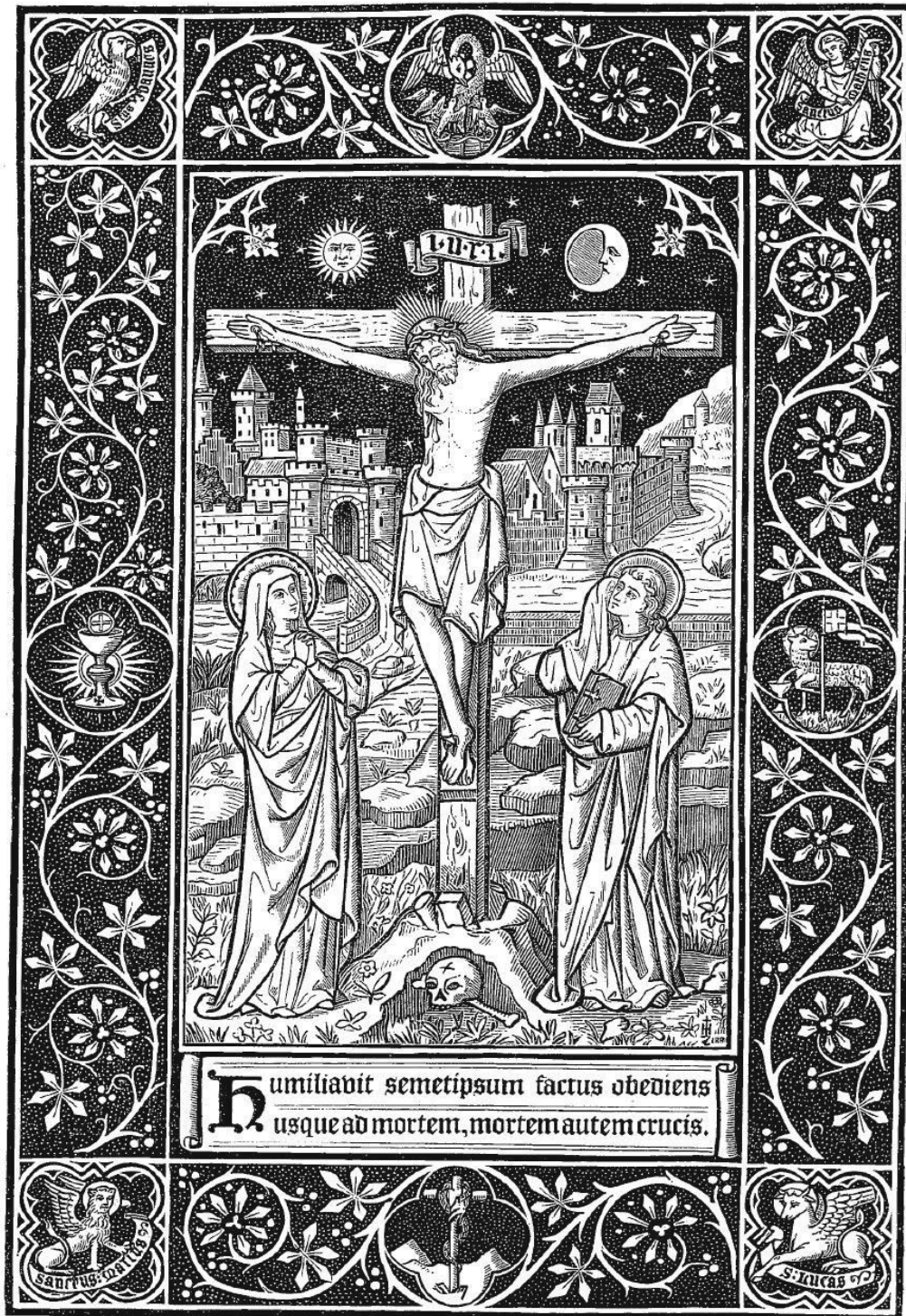


The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery

The Crucifixion & Death of Jesus Christ on the Cross



*And being found in human form He humbled Himself
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
Philippians 2:8-9*

MASS INTENTIONS Holy Cross & Sacred Heart Catholic Churches		
Monday	No Mass	
Tuesday	5:00 pm	The living & deceased members of the Vacek Family
Wednesday	8:15 am	The United States & the Catholic Church
Thursday	8:15 am	Edward Bednarz *B Abigail Jurek *B
Friday	8:15 am	Donna Harrison
Saturday	4:30 pm	Leigh Anne Frontz
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	7:30 am	Dorothy & Frank Putska
	9:30 am	Pro Populo
*B Birthday	*T Thanksgiving	*A Anniversary
	Bolded Deceased	* Day/Time Italic Mass Time Change
Confessions: Sat. 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. or by appointment. To contact the church office email: hc3_office@holycrossbaycity.org.		

*The Sanctuary Candle at Holy Cross
will burn this week in memory of
Donna Harrison*

*The Sanctuary Candle at Sacred Heart
will burn this week for the
Conversion of the United States and the World*

Sanctuary Candles for 2025 are available. Please contact the Church Office, if you would like to have the Sanctuary Candle burn for you, your organization, or a loved one.

Mass intentions for 2025 are available.

Please continue to pray for vocations & our Seminarians:
Dcn. Shane Goertz, Dcn. Caleb Krischke
& Dcn. Aaron Padilla,
Nelson Lagos, William Pettus, & Alex Woods.
Philippe Dubourdieu (Diocese of Charleston, SC)


<u>Weekend Mass Assignments</u>		
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sacristan Lector	Larry Dougharty Nate Carr & Steven Goertz
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Sacristan Lector	Raymond Chavez Drew Richards & John Saglime

Palm Sunday


Holy Week is almost here! Next week, we begin Holy Week with the Palm Sunday processions.

At Holy Cross, we will begin the Masses in the school cafeteria. From there we will process to the church (if it rains, we will process through the school). For those unable to join the congregation in the cafeteria, we will bring palms to you in the church.

Sacred Heart will begin our procession from the parking lot and process into the church.



The Knights of Columbus
will meet this Thursday
at 7:00 p.m. at the KC Hall



Collections	
Weekly	\$ 7,508.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,014.00
Your generosity is appreciated!	

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, April 17, 2025 – HOLY THURSDAY

School Stations of the Cross 9:00 a.m.

Parish Potluck Dinner & Fellowship 5:30 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.
Confessions & Adoration in the Life House
8:30 p.m. until Midnight

We will have the Parish Potluck Dinner from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. Please consider bringing your tastiest meat dish and 1 side for your family.

(After 6:00 p.m., we ask that no one consume any food or drink including tea or coffee. This will allow for the required 1-Hour Fast prior the worthy reception of the Eucharist at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.)

From 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., we will have fellowship and the optional participation in the washing of feet. In the past, Bishops used to invite individuals to a communal meal followed by a few persons having their feet washed. In ACTS and other retreats/ events, there are opportunities to wash or have one's feet washed. I invite members of families to partake in this opportunity.

We will then proceed to the Mass of the Lord's Supper **followed by adoration in the Life House.** This year, we will have a change in the Eucharistic Procession at the conclusion of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The procession will begin by going down the aisles of the church. Instead of ending at the St. Joseph's side of the Church, the Eucharistic Procession will exit through the Mother Mary's side door, pass through the school's glass doors, and continue down the sidewalk to the Life House. All are welcome to process into the Life House where we will have the chapel of repose.

Those wishing to spend time in prayer until Midnight, are encouraged to park by the Life House gate.

(At the end of the procession, the choir will remain in the church and sing the final 2 verses of the Tantum Ergo. If you do not process to the Life House, please depart in silence and prayer.)

FRIDAY, April 18, 2025 – GOOD FRIDAY
Stations of the Cross - 12:00 p.m. (Noon)
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m.
Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion Service

SATURDAY, April 19, 2025 – EASTER VIGIL
The Easter Vigil – 8:00 p.m.
Followed by fellowship around the Easter Fire.

SUNDAY, April 20, 2025 – EASTER SUNDAY
The Mass of Easter Day – 7:30 a.m. (Wadsworth)
9:30 a.m. (Holy Cross)
11:30 a.m. (Holy Cross)

As a parish family, we continue with our silent Lenten Observance before and after mass. Thank you for staying after Mass to offer to God a period of personal prayer. I look forward to visiting and speak with you outside the church building as we begin anew this sacred Lenten silence. May God bless you! *Rev. Stephen Vacek*

Holy Cross Catholic School is pleased to announce our new principal.

Mrs. Brooke Tomek

has been named the principal of Holy Cross Catholic School. Mrs. Tomek is married to Dr. Travis Tomek. Their two sons, Wade and Brett, are proud fourth-generation Holy Cross Eagles! The Tomek family have been parishioners for five years. Mrs. Tomek has been with HCCS for five years and is honored to take on the role of principal.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Mrs. Tomek!

Dear Parishioners,

“Today, the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday comes from the account in the Gospel of Saint John of Our Lord’s encounter with the woman caught in the act of adultery. This story of Our Lord’s great mercy to the adulterous woman reminds us that God is ever ready with His Divine Mercy, ever ready to forgive us, no matter how far we might have fallen from His grace, as long as we turn to Him in repentance and seek His mercy and forgiveness. *(from Cardinal Burke’s Weekly Reflections)*

Lenten Penance Services:

Tuesday, April 8 – 5:00-7:00 PM: Port Lavaca – OLG

Tuesday, April 8 – 6:00 PM: Bay City – Holy Cross

Wednesday, April 9 – 6:00 PM: Vanderbilt – St. John Bosco

Our Parish Lenten Penance Service is this Tuesday

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Novena

begins Good Friday, April 18, 2025

Please join us for our special week of prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 19	4:30 P.M.
HOLY SATURDAY, April 20	3:00 P.M.
EASTER SUNDAY, April 21	3:00 P.M.
MON., April 22 thru FRI., April 25	3:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, April 26	3:00 P.M.
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 27	3:00 P.M.

How to Make a Good Confession

1. **Make the sign of the cross and say:** Bless me Father, for I have sinned.
2. **Next say:** My last confession was _____.
3. **Then say your sins:** These are my sins _____, _____, _____, and _____.
4. **Next say:** I am sorry for these and all of the sins of my life.
5. **Then listen to what the priest tells you. Father will give you a penance to do.**
6. **Father will ask you to pray the Act of Contrition (say it loudly)**
O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all, because they offend You, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.
7. **Then the priest gives you Absolution, the forgiveness of your sins.**
Listen silently and make the sign of the cross when Father says: *I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*
Then answer: Amen.
8. **Father may say: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.**
You say: His mercy endures forever.



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APRIL 27, 2025

MEAL STARTS AT 11:00 AM

Live Auction (Beginning at 11:30 AM)

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Final

Holy Cross Catholic School Lenten Catfish Fry

**The Holy Cross Catholic School Fish
Fries will be held at the KC Hall!**

**Come enjoy a fried catfish plate with
all the trimmings and a dessert!**

- **Plate & (1) Dessert - \$15.00**
- **Drive-thru & Dine-In at the KC Hall**
- **5:00-7:00PM**

**Come see us
Fridays during Lent
(except on Good Friday)**

**The Fish Fries will be
sponsored and prepared by
the Knights of Columbus
Council 3070 & Holy Cross
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Through captivating stories, humor, music and video, Father David will explore the foundations of faithful family life. This lively session aims to inspire families to cultivate a Christ-centered home. Expect laughter, heart-felt moments, and practical insights that will encourage a deeper connection within families and with God.

For more information, contact Christella Alvarez at the Diocese of Victoria chancery, 361-573-0828, Ext. 2225, or calvarez@victoriadiocese.org.



Steubenville Lone Star 2025 Information

Our Lady of Perpetual Help (West Columbia) invites our teenagers to join them on this year's Steubenville Lone Star 2025. For those interested, do not register online. OLPH has a specific link already for the spots reserved.

Conference Cost: \$400 per Student

Open Spots Available: 8

Conference Date: June 20-22, 2025

Location: Irving Convention Center - Irving, TX

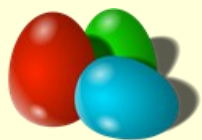
Hotel: Comfort Inn & Suites Irving Las Colinas DFW

Traveling Via: Chaperones Driving Students

Upcoming Meeting for Parents & Students Attending:

Wednesday May 7th @ 6pm OLPH Hall

*Packing Info, Rules, Travel Logistics,
Meet the Chaperons, Etc.



Knights of Columbus
Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Sunday
After the 9:30 Mass

FRIDAY'S OF LENT

FRIDAY MASS at 8:15 am

HCC SCHOOL & KC FISH FRY

*****Final Fish Fry of Lent*****

5:00 pm — 7:00 pm

At the KC Hall ~Dine In or Drive Thru

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 pm in the Church

Holy Thursday Collection for the Education of Our Diocesan Seminarians:

On April 17th, at the celebration of the *Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper* on Holy Thursday, a collection will be offered for the education of our future priests.

The Diocese of Victoria currently has 6 men in formation at various seminaries in the United States. At an average annual cost of \$35,000 per seminarian, this year the diocese will need approximately \$210,000 to fund this important endeavor. With your continuous generosity, coupled with a bequest received several years ago, the diocese should be able to fund the cost of educating our seminarians without adding an additional amount to our *Diocesan Services Appeal* campaign.

Please assist your parish and diocese in helping to educate our future priests. These men, we pray, will one day be ordained and will be serving us in our parishes. Let us all do our part in assisting in their education and formation. Thank you for supporting our *Holy Thursday Collection for the Education of Our Diocesan Seminarians*.

First Holy Communion Notice

Parents: There is a meeting for all Parents of 1st Holy Communion students on Wednesday, April 16th at 7:10pm, in the Life House. Please attend to get the latest information on your student's upcoming 1st Holy Communion. First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, May 4th at the 11:30AM Mass.

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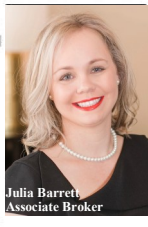
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