



HOLY CROSS CHURCH



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Year Of The Grace Of Yes

February 4, 2018

WELCOME

HONOR

EMPOWER

BELONGING

PARTICIPATING
SERVICE

REGISTERING

YES



INITIATIVE

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BECOMING

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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 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
- Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45



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Monday, 02/05

9:00 AM: Gayle Harrington.

Tuesday, 02/06

5:30 PM: Esteban Mendoza, Alicia Mendoza, Paul Cormier, Richard Price.

Wednesday, 02/07

9:00 AM: Shannon Price, Julie Deshotel Jardell, Errol Deshotel.

Thursday, 02/08

9:00 AM: .

Friday, 02/09

9:00 AM: Frances Crist, Jean Paul Judice.

Saturday, 02/10

4:00 PM: M/M Bruno Kidder, Whitney Gary, Kim Simon Palmer, M/M Lefiad Simon, Blair Harden, Shirley Stutes, Stella E. & Lynn J. Veron, Florence & Tony Battaglia, Nelson Thibodeaux.

Sunday, 02/11

9:00 AM: All Parishioners.

11:00 AM: Marie May Morvant, Joe & Ida Simon, Lisa & Clayton Verret, Thomas Mhire, Rita B. Keller, Wilton & Margaret Larriviere, Ron Ardoin.

5:00 PM: Shirley Schexnider, Grace Simon, Julie Deshotel Jardell, Errol Deshotel, Sue LaPrairie.

2017 DEATHS IN OUR PARISH

October 2017

- Chelsea Marie Carriere
- George H. Cole
- Eugene Strain Wakefield
- Javis Julien Bouillion
- Daniel Domingue, Jr.
- George Seward Robertson, Jr.

November 2017

- Catherine Marie Walker
- Pierre Simon, Jr.
- Thomas "Tom" George Mhire, Sr.
- Jonelle Marie Guidry
- Richard David Price

December 2017

- Thomas Claude Wiggins, Jr.



WEEKLY OFFERING for

January 28, 2018 to be posted in the February 11th Bulletin.

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.

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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 has 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.

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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.

Centennial News — Sunday, February 4, 2018

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish - On February 10, 1935, Immaculate Heart of Mary officially opened its doors as the second church parish in the city of Lafayette established to serve the Black Catholic community. The parish was created by Bishop Jeanmard as a ministry base for four newly ordained African American priests who were members of the Divine Word missionary order: Frs. Anthony Bourges, SVD; Maurice Rousseve, SVD; Francis Wade, SVD; and Vincent Smith, SVD. Their success at this parish proved to be a turning point in the history of Black Catholic Priests in the United States.

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 is in the Cathedral or you may print it from the webpage (available in various languages on webpage).



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<http://dynamiccatholic.com/>



"I ask you to ensure humanity is served by wealth and not ruled by it."

– Pope Francis

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

- Being especially kind to someone
- Acknowledging your gifts
- Moving or exercising a little more
- Learning to respect All Life
- Attending an ACTS Retreat
- Write a love letter to yourself
- Accepting and seeing beauty in all you see
- Getting the POPE APP and reading each day
- Stretching your divine nature
- Listening more and speaking less
- Listening without interrupting
- Spending time with people who make you happy

Tending the Soul of Marriage

A Married Couples' Retreat February 16-18, 2018

The retreat begins on Friday at 4:00 and ends with Noon lunch on Sunday.

St. Mary of the Pines Retreat Center in
Chatawa, MS

St. Ignatius of Loyola gifted the church with his Spiritual Exercises in the sixteenth century. They provide the basis for silent retreats even today. But what wisdom might St. Ignatius offer us for our modern-day lives and families? And how can married couples utilize the exercises for their own spiritual growth on a daily basis?

As Lent begins, join *Robin and Easton Hebert* for a journey into Ignatian spirituality, embracing concepts that will aid your spiritual growth as individuals and as married couples. *Included in retreat will be pockets of silence and time for deep personal sharing within the context of prayer.*

Suggested donation is \$360.00 per couple
For reservations: Call Sister Sue Von Bank at **601-783-0801** or e-mail: retreatcenter@ssndcp.org

Worship

Christine Cox

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HOLY CROSS GUIDE FOR OBSERVING LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14th

Masses at: 9am, 12:10 noon & 6pm

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

AREA WIDE PENANCE SERVICE

Come to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Cross Church on Tuesday, March 6th from 6-7pm.

LIVING LENT DAILY



This Lent, come to know Jesus as a friend, and experience God's unbelievable love and generosity toward us. Based

on the book [A Friendship Like No Other](#), this year's Living Lent Daily is inspired by Ignatian spirituality, a practical spirituality for daily life with a 500-year-old tradition. Walk with us—and more importantly, with Jesus—through a most meaningful experience of Lent and Holy Week.

Sign up to receive the daily messages from Ash Wednesday, February 14 through Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018.

<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/living-lent-daily>



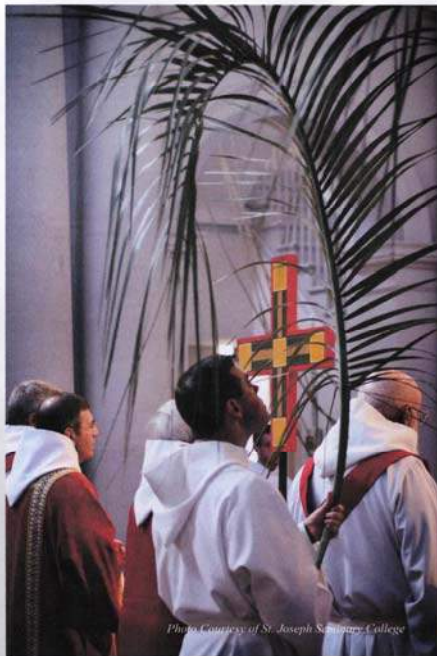
Parish Life

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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 our faith in our daily lives. Our speaker for February will be **Rev. Hampton Davis**. “**Food for the Journey**” will be held on **Tuesday, February 6, 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. All are welcome to come “eat and be fed” – **please bring a friend!** Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call Danielle Huval (232-1322).



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,
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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



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

January 28 – February 3, 2018

Did you know that our church parish is an owner parish of St. Thomas More Catholic High School? St. Thomas More is actually owned by 12 local church parishes, and our parish is one of those twelve. Our pastor sits on the Board of Pastors and assists the STM Administration in the governance of the school. As our Nation celebrates Catholic Schools Week, let's be proud of our school's accomplishments and continue to pray for the students, faculty and administration.

Disciple Formation

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**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



CENTURY OF LOVE

News of the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana

February 2018

www.diolaf.org

The History of Our Mother:

New Orleans and the Church in Louisiana

After 200 years under French or Spanish control, Louisiana became a territory of the United States with the Louisiana Purchases in 1803. Suddenly, the local Church found itself without the financial support and resources from a Catholic-friendly government. In 1812, Louisiana became the 18th State to join the United States. Statehood coincided with a new leader of the Church in Louisiana. Louis-Guillaume Dubourg was appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana and the Two Floridas in 1815. This massive diocese included most of the Louisiana Territory and stretched eastward to cover all of Florida. Dubourg's vision and effort began in Europe where he recruited priests from France and Italy to serve in the mission field of his diocese.

As the population in Louisiana grew, the third church in southwest Louisiana was established at Grand Coteau in 1819. Two years later, Bishop Dubourg was able to convince religious sisters to create a school for girls in the region. The Religious of the Sacred Heart established the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grand Coteau. With just two nuns and five pupils, formal education in the faith began in Southwest Louisiana.

Also in 1821, as the population grew around the Vermilion River, a new parish was formed in Vermilionville (now Lafayette). Jean Mouton Sr. donated land for St. John the Evangelist

Church to be built near a massive oak.

As new churches slowly began to form, the Diocese of Louisiana and the Two Floridas began a much needed downsizing. In the mid-1820s the diocese was reduced in size to the form of the newly minted State of Louisiana, with New Orleans continuing to serve as the seat of the bishop. This downsizing allowed the bishop to focus his energies on the needs of his Louisiana Catholics.

In 1836, the Bishop of New Orleans was able to recruit the Society of Jesus to move to Gand Coteau. Eight French Jesuits arrived to oversee St. Charles Borromeo Parish as well as form St. Charles College.

Within just two short years, enrollment at the school topped one hundred pupils. As education blossomed in Grand Coteau, new parishes were formed along the Bayou Teche. In less than twenty years, five new parishes would be formed along the bayou in New Iberia (1838), Charenton (1843), Breaux Bridge (1847), Franklin (1852) and Arnaudville (1854). New Parishes were also formed in Abbeville (1851), Washington (1854), Ville Platte (1854), and Youngsville (1859) before the Civil War began in 1861. This parish growth corresponded with the growth of the population of Louisiana which more than tripled in size between 1830 and 1860.

One hundred years after the creation of the first Church parish in Southwest Louisiana, thirteen parishes cared for the pastoral needs of the people and the faith continued to grow. In 1869, the first parish west of the Mermentau River was established at Lake Charles. The area, which had been overseen by the pastor of Abbeville, was now a parish with a territory of 4,000 square miles. Over 100 years later, this parish would become the Cathedral of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Despite economic difficulties, the decades following the Civil War were a period of great growth with 31 new parishes erected in Southwest Louisiana. The 1880s saw a new wave of



Centennial Lapel Pin



Cathedral Oak

German immigrants move into the prairies west of Lafayette. Their success in growing rice on high land allowed for more settlers to move further west. As the end of the 19th Century neared, the Church in Southwest Louisiana continued to grow. 44 parishes were led by mostly foreign clergy, recruited to work in the mission fields of rural Louisiana. As the faith grew across Louisiana, it was at this time that the Archbishop began to set in motion the idea of creating a new diocese in South Louisiana. Just as the Archdiocese of New Orleans was born from Quebec and Havana, soon, a daughter would be born from the nurturing of New Orleans.

	Mon, Feb. 5	Tues, Feb. 6	Wed, Feb. 7	Thurs, Feb. 8	Fri, Feb. 9	Sat, Feb. 10	Sun, Feb. 11
Priests	Msgr. Paul Me-trejean	Rev. Mark Miley	Rev. Thomas Montelaro	Rev. Michael Moody, SVD	Rev. Randall Moreau	Rev. Jason Mouton	Rev. Sebastian Myladiyil, SVD
Seminarians	Randy Courville	Myles Creek	Brent Didier	Cameron Domingue	Phillip Domingue	Rev. Mr. Blake Dubroc	Casey Dugas
						Sacrament of Reconciliation 2 :15—3:45 PM	

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 ww.holycrosslafayette.com or our ACTS website www.holycrossacts.org.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY

February 4, 2018 has been designated as the annual National Day of Prayer for the African American Family (see enclosure). The National Day of Prayer for the African American Family was created by Fr. James Goode, OFM in 1986 "as a day set aside for us to give special thanks to God for our families and place our every care in the arms of Jesus." As a sign of support and solidarity, I am asking each parish to stand and unite in prayer with Black Catholics Families from across the country on Sunday, February 4, 2018.

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

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Thursday, Feb. 8 is designated as International Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking. This day is also the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of human trafficking. To download resources go to: <http://mailchi.mp/usccb/resources-for-the-fifth-sunday-of-ordinary-time-512889?e=ebff43cdd0>



SENIOR CITIZENS' BINGO & LUNCHEON

**Wednesday
February 7, 2018**

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