

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

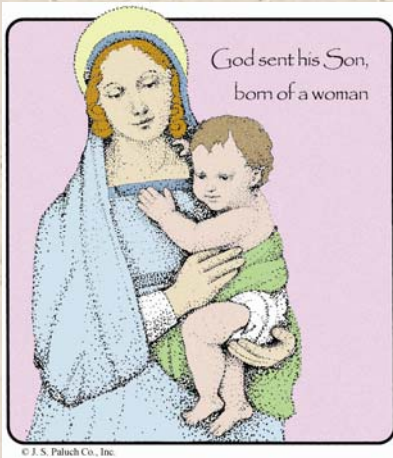
A Year Of The Grace Of Honor

THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

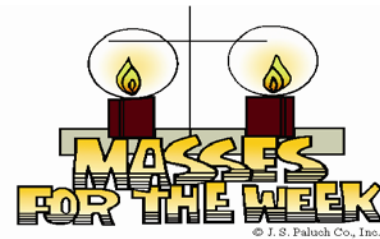
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Our Mission Statement

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.



Monday, 1/02

9 AM: Burl Colomb

Tuesday, 1/03

5:30 PM Wayne Cornibe, Pesson Family, Kelly Perrin

Wednesday, 1/04

9 AM Charlene Campo, Vincent Campo

Thursday, 1/05

9 AM Howard J. Blessing, Jr.

Friday, 1/06

9 AM Howard J. Blessing, Jr., Constant V. Lahaye, Jr., Joseph B. Landry, Oldenburg & Comeaux Families.

Saturday, 1/07

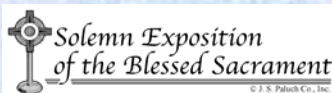
4 PM: Nina L. Breaux, Laura G. Rhodes, Jean Jones, Mrs. Bruno "Boo" Kidder, Whitney Paul Lambert, Jr. Jack Hudson, Deceased Members of Cappel Family, Deceased Members of Armand Family, Deceased Members of Juneau Family

Sunday, 1/08

9 AM: For the Parishioners.

11 AM: Bob Buniva & Parents, Kyle Michael Borges, Mr. & Mrs. Lefiad Simon, Evelyn Nauck, Jeffrey Fontenot, R. L. Miller, Mrs. Odile Clement, Jim Benoit, Dorothy Pierson Hubney, David Mouton

5 PM: Special Intentions



Thursday, January 5, 2012
After the 9:00am Mass-Noon

Pray for our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

Church Offerings

December 25th Offerings \$40,770.50

Offerings for the Needy 12,475.00

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving!

Mary, the Holy Mother of God January 1, 2012



Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

— Luke 2:19

FRIENDS OF ROX RICHARD &
CROSSROADS CATHOLIC BOOKSTORE

Host
PAULA D'ARCY

Book signing at Crossroads bookstore
Thursday, January 26th, 2012

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Bring your books—books also available

Presentation

Friday, January 27th, 2012, 7:00 pm

Location: Holy Cross Church

All Are Invited to come and listen as she asks us to consider what life may be asking us to embrace. Even in the face of brokenness and loss, our deepest heart asks the questions: "Who am I not being that I could be...What is life trying to help me see...How might I love more truly?"

SAFE ENVIRONMENT SCHEDULED

All students in the Religious Formation program will participate in the diocesan required Safe Environment program the week of **January 8th** during their regular class time. Topics are age appropriate. Parents are encouraged to attend.

**THERE WILL BE NO RELIGIOUS
FORMATION CLASSES FOR THIS WEEK
DUE TO THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY**



Lord, as a new year begins,
We come to You
And ask for Your Blessings.
We pray that You would
Give us joy to fill our day,
Peace to fill our hearts,
And love to fill our lives.



Question of the Week

Luke 2; 16-21

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. And once they saw, they understood what God's message meant.

Question for Adults: What is God's message to you this Christmas?

Question for Children: What would you like to say to the baby Jesus?

PRO-LIFE WALK

St. Edmond Catholic Church KC Council #10293 is sponsoring its annual **Pro-Life Walk** beginning at **8:30am, Saturday, January 21** at **St. Edmond's Church** with Fr. Gil Dutel leading the opening prayer. The walk will **begin at St. Edmond's**, go to **St. Mary's Church** on Doucet Rd and back to St. Edmond's. Police escort and Acadian Ambulance provided throughout the route. During the walk we will be praying the Rosary.

We are welcomed and encouraged to join in the walk! After returning to St. Edmonds a reception will be held. For more information, please contact St. Edmond's Church at 981-0874

THE PATH OF SACRAMENTAL LOVE

Living God's Plan for Marriage

February 10-12, 2012

St. Mary of the Pines Retreat
Center
Chatawa, Ms.



Join Robin and Easton Hebert for a married couples' weekend retreat and explore some of the tools that can help us grow in conscious relationship with one another. Let us work to grow deeper in genuine Christ-like love—presence, self-giving and compassion. *Included in the retreat will be ample time for personal sharing and for prayer.*

Robin and Easton Hebert are spiritual directors and retreat leaders from Lafayette, LA, sharing their love of God, devotion to prayer, and passion for living a balanced lifestyle through parish and retreat ministry. Robin has co-authored two books on spirituality: *When Women Pray* and *When Wisdom Speaks* and serves as marriage ministry coordinator for Our Lady of Wisdom Parish. *Suggested donation is \$280.00 per couple. For reservations: Call Sister Helen Roper at 601-783-0801 or e-mail: retreatcenter@ssnddallas.org*

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY: Our speaker for January will be **Rev. Kevin Bordelon, Associate Pastor of Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Lafayette; Director of the Office of Vocations & Seminarians and Director of the Office of Continuing Formation for Clergy for the Diocese of Lafayette.** Several Seminarians will accompany Fr. Bordelon for this presentation **Tuesday 3, January 2012**, at Crowne Plaza Hotel beginning at 12:10 p.m. An optional lunch buffet is available beginning at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$11 and includes meal, drink and tip. For information call Mary Bergeron (654-8682) or Gayle Landry(261-2804).

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS for the Spiritual Renewal of all Priests will be held on **Monday, January 2th**, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at **St. Patrick Church**, 406 E. Pinhook Road. All are invited and encouraged to join us for this Holy Hour of prayer.



*Christmas Flowers and Décor
In Memory Of:*

Mr. & Mrs. Essie LeBlance, Sr
Mr. & Mrs. J Edias Bertrand
Mr. Oris Bertrand
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Ledet
Yvette & Shane Olivier
Fred & Bernice Smith
Jack Fitzpatrick
Barbara & Daniel Perillo
Margo St. Julien Simien
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Arabie
Mr. & Mrs. Dulvas Marcantel
Mr. & Mrs. John Bragg
Joyce Whittaker LoCoco
Pierre & Alice LaGrange & Family
Celeste & Elie Latiolais
John Lasiter
Numa & Bertha Pelas
Jack & Rena Truxillo
Eddie & Lennie Bollich
Carolyn Laviolette Hays
Glen Laviolette
Aline Cormier
Lawrence Trahan, Sr.
Willis Labbe, St.
Antoine Arceneaux
Scotty Savoy
Johanne Moody
Susan Wheelan Jackson
George Baudoin
George & Marie Arbour
Stanley Armand
Paul Lawrence Miers, Jr.

Herman Koerber
*Deceased Family Members of the
Celine & Alfred Dupont*
Jeff Fontenet
Baudoin & Hockadey Families
Jo Vido Allendorph
Royby Vincent
Alcee LeBlanc
Anna Rose Ivory Forand
Blaine Boudreaux
Peter John Mayeux
Harry Vice
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Mayard
Lisa Fasnacht
Kelly Perrin
Parents of Irby & Hora Bernard
Harold Lemoine
Mr. Howard Blessing, Jr.
Shane Spears
Raymond Morvant
Louis A. Graziadei
Beruity Norton
Norman & Marjorie Robinson
Sal May
Conrad Matthew Maxwell
Yvonne Courcier
Aline Calais
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Bourgeois, Sr.
*Deceased family and friends of
The Icard Family*
James Vincent
Freddie & Pamela Vincent

Please keep these loved ones in your prayers.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Happy New Year</i> <i>Pope Benedict XVI</i>	2 <i>Bishop Michael Jarrell</i>	3 <i>Rev. Brian Garry, SJ</i>	4 <i>Rev. William Gearheard</i>	5 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Rev. Joseph Gillespie, LC</i>	6 <i>Msgr. Richard Greene, VE</i>	7 <i>Rev. Michael Guidry</i>
8 <i>Rev. Mitchell Guidry</i>	9 <i>Rev. Brad Guillory</i>	10 <i>Rev. Joshua Guillory</i>	11 <i>Rev. Thomas Habetz</i>	12 <i>Rev. Jude Halphen</i>	13 <i>Msgr. Russell Harrington, VE</i>	14 <i>Rev. David Hebert</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.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR