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Monday to Friday
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 7:00 pm

Morning Prayer:

Tuesday thru Friday 8:00 am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday to Friday: 8:15 am
Saturdays & Holidays: 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
First Friday 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm
For any other time by appointment only

First Fridays:

Holy Hour: 6:00 pm
Mass 7:00 pm

Baptism:

By appointment and after an interview with the parents.

Marriage:

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor one year in advance.

Care of the Sick:

Please call the parish to request visitation of the sick or elderly - for prayers, Holy Communion, Sacrament of the Sick.

New Parishioners:

Welcome! Please ask for a registration form in the vestibule of the church or at the parish office.

Holy Cross School

299A Donlands Avenue
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Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter

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Tuesday, February 13th:

8:15 am – Ruel Gutierrez Jr. - Thanksgiving
Requested by Fe & Vinda Olase

ASH Wednesday, February 14th:

8:15 am – Mae Brisbin†
10:45 am – School Mass
7:00 pm - Mass

Thursday, February 15th:

8:15 am – Mario Ambrosini†
Requested by Inconronata Ambrosini

Friday, February 16th:

8:15 am – Helena Lee - Thanksgiving
Requested by Helena Lee

7:00 pm – Fe Olase – Thanksgiving
Requested by Mila Benedicto

7:30 pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 17th:

9:00 am – Carmelita Dionisio†
Requested by Connie & Beth Escabarte

5:00 pm – Orillanes Family -Thanksgiving Mass

Sunday, February 18th:

9:30 am – Cervantes Sons & Grandchildren – Thanksgiving
Requested by Marie Cervantes

11:00 am – Julian & Erly D'Souza
Requested by D'Souza Family

7:00 pm –All Parishioners



**Altar Servers Schedule
February 17th/February 18th, 2018**

Saturday 5:00 pm	Angeline Beltran	Angelo Beltran	Michael Orillanes	
Sunday 9:30 am	Mary Joyce Gutierrez	Ruel Gutierrez	Uri Kibuthu	Sean Quinagon
Sunday 11:00 am	Catherine Dipasupil	Andre & Martina Flores	Jared Ybarola	Giselle Tilos
Sunday 7:00 pm	Cerniel Cruzada	Cailean Cruzada	Joshua	Kirsten



Lent

Lent is the 40-day season of preparation for Easter that ends on Holy Thursday, three days before Easter Sunday.

During Lent, Catholics recall their baptism and do penance – fasting, prayer, and almsgiving as they commemorate the death and resurrection of Christ.

What is Ash Wednesday? (February 14th)

It marks the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent. Palms from the previous Palm Sunday are burned – ashes from these palms are distributed on Ash Wednesday as a sign of penitence.

Why do Catholics traditionally give something up during Lent?

To do penance in preparation for the greatest feast in the Christian calendar.

What is fast and abstinence?

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are universal days of fast and abstinence. Catholics still consider Fridays throughout Lent as days of abstinence. Anyone over the age of 18 and under the age of 59 are obliged to fast and abstain. Fasting, in the Latin Church, is the limitation of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between. Abstaining, in this context, is the refraining from certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat. In lieu of fasting, one may substitute works of charity.



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February 4th - Offertory: 2,547.95

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Upcoming Events

Mondays, Feb...12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26 Al-Anon Meeting, 7:30pm - 9:30pm -in the Church Hall

Sunday, February 11, 2018 – Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall from 10:30 and 12:30pm

Sunday, February 25, 2018 – First Communion Family Gathering Session 4 – 10:15 am at the Church Hall

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**February 14th being Valentine's Day,
let us read what St. Teresa says on
"Genuine Friendship"**

St. Teresa of Avila is well known for being given the gift of transforming union with God. But her fiercely loyal and tenderly warm human relationships are unheard of. She had a special love for those who were generous with God and detached from the world, those whom in her own terminology, she called 'spiritual people'. For example, her great affection for her confessor, Fr. Jerome Gratian was due mainly to his showing 'such perfection that he astounds me.'

Saintliness is not only compatible with tender human love, it also brings it about. There is only one virtue of charity, and by it we love God, ourselves and our neighbor. As we grow in loving God, we must be growing in loving ourselves and our brothers and sisters.

It is perhaps the dream of many to have a true friend, that theirs is a deep, indeed undying love, that nothing could possibly separate them, that their relationship is compatible both with love for others in their life and with a growing love for God Himself. But the question is how to discern saintly friendships from their counterfeits.

First, the attraction is not based primarily upon bodily beauty or merely natural qualities. St. Teresa notes that God gives physical comeliness and we ought to praise Him for it. But we do not dwell on it more than momentarily – it is just a shadow. Rather, the love is rooted in deeper, permanent qualities.

Second, the friends find that they cannot really be interested in anything unless it

has to do with God and therefore any affection that does not benefit their soul wearies them.

Third, the closeness found among the authentic friend is selfless. Each party is anxious for the welfare of the other, and it is the eternal well-being of the beloved one that is foremost: *This, as I have said, is love without any degree whatsoever of self-interest; all that this soul wishes and desires is to see the soul it loves enriched with blessings from Heaven.*

The **fourth** trait: genuine friends welcome being admonished if they stray or commit faults.

Fifth, their closeness is permanent, because it is not based on physical characteristics that change with illness and age. For St. Teresa, one has to 'dig' to be able to find eternally lovable beauty in the other, and if one digs deeply, gold will be found within the mine of the beloved.

Last, authentic friendship can be known only by experience. 'What is to love the Creator and what to love the creature must be discovered by experience, for it is a very different matter from merely thinking about and believing it.'

There, we have the holy Carmelite saint's ingredients for holy friendships.

When I have learnt to love God better than my earthly dearest, I shall love my earthly dearest better than I do now. In so far as I learn to love my earthly dearest at the expense of God and instead of God, I shall be moving towards the state in which I shall not love my earthly dearest at all. When first things are put first, second things are not suppressed but increased. (C.S. Lewis)

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