





## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**335-7551 – Rectory**

**335-4071 – Cemetery & Religious  
Education Offices**

**December 9, 2018 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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Holy Cross Catholic Church, Holy Cross Faith Formation, and Holy Cross Cemetery.

Diocese of Victoria Web site: [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: By Appointment**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM**

**ADORATION: From 7:30 AM Thursday continually until 7:00 PM Thursday**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: By Appointment After Pre-Baptismal Instructions**

**Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Friday – 8 AM to 12 Noon – 1 PM to 4 PM**



Tuesday 11	<b>6:00 PM</b>	+Melba Blazek
Wednesday 12	<b>5:45 AM</b>	+Emmett & Betty Kessler
Thursday 13	<b>7:00 AM</b>	+A.W. Marek
Friday 14	<b>7:00 AM</b>	+Lillie Talafuse
Saturday 15	<b>5:00 PM</b>	+Ignac, Helen, Wm, Leonard, Jerome, Syl, A.A. Marik
Sunday 16	<b>8:00 AM</b>	+Ella Mae Seydler
Sunday 16	<b>10:00 AM</b>	+Clem, Annie, & Adolph Vecera
Sunday 16	<b>11:30 AM</b>	Parishioners (Spanish Mass)

## WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Thursday – 7 a.m. – Christopher & Hunter Kopecky

Friday – 7 a.m. – Josef Kulcak, Jackson Morrow

### Saturday, December 15 – 5:00 P.M. Mass

Servers: Sam, Emma, Cooper Potts

Lector: Susan Walters

Ushers: K. Wicke & T. Baranowski Families

Eucharist: Host-Melinda Alvarado

Cup-Alphonse Smaistrla, Mary Ann Morse, Dennis & Dianne Viktorin

### Sunday, December 16 – 8:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Jared Hlavinka, Jonah Kubena, Eric Bradicich

Lector: Renee Hlavinka

Ushers: Jesse & Amy Tovar

Eucharist: Host-Daniel Garza

Cup-Cindy Garza, Doris Brandes, Henriette Jalowy, Todd Swoboda

### Sunday, December 16 – 10:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: London & Keegan Cavness, Samuel Sims

Lector: Marvin Adamek

Ushers: Donald & Kim Buxkemper

Eucharist: Host-Denise Tovar

Cup-David & Lisa Pless, Bill & Bernice Cavness

### Sunday, December 16 – 11:30 A.M. Spanish Mass

Assigned



**Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 723**

**Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$7,756.00**

**Christmas Flowers: \$2,621.00 Parish Development: \$492.00**

**Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:**

**Big Ed Marik in memory of Ignac, Helen, Wm, Leonard, Jerome, Syl, A.A. Marik.**



MDA, WDM, MJM, Virginia Acuna, Christian M. Adamek, Elmer Gene Adamek, Casey Adams, Joseph Andrews, J.D. Bartek, Imogene Beard, Charlie Bucek, Frank & Gloria Buxkemper, Matthew Carson, Rosalie Chernohorsky, Adrienne Chance, Florence Chernohorsky, Anna Chumchal, J.C. & DeAnne Cooper, D. Demny, Brenda Dillon, Anton Dybala, Emily, Leonard John Fajkus, Lora Faltysek, Betty F., P.F., Ervin Fishbeck, Jr., Adie Fojtik, Joey Graves, Boyce Gertson, Angeline Grigar, Hayden, Edward Halcom, Richard Henning, Charlene Hennecke, Jared Horelica, Johnnie & Rita Janak, Albina Jasek, Jenny, X, Lynnlea Jo Johnson, Joni Joyner, Adolph & Abi Jurecek, Kaelei, Annie Kalinowski, Evelyn Karasek, Gene & Joan Karasek, Larry Karasek,

Chris King, Leo Kolafa, Bernice & David Kopecky, Sophie Korenek, Tommy Krenek, Frank Kubes, Jr., John & Mary Ann Kubes, Justin, Carly & Carson Kubicek, Tom Kucera, Braeden Landgrebe, Jeremy Lejeune, Tom Lester, Danilo Lopez, Jose L. Lopez, Vincente Lopez, Gertrude Majewski, Louise Mareke, Patrick Macha, Lillian Marek, Louise Marek, Bennie Matcek, Lauren McPherson, Barbara Michalec, Rudy & Cara Mickulec, Dakota Miller, Agnes & Charlie Minks, Jerry Montalvo, Richard Munoz, Isidra Olvera, Vincente Olvera, Vicente A. Olvera, Maria Guadalupe Orozco, Frankie Orsak, Linda Parish, Traci Paul, Pat Pekar, Melanie Persyn, Brenda Polansky, James Polansky, Bernice Pribyl, Julius Pyka, Jr., Maria Roldan, Larry Ross, Isiah Sandoval, Phyllis Sanchez, Jerry Sebesta, Chip Shelton, Jaxon Siegel, Georgie Sliva, Steve Soto, Sylvia Preisler, Albert & Margaret Smaistrila, Donald Smaistrila, Judy Srubar, Beatrice Stelzel, Philip Stelzel, Hailey Svoboda, Tony, Connie Urban, Dennis Viktorin, Baby Wyatt Ward, Lillian Wilson, Daniel Wittig, Riley York, Johnnie Zak

**Please send us a note or call us if you want to add someone.**

**We pray for the soul of George J. Jalowy who passed away last week.  
Please keep his family in your prayers.**

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**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins every  
Thursday after the 7:00 A.M. Mass and closes at 7:00 P.M.**

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*We welcome into our faith Francis Elliott Rem & Lauren Elaine Ramos who were baptized.*

**Communion to the Homes:**

**December 9: Helen Mica, Donna Cavness**

**December 16: Tim & Lora Faltysek, Janice Polak**

**Please call Evelyn Kramr at 335-4467 if you need to receive home communion.**

**Altar Society: Tammy Triplett, Kelly Henry, Carolyn Matcheski, Kelly Novicke**

**Second Collections:**

**Retirement for Religious Fund – December 8 & 9**

*CDA Noodle Soup Supper Raffle Tickets available for pick up in church.*

*Please get your tickets from the vestibule. Thank you.*

*Pope Francis said:*

*God is faithful and our hope in Him is like a fixed anchor in Heaven.*

**Festejando Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**

- El día 12 de diciembre habrá mañanitas a las 5:15 AM. En cuanto se acaben habrá misa en español.

Cuando Isaías nos exige escuchar una voz en el desierto, nos quiere dar esperanza. El desierto, a pesar de ser inhóspito y traicionero, algo fuera de toda civilización, siempre fue signo de liberación para Israel. La liberación de los opresores oficiales de la época podía salir sólo del caos, al marearse todas las gentes y caerse los pisapapeles de los archiveros de la historia oficial. Lucas pone las palabras de Isaías en el contexto del liderazgo corrupto y colonial de su era. Cada dirigente mencionado es tirano o adulador: Tiberio, Pilato, Herodes, Filipino, Lisanías, Anás y Caifás.

El que proclama el futuro, Juan Bautista, no tiene poder; no le respalda ningún ejército. Sin embargo, él tiene autoridad porque dice verdades reconocibles; habla por el Dios de Israel, un Dios compañero que no abandona a nadie jamás. ¿Y el mensaje? “Tengan vida y no sean apáticos. Organicen la vida suya; sean responsables.” Dios requiere a un heraldo que anuncie, no sólo el cambio sino también la participación del pueblo a todo paso del mismo. Juan nos presenta con el modelo completo de lo que todos seremos: participes en la vida de Jesucristo, el más humano de nosotros.

**Las mañanitas on December 12**

December the 12<sup>th</sup> is Our Lady of Guadalupe and her status among Latinos and especially Mexican Catholics is special. Among the many ways she is venerated includes singing “Las Mañanitas”. At 5:15 am on Wednesday we will sing this traditional song, along with other songs for the occasion, as well as use scripture readings to recall the many ways God is at work in our lives through her. This will take about 30 minutes after which we will celebrate mass in Spanish.

**History of Holy Cross Parish – A great gift**

Do you need a Christmas gift or a special gift for someone? Consider the History of Holy Cross Parish – a 267-page hard bound volume filled with photos, historical data and special stories about early pioneer days and parish life in East Bernard beginning in the late 1890’s and early 1900’s. It also contains descriptive narratives of life as it was in Czechoslovakia, the immigration to America and the hardships endured in the new land. This interesting book is valuable for research and genealogy purposes and would be a special gift for someone with roots in East Bernard. A convenient surname index of approximately 2500 names makes it easy to locate possible ancestors. Available in the church foyer and at the rectory at 839 Church Street, East Bernard or by calling 979-335-7551. Price reduced to \$25.00.

**Polka Mass CD’s also available in church for \$10 by the Holy Cross Polka Mass Choir.**

**January 19, 2019—God Works with our Hands:** Knitters, Crafters, Quilters; etc. Sister Roselle Haas, rc. Reflectively working with your hands helps you discover the stillness within. **Bring any handwork so you can listen to God at work in your hands while you explore the spirituality of your craft.** \$25.00 Suggested Donation or Love offering. A box lunch is available to purchase. Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N. E. Water Street Victoria, TX 361-575-7111. We invite those attending to join the Sisters for their 8:30 am Mass in the Convent Chapel.

**January 26, 2019 The Gift you Give Yourself** - Deacon Leo Shannon, Terry Robinson, Sister Emilie Eilers, IWBS “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest.” Matt 11:28 Caregiving doesn’t start with getting busy or taking on tasks. Caregiving starts from a place of rest deep within yourself. Before you can give care that will bring comfort, rest and peace to others, you must know God’s rest and peace in your heart. We do our best work when it comes from a place of stillness and inner quiet. Join other caregivers in experiencing a personal invitation of Jesus: “Come to me and rest.” \$25.00 Suggested Donation or Love offering. A box lunch is available to purchase. Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N. E. Water Street Victoria, TX 361-575-7111. We invite those attending to join the Sisters for their 8:30 am Mass in the Convent Chapel.

**Application for Scholarships from KJZT available. All info on bulletin board in church & on counter in vestibule.**

The Annual Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents at Raphael's Refuge will be celebrated by Bishop Cahill on December 28. A Rosary will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by Christmas carols, with Mass at 11:00 a.m. Refreshments will follow. For more information, phone 361-258-1514, or visit [www.raphaelsrefuge.org](http://www.raphaelsrefuge.org).

***Come and See! Single Catholic women 18 to 40 years of age are invited to come meet nuns (Sisters) and examine their call to make Jesus, the Incarnate Word, known and loved. Explore your own call to follow Jesus through marriage, single state, or religious life on December 8-9, 2018 and/or January 19-20, 2019 at Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria, Texas (361) 575-7111 or email [iwbsvoc@yahoo.com](mailto:iwbsvoc@yahoo.com). See [www.iwbsvictoria.org](http://www.iwbsvictoria.org) for more information.***

## **Banns of Marriage: First Bann: Nathan Powell & Kelsey Barta**

**Advent Confessions - Senior Citizens – Tuesday, December 11, 10 to 11am. Friday, December 14, 4 to 5pm.**

**Wreaths Across America - National Remembrance Ceremony  
Saturday, December 15**

### **KJZT #30 & KJT #40 Annual Christmas Party**

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 6:30pm Riverside Hall  
Non-perishable food items accepted for The Giving Tree  
RSVP to Sandy Logan 713-409-0311

**Solemn Advent Vespers:** December 9, 16, 23, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Incarnate Word Convent Chapel 1101 N. E. Water Street, Victoria. Solemn Vespers is the Liturgical Evening Prayer of the Church. This prayer focuses on praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day and offering praise to God. Vespers closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### **KJT Society #40 Renovation Fund:**

**Dennis & Brenda Polak in memory of Marvin Polasek.**

**Edwin C. Marik in memory of Annette Novak and Daniel Thibodeaux.**

### **Parish Fund Donations:**

**Cemetery Fund:** Ed & Judy Schneider in memory of Cris Ann Jedlicka, Robert Osborne, Sue Kopecky, George Jalowy, Annette Novak, & Cynthia Pietzsch.

**Parish Development Fund:** Dwayne & Karen Juergens in memory of Annette Novak. Tommy & Gail Guthman in memory of James Dusek, Dorothy Michulka, & Louis Srubar.

### **Live Nativity & Christmas Carols**



Live Nativity featuring the Holy Cross Youth on Wednesday, December 19th, at 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM on the lawn across from the church. Feel free to drive by or park and visit for a while!