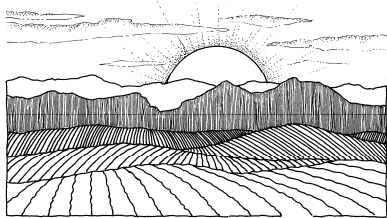


GOD'S WAYS

itemized the top eight things that bring us happiness, what items might show up on the list? A hefty bank account? A Caribbean cruise or African safari? A shopping mall marathon? Season

If we tickets for the hometown team? A new car? If we already have some of these things, most likely we know they don't bring us true happiness. Fact is, they probably bring us more aggravation— items to return or

**Blessed
 are the
 peacemakers**



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repair, one more object for people to argue over. Today's scriptures point us toward the things that bring us true joy. The words of all three passages conflict with our society's conviction that fortune, fame, and power are the sought-after treasures of life. God's ways are not the ways of our popular culture, after all, and today's readings help point us in the right direction.

Come be Immersed in Christ this Lent

Immersed in Christ is a new five week Lenten study that helps us become Disciples who are conscious of being Christ in the world: devoted to discipleship and committed to living out our baptismal anointing as prophets, priest and stewards of Christ's Kingship. The study will be held on Wednesdays in the Wisdom Meeting Room, Building D, behind Building C from 7:00 - 8:30PM, March 2, 2011 Through April 13, 2011. We will not be meeting March 20, 2011 because of the Lenten Mission. You can register by calling 337-984-9636 or the adult Faith Formation office at 337-654-9671. You can also register online.

Our Mission Statement

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic Church is to foster the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ in all people in order to empower them to bring change and healing to all.

Through the celebration of the Sacraments, religious education programs for all age groups, and other programs, we are to enhance and enrich the discovery of the Sacred found in all people.



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Monday, 1/31

9AM: Charles Stelly, Dave Ackerman, George VanGeffen, Special Intention for Medina Family.

Tuesday, 2/1

5:30PM: Special Intention for Medina Family.

Wednesday, 2/2

9AM: Wally Romero, Dorothy Lejeune, Special Intention for Medina Family.

Thursday, 2/3

9 AM: Leon Mocek.

Friday, 2/4

9AM: Joanna & Frank Bourgeois, Glen M. Richard, Aline Redmond, Carolyn Redmond, Mr. & Mrs. Gus DeGain, Mr. & Mrs. Max Merrick, Jean Merrick, T. R. Roy, III, Ted Harrington, Kenneth Monceaux.

Saturday, 2/5

4PM: Marie Burg, Maurice & Geraldine Lantier, Wally Romero, Jack Hudson, Mrs. Bruno "Boo" Kidder, Bob Buniva & Parents, Bettye & Roland Hidalgo, Sr., Laura G. Rhodes, Jean Jones, Nina L. Breaux, Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Breaux, Sr., Ryan Christopher Granger.

Sunday, 2/6

9AM: For the Parishioners.

11AM: Lisa Ann Duplechien Trahan, Margo St. Julies Simien, Glenn Laviolette, Brooks Bernard Family, Elmer & Betty Luquette, Percy & Earline Hebert, Mr. & Mrs. Lefiad Simon.

5PM: Harold Guillot, Nina Breaux.

Church Offerings

January 16th Offerings \$15,827.50
 Haiti Habitat Homes 3823.50
 Heifer for 2011 20,500.00

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving!

**Discovering the Sacred Within
 Covenant for 2011**

I _____, a child of God, promise to use my gifts and energies in the New Year to discover the sacred within me and all people.

~ Adult Faith ~

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Question of the Week

Gospel Reflection: Matt 5: 1-15

Can you imagine a series of commercials telling people that the way to be truly happy is to be hungry for justice, poor in spirit and single hearted? Jesus tells us that we are blessed if we are merciful, try to make peace, try to be holy, and are poor in spirit. We will be consoled and rewarded not with riches or power or influence by God, by joy, by peace.

Question for Adults: Do you want this reward or would you rather have riches or power? How can you be open to the God of joy and peace?

Question for Children: Do I ever bully others or do I make peace like Jesus asks me to do?

~ Worship ~

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**“Growing in the Fullness of Love”
A Retreat for Married Couples
February 11-13, 2011
St. Mary of the Pines Retreat Center
Chatawa, Ms.**

Join Robin and Easton Hebert on this special weekend for married couples and explore the fullness of love to which we are called, indeed John Paul II’s captivating vision for love and marriage. Included in the retreat will be ample time for deep personal sharing, couple discernment, and prayer. *Suggested donation is \$280.00 per couple.* For reservations: Call Sister Helen Roper at 601-783-3494 or e-mail: retreatcenter@ssniddallas.org

THERESIAN DAY OF RENEWAL

The Acadiana District Theresians will sponsor a “Day of Renewal” on Saturday, March 19, 8:30 am–3:00 pm at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 201 E. Bayou Parkway. The theme for the day is **“Be Still, Listen, and Allow God to Speak to You”**. Speakers will be Fr. Michael Champagne, Sr. Fatima Alphiri, and Mr. Roy Petitfils. Retreat fee is \$20 (\$25 at the door); \$10 for UL Lafayette students. Lunch is included. For registration information, please contact Tammy Fontenot, 831-1899 or Maggie Baudoin, 988-3755).

Prayer for Seminarians

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and eager but gentle servant of the gospel.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Prayer adapted from the Roman Sacramentary

Confirmation Retreat

Thank you to the candidates, the volunteers, the Knights of Columbus and Elihu for making the Confirmation retreat “Catch Me On the Flip Side” so special. As the candidates journey toward the sacrament on March 29, let us as a parish pray for them and those adults who are helping to prepare them for Confirmation.

There will be no Religious Formation Classes for 9th, 10th and 11th graders on Sunday, February 6th because of super Bowl.

Baptism Workshop

The next Baptism Workshop will be held on Sunday, February 13th, from 2 to 4 in the Calais Center. Please call 984-9636 ext. 210 to register.

Challenge Bake Sale

The challenge Club will hold a bake sale on Super Bowl weekend, February 5th and 6th, after all masses. Proceeds will be used to help defray the cost of summer camp for the girls. Challenge a club for Catholic girls ages 10–16. The mission of the Challenge Club is to help girls form a friendship with Christ and to grow in virtue. For more information on the challenge Club, please contact Marcelle Kokenge at 288-7143. Thanks for your support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEW MEMBER DINNER

The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic men’s organization, is seeking new members. If you are interested in obtaining additional information about the KC’s, we invite you and your family to join us for a dinner in the KC hall on **Wednesday, Feb. 16th, 6:30pm**. Contact Neil Matthews, 298-1830 to reserve a space for dinner.

ROMAN MISSAL

Please visit the Alcove to the Blessed Mother and pick up handouts as we continue to offer our faith community instruction and preparation. You may also visit the USCCB website at www.usccb.org/romanmissal and learn more about the revised Roman Missal.

Rite of Forgiveness

The rite of forgiveness (now called the penitential act) comes after the greeting. Jesus is the Kyrios, the Lord of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Before we can really pray as a faith-filled assembly, we proclaim our faith in the Lord who has saved us, brought us together, and destined us for the Kingdom. All of this is not because of our goodness or talent, but because of God's mercy on us! This is one of the parts of the Mass that offers the presider various options as suggested formulae. In its most basic format the rite offers us a quiet moment to acknowledge that God is the creator and we are only creatures. 2010 Resource Publications, Inc. used by permission

We are pleased to welcome Delsey Perrin to the staff at Holy Cross. Starting in February she will be our receptionist working part time. She will bring to the office her warmth and love that she has for this parish and we as a staff will all be better for her. We would also like to take this time to thank all who did interview and we thank them for their willingness to serve.

FREE HEALTH PROMOTION HOME VISITS

Sponsored by ULL College of Nursing

Health promotion visits is a wonderful opportunity for community residents 65 yrs or older to gain information on their personal health related issues. The program is a free service involving 3-4 home visits by a 3rd year ULL Nursing Student. The nursing students work with the community resident to explore their current health status and develop a plan that is suitable to the client that will enhance their current status.

If you are someone you know could benefit from this program, please call Denise Stagg MSN at **337-482-6878**.

A Big Thank You

The Holy Cross Family would like to thank Grtchen Varnell with Woodman of the World for donating a new American Flag for our facility.

Medical Equipment & Supplies

Anyone having extra medical equipment and supplies in good condition such as wheelchairs, tub benches, reachers, etc please contact Sondra Long at Sondra@gmail.com

Save the Date

Saturday, February 26th

Holy Cross Church, Lafayette

Keynote Speaker: Father Floyd Calais

The Central Region of the Diocese of Lafayette is sponsoring a morning of workshops. All are welcomed to participate. Registration brochures with workshop descriptions can be found at the entrances of church and may also be found on the Central Region website www.centralregiononline.org and our Holy Cross website-Events calendar. Please pre-register early. Cost is \$10.00PP. We are confident the topics and priest speakers will engage your mind and heart:

Healing our Sorrow through the Divine Physician

Rev. Michael Delcambre

Fear No More: Jesus our Liberator

Rev. Steven Leblanc

Prayer and Spirituality: Adopting the Mind & Heart of Christ

Rev. Louis Richard

Our Discipleship Call is to Make A/The Difference

Rev. Lambert Lein, SVD

Forgiveness: Life-giving Reality of Easter

Very Rev. Msgr. Robie Robichaux, JCL, VJ

Spirituality in the Marketplace: It's your fault

Rev. Bill Melancon

Keep on Walking

Rev. Keith LaBove

Liturgy: the Dismissal

Rev. Thomas Habetz

The Challenge fo Justice in a Challenging and
Changing World

Rev. Neil McNeil

Mon	Pope	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 <i>Religious Ed Classes</i> <i>Confirmation Classes</i>	31 <i>Religious Ed Classes</i>	1	2 <i>Religious Ed Classes</i>	3 <i>Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	4	5
<i>Rev. Michael Sucharski, SVD</i>	<i>Rev. Jared Suire</i>	<i>Pope Benedict XVI</i>	<i>Bishop Michael Jarrell</i>	<i>Rev. Richard Sutter, LC</i>	<i>Rev. Brian Taylor</i>	<i>Rev. Donald Theriot</i>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<i>Rev. Mark Thibodeaux, SJ</i>	<i>Rev Paul Thibodeaux</i>	<i>Rev. Jude Thierry</i>	<i>Rev. George Thychery</i>	<i>Rev. Charles "Nicky" Trahan</i>	<i>Rev. Clint Trahan</i>	<i>Rev. Donald Theriot</i>

~ Please pray daily for our priest ~

STAY HEALTHY During Flu and Cold Season

- Wash hands at home before arriving for the celebration of Mass.
 - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and throw the tissue in a waste basket after use (please do not leave in the pew).
 - Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve if you don't have a tissue.
 - Clean your hands after coughing or sneezing. Use soap and water or an alcohol-based cleaner.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with your hands.
 - If you have a fever, stay home for at least 24 hours after that fever has ended. It is never a sin to miss mass due to illness.
- When receiving the Eucharist, we receive the fullness of the Body and Blood of Christ under the species of bread alone or wine alone. Receiving Communion under both species is a fuller sign, but Christ is fully present in each of the species so receiving both is not required. (See Catechism 1390.)

HAND SANITIZER

- As a courtesy to our faith community, we have placed hand sanitizer dispensers on the table at three entrances of church and will be in place as needed during flu and cold season.
- Hand sanitizers are a supplement to good hand washing, and are an effective supplement to prevent the spread of infections.
- When using gel or foam, only a small amount of solution is necessary and needs to be rubbed on cuticles, palms and hands until dry for the best effectiveness. Parents please supervise young children.

~ Events around the Diocese ~

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

This is a monthly lunchtime speaker series designed to help Catholics live out our faith in our daily lives. **Rev. Corey Campeaux, Associate Pastor of St. Pius X Catholic Church** will be the speaker on **Tuesday, Feb. 1st**, @ Crowne Plaza Hotel beginning just after 12 noon. An optional buffet lunch is available beginning at **11:30 a.m.** Cost is \$12.00 and includes meal, drink and tip. For more information please contact Mary Bergeron, 654-8682.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The Serra Club of Lafayette is holding its monthly Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests on **Monday, Feb. 7th**, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church, 406 E. Pinhook Rd. All are invited and encouraged to join us for this Holy Hour of prayer.

Day of Recollection For Priests and their Parents

Date: Saturday, February 19th
Place: Immaculata Center (Chancery) 1408 Camel Dr.
Time: 8:30am-1:00pm.

For more information please contact the Office of Vocations at 261-5690 or vocations@diolaf.org

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