church ASAP and place them in the School Uniform Outreach containers provided in church and in Building C.

Youth Sizes 4-20 and All Adult Sizes are needed:

Shirts: Red, white and navy blue.

Pants/Shorts: Navy blue and khaki — traditional style.

**Theology of the Body
Human Love in the Divine Plan**



A study of the magnificent teaching of St. John Paul II. It consists of four sessions using videos by Christopher West and small group discussions.

**August 8, 15, 22, 29 (Wednesdays)
5:45 – 7:45 PM**

St. Elizabeth Seton Family Life Center
610 Rain Tree Trail (off Moss Street)
Lafayette, LA 70507

No Charge, but Workbook is \$20 (Optional)

For more information or to register call 289-9366 or 335-4652. If you have any questions email maguillot27@gmail.com.

	Mon, July 23	Tues, July 24	Wed, July 25	Thurs, July 26	Fri, July 27	Sat, July 28	Sun, July 29
Priests	Rev. Taj Glodd	Rev. Msgr. Richard Greene	Rev. Michael Guidry	Rev. Mitchell Guidry	Ch. Capt. Brad Guillory, USAF	Rev. Joshua Guillory, JCL	Rev. Jude Halphen
Seminarians	Rev. Mr. Randy Courville	Myles Creek	Tanner Darbonne	Brent Didier	Cameron Domingue	Phillip Domingue	Casey Dugas
Deacons	Dcn. Harris Bergeron	Dcn. Daniel Besse	Dcn. Paul Eleazar	Dcn. Doug Hebert	Dcn. Leon LeJeune	Dcn. Doug Melancon	Dcn. Rod Perron

**HOLY CROSS WOMEN'S
ACTS RETREAT**
Acadian Baptist Center—Eunice
September 20-23, 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 ACTS Retreat, please contact Kim Manuel @ 337-962-6411 or by email: manuel_k@bellsouth.net.

Registration forms are available in the back of the church and will be **accepted by mail only**:

Holy Cross Catholic Church
Attn: Women's Retreat
415 Robley Drive
Lafayette, LA 70503



**Holy Cross
Playground
Summer Schedule**

The playground will be open during the summer from **8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Holy Cross Administrative Office will observe summer office hours as follows:
Monday-Thursday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm (closed from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm)
Friday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

ANNULMENT PROCESS WORKSHOP

July 24, 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. Two workshop times are offered: 10:00 am – noon, or 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, at the Diocesan offices, Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA. All are invited to attend. 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.

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>