

1st Sunday of Lent

A Year Of The Grace Of Yes

February 18, 2018

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HONOR

EMPOWER

BELONGING

PARTICIPATING
SERVICE

REGISTERING

YES



INITIATIVE

PRAYING

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PARISH INFORMATION



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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: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending
Monday: Presidents' Day; Julian Calendar Lent
Wednesday: St. Peter Damian
Thursday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday
Friday: St. Polycarp; Abstinence



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Monday, 02/19

9:00 AM: Maria Rosario Alano

Tuesday, 02/13

5:30 PM: Esteban Mendoza, Alicia Mendoza, Madelle Lockard, Mary Dugas.

Wednesday, 02/14

9:00 AM:

Thursday, 02/15

9:00 AM: Geraldine Fontenot, Thomas Arnould, Jr., Gayle Harrington.

Friday, 02/16

9:00 AM: Frances Crist, Kaitlyn Simoneaux, Repose of the Soul – Jean Paul Judice.

Saturday, 02/17

4:00 PM: M/M Bruno Kidder, Helen Titre Mouton, Kim Simon Palmer, M/M Lefiad Simon, Blair Harden, Shirley Stutes, Staci & Jeff Lenox, Lauren Guidry.

Sunday, 02/18

9:00 AM: All Parishioners.

11:00 AM: Marie May Morvant, Joe & Ide Simon, Lisa & Clayton Verret, Thomas Mhire, Rita B. Keller, Wilton & Margaret Larriviere, Mo Trent, Alicia & Esteban Mendoza.

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



Do you have a few hours each week to volunteer answering the phone at Holy Cross Administrative Office? If so, please contact Office Manager Kathy Borah at 337-984-9636.



Flowers in the Sanctuary

In Memory of

Lena Doucet

WEEKLY OFFERING for

February 11, 2018 — \$23,506.15

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 18, 2018

Death of Bishop Jeanmard - On February 23, 1957, Bishop Jules B. Jeanmard died at the age of 77. He served as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette for over 37 years. In that time he oversaw incredible growth for the diocese. One of Bishop Jeanmard's lasting legacies was his service to African Americans in the Diocese. In his will, he requested that his body be laid after his death at St. Paul's before it was brought to the Cathedral for the funeral and burial. Jeanmard's death made national news as Time magazine ran a picture of black parishioners offering their respects to Bishop Jeanmard, with the caption: "Last Homage to Negroes' Friend."

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).

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

- Keeping a journal of your **YES**ES
- Staying for all of the Mass and not leaving early
- Singing at Mass
- Forgiving yourself
- Acknowledging your journey
- Being the best version of yourself
- Volunteer your talents
- Being strong
- Leaving your comfort zone
- Smiling more
- Praying with family
- Loving who I am



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.

PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Were you There?

**Fridays during Lent
5:30 pm in Church**

**One hour of Adoration to follow
the Way of the Cross.**

*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?”**



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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.

ADORATION

Each Friday we will have Adoration for an hour following the Way of the Cross.

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.

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

**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)**

**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)**

Holy Cross Little Shepherds ELC Begins Registration for the 2018-2019

Holy Cross Little Shepherds ELC announces registration for the 2018-2019 school year. Applications for new students will be accepted beginning Wednesday, February 21st at 8:30AM at Little Shepherds (Bldg. S). Little Shepherds is our Catholic preschool here at Holy Cross and classes are available for children ages 18 months- PreK-4. Days vary depending on your child's age, preferences and availability. We provide a loving, nurturing and safe learning environment to prepare your child for their future schooling. Our dedicated and enthusiastic staff welcome the opportunity to have you join our Little Shepherds family. *For further information, please call our office at 337-984-2636.*

SAVE THE DATE
BLACK HISTORY Celebration
Sunday, February 18, 2018

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
326 South Washington Street
(Corner of St. John and Simcoe)
Lafayette, LA
11:00 a.m.

Insightful Guest Speaker, Black History Display, Art, Music, Food and much more!

Come One, Come All and Celebrate Black History Month!



Join Us For A Special Evening With Author Dr. Mary Neal



Dr. Mary Neal, an orthopedic surgeon and author, will return to Lafayette to speak on the *Seven Lessons from Heaven: How Dying Taught Me to Live a Joy-Filled Life*, the sequel to her first New York Times best seller, *To Heaven and Back*.

Dr. Mary Neal drowned while kayaking on a South American river. She experienced life after death. She went to heaven and back, conversed with Jesus and experienced God's encompassing love. She was returned to Earth with some specific instructions for work she still needed to do. She is ready to share the lessons that she learned in heaven that she did not share before so that we may be open to the promises of God and live a more joy-filled life.

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DATE: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 • 7pm
Doors open at 6pm

PLACE: University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Student Union - Atchafalaya Ballroom

TICKETS: \$25/each
Available for purchase at
LourdesFoundation.com
Cash Bar

Book sale and signing in the lobby following her talk



Attention 2nd Grade Parents:

The Office of Disciple Formation will host our first out of two First Eucharist child and parent formation meetings.

When: Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 10:00 am- 12:00 pm

Where: Holy Cross Building C

Please bring \$20 to purchase the First Eucharist curriculum materials.

This event is for the parents and children!



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New Life Night Series



IMMACULATA

	Mon, Feb. 19	Tues, Feb. 20	Wed, Feb. 21	Thurs, Feb. 22	Fri, Feb. 23	Sat, Feb. 24	Sun, Feb. 25
Priests	Rev. Paul Onuegbue	Rev. Paul Osterelle, SJ	Rev. Anthony Ostini, SJ	Rev. Joseph Padinjarepeedika CMI	Rev. John Paul, SJ	Rev. Donald Pelous	Rev. Neil Pettit
Seminarians	Sal Istre	Luke Johnson	Andrew Killeen	Luke Kirk	Hayden Lacour	Joshua LaFleur	Alex Lancon
						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.



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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
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vocations@diolaf.org
OR
visit:
lafayettevocations.org

Come and See

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

FRIENDS OF THE CROSS RETREAT

A Lenten retreat on "Friends of the Cross" presented by Deacon Cody Miller will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Resource Center, 103 Amaryllis Dr., Lafayette, LA on Saturday, Feb. 24th from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Admission is \$25 (including lunch) to be collected at the door (cash or check only). Please call 337-232-1848 to leave the names of retreatants no later than noon Wednesday, Feb. 21st.

KC LENTEN FISH FRY

FRIDAYS
February 16, 23
March 2, 9, 16, 23

At the KC Hall

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

\$ 8.00



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**Fried fish,
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fries &
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