



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Rectory, Cemetery and
Faith Formation Offices

NOVEMBER 20,2022 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

Diocese of Victoria Web site: 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 6:00 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.



Mass Schedule

Monday	21		+Frances Tallas
Tuesday	22	6:00PM 6:30PM	Rosary CDA & Kof C Deceased Members Memorial Mass
Wednesday	23	7:00AM	+ Edward Kopecky, Sr.
Thursday	24	7:00AM	+ John Kramr and Eva Balta (Healing)
Friday	25	7:00AM	+Annette Novak
Saturday	26	5:00PM	+Gloria & Frank(L) Buxkemper
Sunday	27	7:00AM	+Agnes Minks
Sunday	27	9:00AM	Dan Holmes (Bday)
Sunday	27	11:00AM	Parishioners

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

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

Saturday, November 26– 5:00 P.M. Mass

Servers: Sam, Cooper & Ben Potts

Lector: Jim Steele

Ushers: Kenneth Wicke, Tommy Baranowski

EME: Brian Barta, Lisa Pless

Sunday, November 27– 7:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Keegan & London Cavness & Vol.

Lector: Shelley Popp

Ushers: Brian & Michelle Mica

EME: Billy & Bernice Cavness

Sunday, November 27– 9:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Josef & Mary Kulcak, Lily Gremminger

Lector: Amy Kulcak

Ushers: James & Laura Stavinoha

EME: Alphonse Smaistrila, Eric Youngblood

Sunday, November 27– 11:00 A.M. Spanish Mass

Servers: Emily, Melody, Roxana

Lector: Miguel R.

Ushers: Urquiza/Vol.

EME: Elizabeth C.



*Our Parish Goal for the 2022
Diocesan Service Appeal is
\$66,011.00. So far, we have
76 pledges @ \$18,095.00
It is not too late to make a
pledge. We owe \$47,916.00.
Please Help!*

*****NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THANKSGIVING DAY.*****

Mass Attendance Last Weekend:481

Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$5,085.25

Parish Development: \$3,078.00

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA: \$24.00

Today's Special Collection Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Next Special Collection Dec. 11th Retirement Fund for Religious.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for Ray Novak in loving memory of Annette Novak.

Flowers for the Altar:

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.

 Frank Buxkemper Maria Cabrera Denise Bates Yu Kelner Esmeralda Gaytan Fred Fojtik Eva Hlavinka Batla Don Demny Alice Garza Erin Kulhanek Anna Jerry Orsak, Jr. Jesse Tovar B.C.G. Gene Karasek	Cubias Family	Gene Karasek, Sr.	Kelly Macha	Eleanor Schunka
	Anton Dybala	Leo Kolafa, Sr.	Jake Marik	Helen Baca Miller
	EKJ	David Kopecky	MDA	Victor Tichacek
	Brynleigh Gurecky	Mary Elizabeth Kramr	MJM	V. Vacek
	Michael Hajovsky	Daphne Kresta	David Molina	Frankie Warden
	Mary Hennecke	Danilo Lopez	Ma Guadalupe Orozco	WDM
	Sandy Hickl	Luis Lopez	Joyce Orsak	Bill Whitley
	Albina Jasek	Vicente Lopez	Annie Kalinowski	Trey Hancock
	Mary Montalvo	Frances Dusek	Bernice Futschik	Bernadette Metting
	Bernice Pribyl	Jenny Karasek	Fr. Alberto Gutierrez	John Kubes
	Edward Halcom	Tommy Guthman	Debbie Orsak	Maria Garcia
	Bea Stelzel	Cathy Srubar	Sandra Schmidt	Larry Pace
	Alan Zbranek	Charlie Minks	Richard Jochec	Janie Montalbo
	Calvin Hillmann	Rob Reed	Macedonio Patino	Angeline Grigar
	Alison Mazoch	P.H.D.B.S.	Robert Heumann	Harry Supak
	Luis Axel Hdz	Robert Montano	David Jones	Alan Pribyl
	Allison Byman	Corinne Harbes	Norman Littlefield	Paul Lopez
	Dicey	Ryan Macek	Wesley Braden	Alison Cubias
	Margaret Wicke	Traci La Caze	Dennis Mican	Virginia Hdez. Saldierna
	Evelyn Karasek			

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.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THANKSGIVING DAY.



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.



We will pray the Holy Rosary at 5:30pm every Thursday before the Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
 “Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war.” 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.

Holy Cross Music Fund: A.C. & Donna Grahmann in memory of John Kramr.
Scholarship Fund: C.J. & Dolores Fucik in memory of Charlie Waligiera Jr., Carl Zojcek, John Kramr, and Alphonse David Jr.. Jo Ann Preisler in memory of John Kramr, Wilma Kulcak, Alphonse David Jr., Wilfred Srubar, Josie Mican.
Cemetery Fund: Dennis & Brenda Polak in memory of Tim Kramr, Jeffrey Viktorin, Veronica Lopez, Stephen Sablatura, Karen Buxkemper, and Mildred Janda.
Parish Development: Jeannette & Pat Matula in honor of Don & Gloria Demny.

A KING WHO NEVER CONDEMNS ANYBODY

The first reading tells us how David, after defeating all his enemies, was anointed king over all of Israel. His kingdom, great and powerful, became the image and symbol of the kingdom of peace and justice that God would one day establish on earth. Israel waited for so many centuries the coming of the one to start this kingdom.

The Gospel is giving us the answer of God to all these expectations, a reply that people find disappointing, because Jesus was not proclaimed king as he sat on a golden throne, but when he was nailed on the cross. This is how Jesus defeated all his enemies. His victory is a victory of love, not of arrogance and violence, as the second reading tells us. We end Year C and the liturgical cycle of three years with the image of Jesus forgiving everybody.

At times we may have been surprised by God’s countenance that Jesus has revealed to us. He is a God who does not think and reason like human: he does not judge, he does not condemn, he does not discriminate, does not weigh good and evil with the scale, does not put-up barriers between the upright and wicked; he loves the upright and the wicked in the same measure and does not allow anybody to get lost.

Let us keep this well in mind: the thoughts of God are not like our thoughts; his ways are not our ways. The heavens are as high above earth as his thoughts are above our thoughts (Is 55: 8-9). If you have understood that the heart of God is different, very different from ours, then, I am sure, all the labor gone into writing them is more than worthwhile. Keep going out into the whole world to announce and proclaim the great news: the love of Christ is greater than our sins.

Blessings!

Fr. Charles

UN REY QUE NUNCA CONDENA A NADIE

La primera lectura nos cuenta cómo David, después de derrotar a todos sus enemigos, fue ungido rey sobre todo Israel. Su reino, grande y poderoso, se convirtió en la imagen y símbolo del reino de paz y justicia que Dios algún día establecería en la tierra. Israel esperó durante tantos siglos la venida del que inició este reino.

El Evangelio nos está dando la respuesta de Dios a todas estas expectativas, una respuesta que la gente encuentra decepcionante, porque Jesús no fue proclamado rey mientras se sentaba en un trono de oro, sino cuando fue clavado en la cruz. Así es como Jesús derrotó a todos sus enemigos. Su victoria es una victoria del amor, no de la arrogancia y la violencia, como nos dice la segunda lectura. Terminamos el año C y el ciclo litúrgico de tres años con la imagen de Jesús perdonando a todos.

A veces podemos habernos sorprendido por el rostro de Dios que Jesús nos ha revelado. Es un Dios que no piensa y razona como humano: no juzga, no condena, no discrimina, no pesa el bien y el mal con la escala, no pone barreras entre los rectos y los inicuos; ama a los rectos y a los malvados en la misma medida y no permite que nadie se pierda.

Tengamos esto bien en mente: los pensamientos de Dios no son como nuestros pensamientos, sus caminos no son nuestros caminos. Los cielos están tan por encima de la tierra como sus pensamientos están por encima de nuestros pensamientos (Is 55, 8-9). Si han entendido que el corazón de Dios es diferente, muy diferente al nuestro, entonces, estoy seguro, toda la obra que se ha ido a escribirlas vale más que la pena. Sigue saliendo al mundo entero para anunciar y proclamar la gran noticia: el amor de Cristo es mayor que nuestros pecados.

¡Bendiciones! Fr. Charles

Pray for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory: “Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for all sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.” – St. Gertrude the Great.

KofC & CDA Memorial Mass: Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, Rosary @ 6PM, Mass @ 6:30PM. Following Mass, a meal will be served, at the meeting room. For information, please call Richard Carpenter 979-310-9318 or Karen Rejsek 832-754-6154.

Treasures of the Church

Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross brings a teaching and exposition of more than 150 relics to Holy Cross Catholic Church in East Bernard on Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.treasuresofthechurch.com. **Flyers are in back of church please take them and post them at work, school etc.**



35th Annual Children’s Christmas Eve Program and Mass
December 24th, 4 pm

Children 4 yrs. old up to 6th grade are welcomed to participate.
For information contact Bernice Cavness. 979-335-6104.



We are having our Annual Food/Cash Drive this month to support CARE, who help our local less fortunate. CARE prefers monetary donations due to being able to purchase a lot more food than we can collect. Please consider sharing your blessings. Donations will be due Sunday, November 20th. You may place your donations at the altar in front of the Blessed Mother beginning this week. If you would like to make a monetary donation (make checks payable to CARE), please mark an envelope with CARE and place it in the collection or you may put it in the office drop box.

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, December 6th.
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. **No Meeting, Tuesday, December 13th.**
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, December 12th.**
Baptism Classes are offered quarterly: Patsy Krenek, 979-335-7551 ext.4
Polka 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.

*Pray for the soul of Joe “Jody” Orsak, Jr. the brother of Julia Kubes.
Keep his family in prayer.*

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

*****No Faith Formation Classes on Nov. 23rd . Classes resume on Nov.30th.*****
Happy Thanksgiving!

Christmas for the Military

We have secured another troop for us to bring some Christmas Cheer...Private1st Class Holt Mica, son of Carl and Annette Mica and grandson of court member, **Helen Mica**. He has served over 2 years in the army and is part of the 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles. Currently he stationed in Slovakia. He is super excited that we want to do this for him and his division.

The division that we will be helping has quite a number of soldiers of both men and women. Karen Moszkowicz asked Shoppa’s to see if we could use their facility as a drop off point and got the OK not only for that but also storage and a place for us to stuff the boxes that we will send out. So here’s where your part of this comes in.....

Below is a list of suggested items that they would really appreciate.

Texas stuff!! Flags, stickers, etc.
Holiday themed items/decorations
Stationary to send letters back home, etc.
Baby Wipes
Wet-Ones, Hand Sanitizer
Chapstick

Travel/fun size snacks, such as:
Nutter Butter Cookies (Holt’s favorite)
Small Pringles/chips
Nutella “Go’s” with pretzel sticks
Pop Tarts
Granola Bars
Movie size candy boxes
Beef Jerky/Slim Jims
Gum
Cookies (Oatmeal Cream Pies, Oreos, etc.)
Sunflower Seeds
Fruit Roll-ups
Fruit Gummy packs
Caramel Apple Suckers
Candy
Sweet and Salty Trail mix
Candy Corn
Coffee Accessories (flavored & non-flavored creamers)

or whatever you think they might like.....

As mentioned above, the drop-off point is **Shoppa’s Farm Supply on Hwy 60, East Bernard, TX** and the deadline to get the items there is **November 21st**. Shoppa’s hours are Monday - Friday 7 am to 5 pm and Saturday 7am to 12 pm.

If you have any questions, you can contact Karen Moszkowicz at Shoppa’s 979 335-4887 or her cell 281 635-1112, or contact Berna Pilcik at 979 531-9028.

