



HOLY CROSS CHURCH



5th Sunday of Lent

A Year Of The Grace Of Yes

March 18, 2018



Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

~ John 12:24

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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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24;



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Monday, 03/19

9:00 AM: Repose of the Soul Jean Paul Judice, Beverly Posseno, Gayle Harrington, Kathryn Kelly.

Tuesday, 03/20

5:30 PM:

Wednesday, 03/21

9:00 AM: Nelson Thibodeaux, Jennifer Shute, Aimee Comeaux.

Thursday, 03/22

9:00 AM: Mary Ann Breaud

Friday, 03/23

9:00 AM: Ted Harrington, M/M J. M. Pere, Frances Crist, Mrs. Phillip Bourque, Kathryn Kelly.

Saturday, 03/24

4:00 PM: M/M Bruno Kidder, Dolores DeRouen, Kim Simon Palmer, M/M Lefiad Simon, Blair Harden, Shirley Stutes, Intentions for Scott Galagher, Beverly Colomb, George Baudoin, Walter Pellerin, Aimee Pellerin, Kathryn Kelly.

Sunday, 03/25

9:00 AM: All Parishioners.

11:00 AM: Joe & Ida Simon, Lisa Clayton Verret, Thomas Mhire, Esteban Mendoza, Mrs. Janise Huter, Rita B. Keller, Julie Deshotels Jardell, Errol Deshotels, Sue Laprairie, Wilton & Margaret Larriviere, Mo Trent.

5:00 PM: Shirley Schexnider, Grace Simon.



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 Frances' 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.

WEEKLY OFFERING for

March 11, 2018 — \$15,008.80

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.

WHAT WILL YOU SAY YES TO IN March?

- Singing with the choir during Mass
- Being thankful
- Doing your very best
- Laughing often
- Dreaming big
- Thinking positively
- Read the YES INITIATIVE in the bulletin
- Planning an adventure
- Praying more and worrying less

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.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SAY **YES** TO

Holy Week and The Liturgy of the Sacred Triduum

PALM SUNDAY
of the Lord's Passion
MARCH 25TH

HOLY THURSDAY
Evening Mass of the
Lord's Supper
MARCH 29TH ~ 6:30 PM
(NO 9 AM MASS)
Adoration following until
Friday morning at 6am



GOOD FRIDAY
Solemn Celebration of
the Lord's Passion
MARCH 30th ~ 3 pm
(NO 9 AM MASS)
Fish Fry to follow in
Mission Hall (Gym)

EASTER VIGIL
Service of Light and Hope
MARCH 31ST ~ 8 PM
(NO 4 PM MASS)



EASTER SUNDAY
The Resurrection of the Lord
APRIL 1ST ~ 9 AND 11 AM MASS
(NO 5 PM MASS)

Centennial News — Sunday, March 18, 2018

First Catholic Hospital - On March 17, 1908, the first Catholic hospital in Southwest Louisiana was dedicated and opened in Lake Charles. Fr. Cramers, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Lake Charles, approached the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word for help to begin a hospital in the area. The sisters had recently established a hospital in Galveston, Texas. In 1908, "St. Patrick Sanitarium" was opened with 50 beds to serve the needs of the region. Later, the name would change to St. Patrick's Hospital, and is today known as CHRISTUS St. Patrick. 110 years later, the hospital continues to make known the healing work of Christ.

Second Centennial Deanery Mass will be this week at St. Landry Catholic Church, our 2nd oldest canonically established Church in the Diocese, on March 23 at 6:30pm in Opelousas. All Clergy and Laity throughout the whole Diocese are invited to attend this Mass and reception with our Bishop Deshotel as we continue to honor and celebrate this Centennial Jubilee Year of our Diocese. This is an exciting year and it is good for all of us from all parts of the Diocese of Lafayette to come together for the Centennial Events to reflect upon our past and recommit to the future that God is leading us into. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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.

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.

COME MARINATE IN THE WORD!

The Jubilee of the Word Marathon – 100 Hours for 100 Years is an extraordinary and unique way to celebrate the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette! Beginning on Wednesday April 4 at 12:30 PM the Bible will be read publicly cover to cover without pause in the Square of St. Martinville. The Marathon will conclude on Divine Mercy Sunday at 4:30 PM. Bishop Douglas Deshotel will begin the reading from the first chapters of Genesis and Bishop Michael Jarrell will conclude with the closing chapters of the Book of Revelation. Over 300 lectors will be needed for 20 minute intervals. Lectors from churches from throughout Acadiana and others interested in reading are encouraged to sign up for a reading slot during the Marathon. All are encouraged to come listen and *Marinate* in the Word! For more info. or to register as a lector, please contact Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC at fetediuduteche@gmail.com or (337) 394-6550. *More information is available at www.fetediuduteche.org and Fete-Dieu du Teche on Facebook.*

Worship

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PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Were you There?

Fridays during Lent
5:30 pm in Church

At each Station, we are presented with another participant in the drama of our salvation and through that person are called to ask ourselves:

“Was I there? Am I still? What part did I play... am I still playing?”

HOLY CROSS GUIDE FOR OBSERVING LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:30 pm, Fridays of Lent
We pray The Way of the Cross in church.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast and abstinence. We are to have only one full meal on those days and to refrain from eating meat. The other Fridays in Lent, we are called to refrain from eating meat.

PILLARS OF LENT

Prayer, Fasting/Abstinence,
Almsgiving/Service

Lent prepares our hearts to more fully enter into the mystery of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.



Men,
16 years & older,
this weekend is about
how to discern
God's call
for your life.

No cost to you.

Transportation
provided
from Lafayette.

Reserve your spot today.

To register,
contact:
Diocese of Lafayette
Office of Vocations
Fr. Patrick Broussard,
Director
1408 Carmel Drive
Lafayette, LA 70501
337 261-5690
vocations@diolaf.org
or
visit:
lafayettevocations.org

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Come and See

Saint Joseph's Seminary
Palm Sunday Vocations Retreat
March 23-25, 2018

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 www.holycrossacts.org.

Worship

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2018
Easter Mission

"THE 'YES' OF DISCIPLESHIP"

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

PRESENTER:
Deacon Keith Strohm
Executive Director of M3 Ministries

Holy Cross Church, 415 Robley Drive, Lafayette

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
fetedieuduteche@gmail.com

Easter Flowers Donation

If you would like to donate toward the flowers that will be used for Easter décor at Holy Cross in memory of someone or in thanksgiving, simply fill out the form below and mail it to the church office or drop it in the collection. The amount for the flowers will be \$35.00. (Please one name per \$35.00 donation.)



Name _____

Address _____

Phone# or email contact info _____

In Memory Of _____

Amount Enclosed _____

(All names for which the flowers will be in memory of will be listed in the bulletin the weekend after Easter Sunday.)

*If you receive offering envelopes by mail, you received an Easter flower envelope;
you may use the envelope or this form.*

EASTER EGG HUNT
Sponsored by
Knights of Columbus

Saturday, March 31
10 am
Front of Building C
(Calais Center)



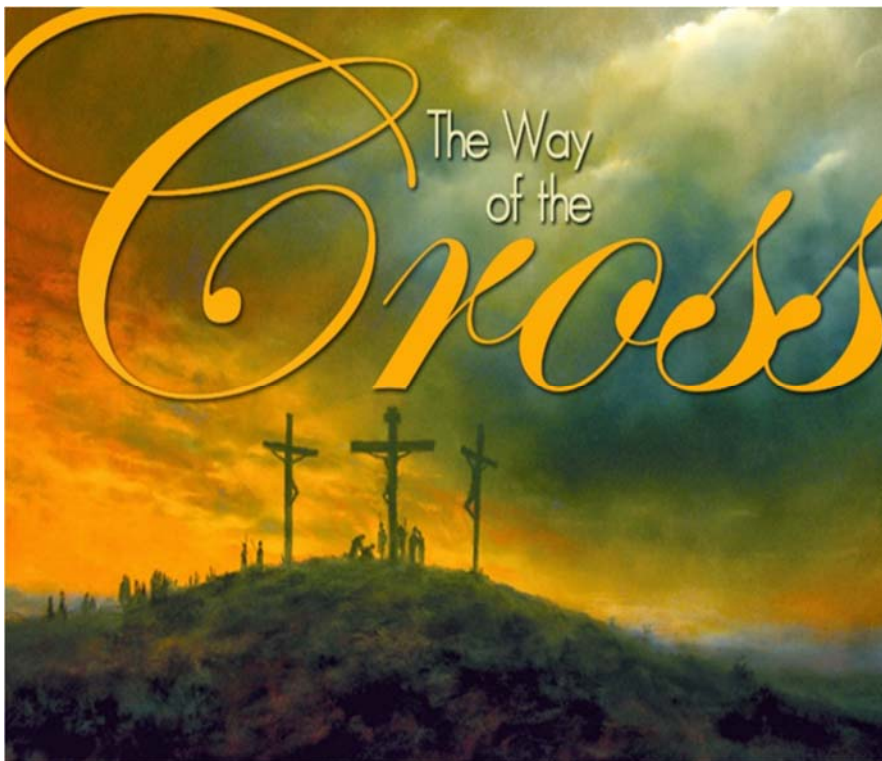
**The Easter Bunny will
make an appearance!**

**There will be plenty of
eggs to hunt along with
candy treats!**

**All children are invited.
Remember to bring
your Easter Basket!**

Disciple Formation

Kristi Graham
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**Attention
Junior High Parents:**

**Please join us on
Sunday, March 25th
for the
Way of the Cross
during your child's
class from
6:15-7:15 pm
in the church.**

Priests	Mon, March 19 Rev. Garret Savoie	Tues, March 20 Rev. William Schambough	Wed, March 21 Rev. Gary Schexnayder	Thurs, March 22 Rev. Nicholas Schiro, SJ	Fri, March 23 Rev. Paul Schott, SJ	Sat, March 24 Rev. Clinton Sensat	Sun, March 25 Rev. Bryce Sibley
Seminarians	Joseph Boustany	Alex Cormier	Randy Courville	Myles Creek	Brent Didier	Cameron Domingue	Phillip Domingue
						Sacrament of Reconciliation 2:15—3:45 PM	



Holy Cross Parish Fish Fry

Say YES and join us for an opportunity to share a meal after our Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday.

Location change

March 30, 2018
after the Passion Service
in Mission Hall

Free—a love offering will be accepted with donations given to the needy of the area.

Fried Catfish, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Refreshments

Please RSVP so we can prepare enough to serve everyone. Call 337-984-9636 by March 23, 2018.

Lovingly prepared by the Knights of Columbus

Jesuit Spirituality Center Upcoming Directed Retreats

Do you feel a need to deepen your spiritual life? The Jesuit Spirituality Center at Grand Coteau announces upcoming individually directed retreats. Silent, Individually-Directed Retreats of 3, 5 or 8-days begin on the following dates:

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

Application form to register on website at jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or call 337-662-5251.

God wants us all to see one another as brothers and to live as such, forming a great human family that is harmonious in its diversity.

—Pope Francis

KC LENTEN FISH FRY

FRIDAY

March 23

At the KC Hall

5:00—7:00 p.m.
(For pick up only—no ticket sales)

\$ 8.00



**CATFISH
DINNERS**

**Fried fish,
coleslaw,
fries &
hushpuppies**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: Spring begins
Friday: Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo