



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin
P.O. Box 610 (101 S. Walnut)
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 Fr. David Severson, Pastor

January 7, 2018
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Weekend Mass Schedule: Holy Cross
 Sunday 8:30-8:45 am or by appointment
 Sunday Mass 9 am

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
 9:30am to 2:30pm; Friday 9:30am-1:30pm
Bulletin Deadline: Thursday 10 am

Holy Cross Mission Statement

Holy Cross parish is a Roman Catholic Parish that serves Christ the King, under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the Intercession of the communion of Saints. We are in union with the Roman Pontiff and the Bishop of Helena. Our faith, hope and love flow from the center of our parish family's life: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. From there we are compelled to love God, love our neighbor as ourselves and "Go make disciples..." (Matt 22:37 and 28:19-20)

Announcements:

- K.C.'s Burrito Breakfast in memory of Bill & Grace Berberet will be on Sunday January 7th. Donations will be accepted for the Guatemalan Mission.
- Christian Men's Breakfast will be hosted by Holy Cross Parish on Monday January 8th at 6:30 am.
- Knights' of Columbus meet following Mass Tuesday January 9th, in Classroom B.
- CCW meet following Mass Tuesday January 9th, in the Parish Center.
- RE Classes Wednesday, January 10 at 5:15 pm, dinner hosted by Bernadette Swenson and Shanna Schaible.
- The Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday January 11th & 12th.
- 2018 Parishioner Contribution envelopes are on the table in the Narthex.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



"Did you ever consider well, dear Christian soul, that, when

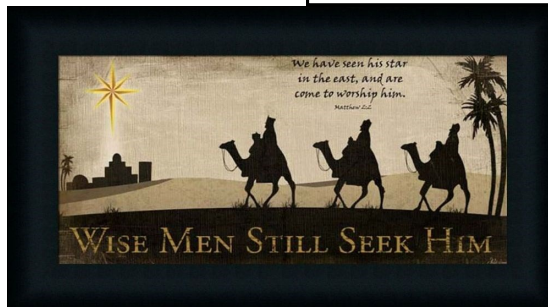
the Sacred Host is publicly exposed, Jesus is not on his Eucharistic throne to receive the adorations of the angels and to enjoy the company of the blessed? These He finds in heaven. But He is on His Eucharistic throne to receive your adorations to listen to your confidences, and to console and alleviate your sorrows and trials." - from the book *The Holy Eucharist* by Jose Guadalupe Trevino

Mass	Schedule
Monday Jan 8, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, Jan 9, 2018	Mass 6 pm Walter Kosman RB Anne Inghram
Wednesday, Jan 10, 2018	Rosary Mass 9 am Poor Soul's in Purgatory
Thursday, Jan 11, 2018 Office Closed	Rosary Mass 9 AM Seminarian's
Friday, Jan 12, 2018 Office Closed	Rosary Mass 9 AM Bishop's Intentions
Saturday, Jan 13, 2018	Confession 4:15-4:45 pm Mass 5 pm Gretchen Ford RB Bob & Barb Williamson
Sunday Jan 14, 2018	Confession 8:30-8:45 am Mass 9:00 am Parish Family

January 7, 2017

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6 (20ABC)
 Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,
 12-13)
 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Gospel Matthew 2:1-12



**Stewardship of Treasure
12/25, 30, 31/2017**

Holy Cross	
39 HC Envelopes	\$2,119.00
Loose	\$ 40.00
Youth	\$ 0.00
Sacristy	\$ 25.00
2 Rel. Retirement	\$ 25.00
1 Camp. 4 Human Dev.	\$ 5.00
7 Holy Days	\$ 195.00
Christmas Don. Loose	\$ 251.47
31 Christmas Donation	<u>\$2,080.00</u>
Total HC	\$4,740.47

Holy Cross Parish Endowment Fund:
\$21,491.83 as of 09/30/17

Cemetery

Cemetery	12-24-2017
Outstanding Pledges	\$1,150.00

Cemetery Fund Donations	
Beginning Balance	\$ 12.44
Misc. Donations	\$ 319.50
Gravesites	\$ 3,700.00
Donations	\$37,017.00
Don. Direct to Found.	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>
Total Donations	\$42,748.94

Total in Cemetery Acct \$1,653.87

Cemetery Endowment Fund
to 09/30/17 \$32,933.71

ACA 2017	12/14//2017
Goal	\$22,900
Pledged	\$ 11,730
ACA PD	\$ 9,165

January 14, 2017

Scripture Readings:

1Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 (65B)
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel John 1:35-42

**Ministry Schedule
Saturday January 13, 2018
Mass 5 pm**

Greeters : Jerry Solwey
Lector : Chris Wright
Gifts: Gene & Bev Determan
EM: Missy Cox & Debbie Miller
Servers: Riley & Kaden Richtmyer

**Ministry Schedule
Sunday January 14, 2017
Mass 9:00 am**

Greeters : Terri & Emmalin Fischer
Lector : Mary Duede
Gifts: Larry & Buffy Woodring
EM: Don & Max Peace
Servers: Abby & Zach Wickens
Music : Carole Plymale
Home Ministry: Mary Duede
Money Counters: Allison Bakken & Karee Eichinger



PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and love. Give them courage and perseverance and be their constant companion as they prepare to serve you and your people with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are holy. Amen.

Mount Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, OR, Shannon Augare.

St. John Vianney Seminary, Denver, CO, Matthew Christiaens, Tyler Frohlich, Codi Krueger. Nathan Scheidecker, and Kyle Tannehill.

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, West MA, T. Aidan Toombs

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Holy Cross recommends that the following be respected

Infant Baptism:

Parents are to be registered, active, practicing parishioners. Parents are required to attend a baptism preparation class offered by the parish. Dates are to be confirmed by the parish office prior to making any arrangements.

Weddings:

Six months notice required. Wedding date availability are to be confirmed by the priest prior to booking any reception venues.

Christian Burial:

Notice should be made with the priest before arrangements are made with the funeral director. A funeral Mass will replace the daily scheduled Mass.

Social Hall:

Our Social Hall and kitchen may be rented out for special events. Please call the office for information for any of the above notices, 406-266-4811.

Pastoral Council members: Mary Garmann, Bernadette Swenson, Shari Toney, Shawna Wickens & Chris Wright

Finance Council members: Juanita Bray, Brian Hohn, Steve Visocan, Vince Vogl



Prayer Chain

Gene Determan, Father Byrne, Jerri Thueson, Joanie Pritchard, Elaine Graveley, Madison McCauley, Pat Montonario's granddaughter Zoe, Marie Hoeffner Fran Wright, Kelly Flynn, Elliot Weakland, Troy Helmick, Jenny Schaubert, Bill Fitzgerald, Martin Clark, Kathryn, Heidi Hill,

Solemnity of the Lord's Epiphany

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, *and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation.* St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, *in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.*

Many traditions and genuine manifestations of popular piety have been developed in relation to the Solemnity of the Lord's Epiphany, which is of ancient origin and rich in spiritual content. Among such forms of popular piety, mention may be made of:

- **The solemn proclamation of Easter and the principal dominical feasts;** its revival in many places would be opportune since it served to make the connection between the Epiphany and Easter, and orientate all feasts towards the greatest Christian solemnity;
- **The exchange of "Epiphany gifts",** which derives from the gifts offered to Jesus by the three kings (cf. Mt 2,11) and more radically from the gift made to mankind by God in the birth of Emmanuel amongst us (cf. Is 7, 14; 9, 16; Mt 1, 23). It is important, however, to ensure that the exchange of gifts on the solemnity of the Epiphany retain a Christian character, indicating that its meaning is evangelical: hence the gifts offered should be a genuine expression of popular piety and free from extravagance, luxury, and waste, all of which are extraneous to the Christian origins of this practice;
- **The blessing of homes,** on whose lintels are inscribed the Cross of salvation, together with the indication of the year and the initials of the three wise men (C+M+B), which can also be interpreted to mean *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, written in blessed chalk; this custom, often accompanied by processions of children accompanied by their parents, expresses the blessing of Christ through the intercession of the three wise men and is an occasion for gathering offerings for charitable and missionary purposes;
- **Initiatives in solidarity with those who come from afar;** whether Christian or not, popular piety has encouraged a sense of solidarity and openness;
- **Assistance to the work of evangelization;** the strong missionary character of the Epiphany has been well understood by popular piety and many initiatives in support of the missions flourish on 6 January, especially the "Missionary work of the Holy Child", promoted by the Apostolic See;
- **The assignation of Patrons;** in many religious communities and confraternities, patron saints are assigned to the members for the coming year.

