



**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Rev. Charles Elvis Otsiwah, Pastor**  
**(979)335-7551**  
**Rectory, Cemetery and**  
**Faith Formation Offices**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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For updated or changes in our parish news, "LIKE" our Facebook pages --  
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:** Arrange with Father six months before wedding date.

**QUINCEANERA:** Arregla con el padre antes de los quince años.

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

**ADORATION:** Thursday from 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM

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

**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday through Thursday – 8:00 AM to 12 Noon and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

If you need Fr. Charles at any time of the day or night, please call 979-335-7551 ext. 6.

Monday	12	Private	+Marge Hlavinka
Tuesday	13	6:00PM	+Louise & Albert Marek
Wednesday	14	<b>6:00PM</b>	+Frank & Celia Valigura *Notice Time Change <b>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>
Thursday	15	7:00AM	+Rudolph Vrana, Jr.
Friday	16	7:00AM	+ Joe Preisler
Saturday	17	5:00PM	+ August & Rosalie Jasek, +Cathy Wicke
Sunday	18	7:00AM	Parishioners
Sunday	18	9:00AM	+Wayne Robinson
Sunday	18	11:00AM	+Ernesto Soto



**WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!**

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY** \*If you are unable to serve on your day, please find a sub.

**Saturday, September 17– 5:00 P.M. Mass**

Servers: Jillian Faltysek, Cooper & Ben Potts

Lector: Shelley Popp

Ushers: Kenneth Wicke & Vol.

EME: Billy & Bernice Cavness

**Sunday, September 18– 7:00 A.M. Mass**

Servers: Hunter, Christopher, Bryce Kopecky

Lector: Monica Kubena

Ushers: Mark & Berna Pilcik

EME: David & Susan Tomchesson

**Sunday, September 18– 9:00 A.M. Mass**

Servers: Weston Swoboda, Jonathan Anders, Lily Gremminger

Lector: Todd Swoboda

Ushers: Kenneth Stasney & Vol.

EME: Brooke Swoboda, Alphonse Smaistrila

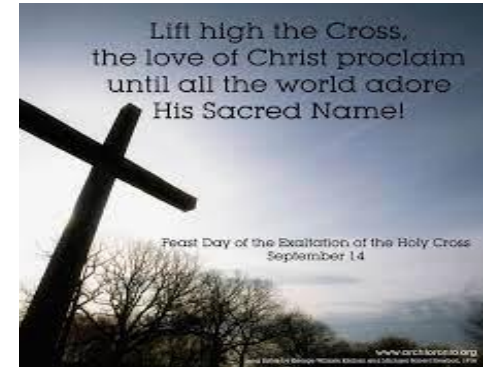
**Sunday, September 18 – 11:00 A.M. Spanish Mass**

Servers: Maria, Magaly, Rogelio

Lector: Adriana T.

Ushers: Romero Family

EME: Maria B.



***Our Parish Goal for the 2022  
Diocesan Service Appeal is  
\$66,011.00. So far, we have  
73 pledges @ \$17,760.00  
It is not too late to make a  
pledge. We owe \$48,251.00.  
Please Help!***

**Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 473**

**Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$7,478.00**

**Parish Development: \$2,185.00**

**Special Collection: \$1,154.00**

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the Pless family in loving memory of Danny Pless.**

**Flowers for the Altar:**


**In loving memory of Travis Lane Martinez.**

**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS:** Intentions are available on a first come, first served basis. A minimum offering of \$5 is requested for the priest celebrating the Mass. Intentions are for the deceased and the living e.g., birthday blessings, anniversaries, in thanksgiving or your special intentions.

**SANCTUARY LAMP REQUESTS:** are available on a first come, first served basis. A minimum offering of \$5 is requested for the candle. The candle will burn for your intentions for one week.

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR:** There is a calendar on the bulletin board to sign up for your intentions. You may place flowers on either side of the Tabernacle or in front of the Altar. You buy them from your favorite place.

**Please plan ahead if you want specific dates.**

 <p>Frank Buxkemper Maria Cabrera Jose Cubias Denise Bates Yu Kelner Esmeralda Gaytan Eva Batla Fred Fojtik Eva Hlavinka Batla Don Demny Alice Garza Erin Kulhanek</p>	<p>Cubias Family Anton Dybala EKJ Brynleigh Gurecky Michael Hajovsky Mary Hennecke Sandy Hickl Albina Jasek Mary Montalvo Bernice Pribyl Edward Halcom Bea Stelzel Alan Zbranek Calvin Hillmann Alison Mazoch Luis Axel Hdz Allison Byman</p>	<p>Gene Karasek, Sr. Leo Kolafa, Sr. David Kopecky Mary Elizabeth Kramr Daphne Kresta Danilo Lopez Luis Lopez Vicente Lopez Frances Dusek Jenny Karasek Tommy Guthman Cathy Srubar Charlie Minks Rob Reed Ann Doris Wicke P.H.D.B.S. Robert Montano</p>	<p>Kelly Macha Jake Marik MDA MJM David Molina Ma Guadalupe Orozco Joyce Orsak Annie Kalinowski Bernice Futschik Fr. Alberto Gutierrez Debbie Orsak Sandra Schmidt Richard Jochec Macedonio Patino Robert Heimann David Jones Norman Littlefield</p>	<p>Eleanor Schunka James Smaistrila Victor Tichacek V. Vacek Frankie Warden WDM Bill Whitley Trey Hancock Bernadette Metting John Kubes Maria Garcia Larry Pace Janie Montalbo Angeline Grigar Harry Supak</p>
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Pray for all the sick of our parish, the home-bound, those in the hospital and in the nursing home. Please email, call, or drop a list in the collection 979-335-7551 ext. 2 / [office@eastbernardcatholic.org](mailto:office@eastbernardcatholic.org).

**Feast of The Exaltation of The Holy Cross  
Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Wednesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> , 7:30 A.M. -5:30 P.M. followed by Mass at 6:00 PM**



**Adoration!**  
**Jesus awaits you!**  
**Look for the signup sheet in**  
**back of the church or call**  
**Helen Mica @ 979-335-7787, 979-453-1569.**

**Let us make time to be in the presence of God! Two or more adorers are needed at each hour if you cannot make an hour come for a few minutes. We pray you will feel called.**



**The Fatima Rosary will be prayed on**  
**Tuesday, September 13th in Church after 6pm Mass.**  
**“Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the World”**  
**Our Lady of Fatima.**

**Holy Communion to the Homebound:** If you or anyone you know are homebound and would like Holy Communion, please call to be put on the list. Contact the Office 979-335-7551 ext.2 or Mary Ann Morse 979-533-3375.

**Scholarship Fund:** Mary Ann Morse in memory of Rev. Donald Ruppert. Darline Polak in memory of Edie Szymanski, Josh Austin, & Rev. Donald Ruppert. Bubba & Doris Brandes in memory of Betty Sue Hyland. **Cemetery Fund:** Pat & Geneva Viaclovsky in memory of Jimmie Murrile. Wes Brandes, Wilburn & Shirley Karasek, Ray Novak, Tommy & Yvonne Krenek all in memory of Rev. Donald Ruppert. Tommy & Yvonne Krenek in memory of Rosalie Millsap. **Vocation Fund:** Tommy & Donna Vacek in memory of Rev. Donald Ruppert, Ed Kopecky and Roselie Millsap.

**GOD LOVES WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE MERITS**

Today all three readings converge on the same theme: “God’s mercy and forgiving love”. In the first reading God offers mercy and kindness to the Jews after they rebelled against him. His forgiveness is gratuitous, and he does not put any condition, he does not wait to see if they are going to deserve his forgiveness or not. The Gospel is the familiar parable of the prodigal son; it with the parable of the lost sheep and the lost coin. What could the little sheep have done to merit the attention of the shepherd? Nothing. It had just got lost, that’s all.

The example of Paul proposed by the second reading completes today’s catechesis. Paul tells of his gratefulness to Jesus Christ. He was erring without knowing that he was going the wrong way (1Tim 1:13); the people of Israel had reverted to pagan rites because of ignorance; the little sheep had gone astray by mistake .... That was why the Lord was so good and understanding to those who crucified him: Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing.” (Lk. 23:34)

Whenever we gather in prayer as a Christian community we are called to celebrate and rejoice, just as the merciful father ordered in today's Gospel. As we celebrate and rejoice in the Lord Jesus, may we listen to God's word, grow in holiness as he strengthens us and seek the forgiveness that only our heavenly Father can offer.

*Blessings!*

*Fr. Charles*

**DIOS AMA SIN TOMAR EN CUENTA LOS MERITS**

Hoy las tres lecturas convergen en el mismo tema: "La misericordia de Dios y el amor perdonador". En la primera lectura, Dios ofrece misericordia y bondad a los judíos después de que se rebelaron contra él. Su perdón es gratuito, y no pone ninguna condición, no espera a ver si van a merecer su perdón o no. El Evangelio es la parábola familiar del hijo pródigo; con la parábola de las ovejas perdidas y la moneda perdida. ¿Qué podrían haber hecho las ovejas para merecer la atención del pastor? Nada. Se había perdido, eso es todo.

El ejemplo de Pablo propuesto por la segunda lectura completa la catequesis de hoy. Pablo habla de su gratitud a Jesucristo. Estaba sonando sin saber que iba por el camino equivocado (1Tim 1:13); el pueblo de Israel había vuelto a los ritos paganos debido a la ignorancia; la oveja se había extraviado por error .... Por eso el Señor fue tan bueno y comprensivo con los que lo crucificaron: Padre, perdónalos, porque no saben lo que están haciendo." (Lc. 23:34)

Cada vez que nos reunimos en oración como comunidad cristiana estamos llamados a celebrar y alegrarnos, tal como el padre misericordioso ordenó en el Evangelio de hoy. Al celebrar y regocijarnos en el Señor Jesús, que escuchemos la palabra de Dios, crezcamos en santidad al fortalecernos y buscar el perdón que sólo nuestro Padre celestial puede ofrecer.

*¡Bendiciones!*

*Fr. Charles*





# FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

## Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

### Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament 7:30AM- 5:30PM

### Followed by Mass at 6:00PM.

Holy Cross Bazaar Sunday October 9, 2022

**Bazaar Raffle:** Raffle tickets coming soon!!!

**Guidelines for donating bazaar country store items:**

**DO NOT BRING:** Soiled, torn, broken or discolored items. Mismatched single coffee cups or glasses – these do not sell. Cookie tins Canned food that is mildewed or off color. Broken or tarnished jewelry.

**WELCOME ITEMS:** Canned goods that are fresh and appealing. Fresh vegetables and fruits, Eggs, Noodles, Pecans, Honey, Small bedding plants or shallots, .Baked breads, Peanut brittle, Corn Meal, Pepper Sauce, Hand-crafted items, GENTLY used items that are in good condition and sellable.

**Gift Card Game Booth:** Gift Cards are needed. You may drop off gift cards anytime at the Church Office, Drop Box or Collection (Be sure to label- Gift Card Game). Gift Card values maybe \$5 or more... to any of your favorite places.

**AUCTION:** Auction items must be valued at a minimum of \$25 and tagged in by Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> , unless it is baked goods. Bring baked goods the day of the Bazaar, Sunday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am -11am. Please do not bring your items to the Church Office yet, we will let you know when you can start bringing them.

*Pray for the soul of Maria Del Carmen Villarreal who passed away.  
Please keep her family in prayer.*

*“May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”*

**St. Bernard Council, # 2500 Knights of Columbus** meet the first Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Cross Meeting Room. Please call Grand Knight Richard Carpenter at 979-310-9318 for more information.

**Next Meeting, Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**KJT Society #40** meet on the second Tuesday of every other month, at 7:00 p.m. at Riverside Hall. Please call Big Ed Marik at 979-232-0265 for more information. **Next Meeting, Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, with meal.**

**Court St. Bernadette #1108, Catholic Daughters of the Americas,** meet on the second Monday of the month, in the Holy Cross Meeting Room, beginning at 7 p.m. Refreshments are served at 6:45p.m. For more info, contact Regent Karen Rejsek 832-754-6154. **Next Meeting, Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Baptism Classes are offered quarterly: Tuesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm RSVP to Patsy Krenek, 979-335-7551 ext.4**

**Polka Mass: October 22, 5pm Mass.**

**Help is needed at CARE** to make and distribute boxes of food for its patrons. The time to make boxes will be each Tuesday from 1pm to 4 pm. The distribution date is every second Saturday of the month. Please volunteer if you are able. **CARE** is located on CR 291 next to EB Air. Cynthia Klotz 281-881-8585.

**Holy Cross Office Hours:** Tues., Wed., & Thur. 8:00AM- 4:00PM Closed Noon -1:00PM.

**If you need Fr. Charles to visit for Confession and/or Holy Communion, call the Church Office.**

## FAITH FORMATION HAS STARTED



## Wednesdays

4 yr. olds - 1 Gr.: 4:30p to 5:15p

2 Gr. - 7 Gr.: 5:30p to 6:30p

8 Gr. - 12 Gr.: 7:00p to 8:15p

**SEPTEMBER 14: All students meet in their classrooms.** Parents, please read the “Faith Formation Handbook”. It contains pertinent information concerning our program. All families should have received a digital copy. It is also on the parish website.

Turn in your Registration forms before September 14<sup>th</sup>. We can’t wait to see you on Wednesday!

**Rite of Christian Initiation:** Interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith? Email [rcia@eastbernardcatholic.org](mailto:rcia@eastbernardcatholic.org) or contact Janice Polak @ 979-533-0178.

## GIVE BLOOD

Holy Cross Catholic Church  
Community Blood Drive

Sunday, September 11  
7:00 am - 12:30 pm  
Holy Cross Education Building

To schedule your appointment, please  
contact Robert or Patricia Michulka  
(979) 335-6107  
sponsor code: 0242

“BLOOD CENTER SOCKS FOR  
DONORS!!!”



**BLOOD DRIVE here at Holy Cross is TODAY Sunday, September 11, from 7:00am to 12:30pm in the CCD Building.** Please come and give the gift of life. Blood cannot be made in a Lab. It is everyone's responsibility to donate blood to save lives. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. High Blood Pressure, High Cholesterol, and Diabetes that is controlled by medication does not prevent you from giving blood. To schedule an appointment, go to "[giveblood.org](https://giveblood.org)", select "Donate Now", and select "Search by Sponsor Code - 0242". If you prefer, call Robert or Patricia Michulka at 979-335-6107 to schedule. All donors will receive a Free pair of "Blood Center Socks" There is no greater gift than to save lives.



**KJT District VI Family Day Sunday, September 25, 2022, Riverside Hall East Bernard**  
Please call or text your RSVP for the meal by Sunday, September 18, 2022. Justin Eschenburg at 979-661-0087 or Edwin C. Marik at 979-232-0265.