



# Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 31, 2017

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Weekend Mass Schedule: Holy Cross

Confession: Saturday 4:15–4:45 pm; Sunday 8:30-8:45 am or by appointment

Saturday Mass 5 pm

Sunday Mass 9 am

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

**Bulletin Deadline: Thursday 10 am**

Thought of the week: God the Father, draw us into Your arms, that we might know how cherished we are as member of Your family. May our home and our hearts be living expressions of Your desire to gather all people into Your family, now and forever, Amen.

### 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:

- 2018 Parishioner Contribution envelopes are on the table in the Narthex.
- The Office will be closed on Monday January 1, 2018.
- There are sign up sheets in the Narthex for Adoration until Midnight on Thursday January 4th.
- Pastoral Council Wednesday January 3rd, 6:30 pm in the Conference room.
- 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.
- RE Classes begin on Wednesday January 10 at 5:15 pm.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



"He is The Bread sown in the virgin, leavened in the Flesh, molded

in His Passion, baked in the furnace of the Sepulchre, placed in the Churches, and set upon the Altars, which daily supplies Heavenly Food to the faithful."

- St Peter Chrsologus (400-450)

Mass	Schedule
Monday Jan 1, 2018	No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, Jan 2, 2018	Mass 6 pm Bishop's Intentions
Wednesday, Jan 3, 2018	Rosary Mass 9 am Seminarians
Thursday, Jan 4, 2018	Rosary Mass 9 AM Poor Soul's in Purgatory Hour of Repartation 6 pm
Friday, Jan 5, 2018	Rosary Mass of the Sacred Heart 9 AM
Saturday, Jan 6, 2018	No Scheduled Mass Drill Weekend
Sunday Jan 7, 2018	Confession 8:30-8:45 am Mass 9:00 am Parish Family

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Scripture Readings:

Genesis 15:1-6;21:1-3 (17b)

Psalms 105:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9

Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19

Gospel Luke 2:22-40, or

2:22, 39-40



Stewardship of Treasure  
12/23-242017

Holy Cross	
39 HC Envelopes	\$ 1,460.50
Loose	\$ 78.00
Youth	\$ 0.00
1 Sacristy	\$ 25.00
1 Stipend	\$ 20.00
6 Christmas Donation	<u>\$ 330.00</u>
Total HC	\$1,913.50

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	\$36,947.00
Don. Direct to Found.	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>
Total Donations	\$42,678.94

Total in Cemetery Acct \$1,583.87

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

**THANK YOU!**

Ministry Schedule  
Saturday January 6, 2018  
**NO Scheduled Mass**

Ministry Schedule  
Sunday January 7, 2017  
9:00 am

*Greeters :* Missy Cox  
*Lector :* Claudette Hohn  
*Gifts:* Dan & Bernadette Swenson  
*EM:* Martin & Doris Mingay  
*Servers:* Braden Racht & Carson LeLacheur  
*Music :* Men's Choir  
*Home Ministry:* Pat McNeive  
*Money Counters:* Kristi Gersch & Julie Lethert



**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 Garman, Bernadette Swenson, Shari Toney, Shawna Wickens & Chris Wright

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

**January 7, 2017**  
**Scripture Readings:**  
**Isaiah 60:1-6 (20ABC)**  
**Psalms 72:1-2,7-8,10-11, 12-13)**  
**Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**  
**Gospel Matthew 2:1-12**



**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, Coralee Horne's sister Vickie's family, Oliver Delgado

## Reflections for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### *"The Babe is God"*

The date is December twenty-fifth, but to the humble man, it is Christmas; the manger is a throne; the straw is royal plumage; the stable is a castle; and the Babe is God. He found Wisdom because he was foolish, Power because he was weakness, and the Infinite, Immense and Eternal God, because he was little - *for it is only by being little that we ever discover anything big.*

He lies upon straw on earth and yet sustains the universe and reigns in Heaven; He is born in time, and yet He existed before all time; Maker of the stars under the stars; Ruler of the earth an outcast of earth; filling the world, lying in a manger. And yet the proud man sees only a Babe. The humble, simple souls, who are little enough to see the bigness of God in the littleness of a Babe, are therefore the only ones who will ever understand the reason of His visitation. He came to the poor earth of ours to carry on an exchange; to say to us, as only the Good God could say: You give me your humanity, and I will give you my Divinity; you give me your time, and I will give you my eternity, you give me your weary body, and I will give you Redemption; you give me your broken heart, and I will give you Love; you give me your nothingness, and I will give you My all.

The world misses the lesson because it confuses littleness with weakness, child-likeness with childishness, and humility with an inferiority complex. It forgets that great moral strength may be hidden in physical weakness, as Omnipotence was wrapped in swaddling bands; and that great Wisdom may be found in simple faith as the Eternal Mind was found in the form of a Babe. There is strength - strength before which the angels trembled, strength before which the stars prostrated, and strength before which the very throne of Herod shook in fear. Thus the birthday of the God-Man is the children's day, in which the proud become children, and the big become little, and all find God.

— *Archbishop Fulton Sheen, The Eternal Galilean*