



Happy Mother's Day

MASS INTENTIONS		
Holy Cross & Sacred Heart Catholic Churches		
Monday	Non Public Mass	Mother's Day Novena Mass
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Mother's Day Novena Mass
Wednesday	8:15 am	Mother's Day Novena Mass
Thursday	8:15 am	Mother's Day Novena Mass
Friday	8:15 am	Mother's Day Novena Mass
Saturday	4:30 pm	Mother's Day Novena Mass
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	7:30 am	Mother's Day Novena Mass
	9:30 am	Pro Populo
*B Birthday	*T Thanksgiving	*A Anniversary
	Bolded Deceased	* <i>Day/Time Italic</i> 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 honor of the election of Pope Leo XIV

The Sanctuary Candle at Sacred Heart will burn this week in honor of Irene Hubenak (Fr. Stephen's Grandma)

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 and flower offerings for 2025 are available.

<u>Weekend Mass Assignments</u>		
Saturday		
4:30 p.m.	Sacristan	Larry Dougharty
	Lector	Dr. Alan Baker
Sunday		
9:30 a.m.	Sacristan	Raymond Chavez
	Lector	Laura Barr

Please continue to pray for vocations & our Seminarrians:
Dcn. Shane Goertz, Dcn. Caleb Krischke & Dcn. Aaron Padilla, Nelson Lagos, William Pettus, & Alex Woods.

Philippe Dubourdieu (Diocese of Charleston, SC)

Daily Offering

I offer to You God, my pain, discomforts, and those things that disturb me. I unite them with Jesus' Passion. Help me, Lord, not to begrudge or grumble, but to be cheerful, pleasant, cordial, and affable this day. Amen.

Our Missionary Seminarian, *Philippe Dubourdieu*, will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on Friday, May 23, 2025 in Chapin, South Carolina. At that time, his formal written greeting will become *Rev. Mr. Philippe Dubourdieu* and he will be addressed as *Deacon Philippe Dubourdieu*. He is currently studying to be a diocesan priest (like Fr. Stephen) for the Diocese of Charleston in South Carolina. If anyone wishes to send him a congratulatory card, gifts, (postage stamps are always welcome!), etc. his mailing address is:

1204 Middle St.
Sullivans Island, SC 29482

<i>Collections</i>	
Weekly	\$ 7,377.00
Diocesan Service Appeal	\$ 2,460.00
Your generosity is appreciated!	

Important 2025 Dates

Holy Cross Catholic School

Kindergarten & 5th Grade Graduation Mass
9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 22, 2025 (No adoration)

Holy Cross Catholic School

End of Year Awards Ceremony
9:00 a.m. Friday, May 23, 2025 (No adoration)

Transitional Diaconate Ordination of
Philippe Dubourdieu
Friday, May 23, 2025
(Diocese of Charleston, SC)

Donut Sunday
Sunday, May 25, 2025

Priestly Ordination of
Dcn. Shane Goertz, Dcn. Caleb Krischke
& Dcn. Aaron Padilla
Saturday, May 31, 2025
10:00 am Cathedral

Family Fun Day-Space Cowboys Game
Friday, June 20, 2025

Confirmation
Saturday, September 13, 2025

A Prayer of Devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus
O Sacred Blood, that flowed so copiously seven times for my salvation, I love Thee, I praise Thee, I adore Thee with the deepest feeling of gratitude! The purest fountain from which Thou didst flow makes Thy memory so sweet. O Precious Blood, with trumpet tones Thou speakest to me of the love of my God and Redeemer. How I deplore my coldness and indifference towards Thee! Now, at last, I wish to return love for love, blood for blood, if necessary. As often as my pulse beats, it shall greet Thee, Thou sweet Guest of my soul, and shall return to the arteries warmed and purified by Thy love. As long as the blood courses through my veins, it shall flow only for love of Thee; it shall circulate only for Thy interests and it shall turn cold and stand still only because I am about to love Thee in eternity. Oh, let this stream of Thy love flow through every heart and inebriate it with holy joy!

My dearest Mother Mary, I beseech Thee with confidence, obtain for me, although thy unworthy child, the blessing of God the Father, by covering me with the merits of thy Son Jesus, that I may regain my eternal birthright in Heaven. Clothe me every evening, Sweet Lady of Mt. Carmel, but especially on the eve of my life, with the "Dyed Garments" of the Precious Blood. **Amen.**

Happy Mother's Day!

May God bless and keep you this Mother's Day! Please know you remain in my prayers. Starting this Sunday, the Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet of nine consecutive Masses will be offered. The Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Envelopes are in the back of the church. They may be returned in the collection basket, Parish Office or the secure office mailbox. Thank you for considering giving the wonderful gift to your mother. May God bless you!



Novena to St. Isidore the Farmer, Patron Saint of Farmers and Ranchers Ends on Wednesday, May 14th

O dear St. Isidore, as a farmer you so patiently worked the land that it might give fruit. And by your example we have learned to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We who share your zeal for a fruitful land are encouraged by the compassion you showed to all who needed your help. We are convinced of your gracious intercession and with confidence implore you to obtain for us favorable weather.

O St. Isidore, you whose heart reflects the giving nature of our gracious God, whisper our prayer into the merciful ears of the Infant Jesus. Accept our humble appeal, as we pray for a successful growing season. Grant us favorable weather to produce an abundant harvest. We ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

(Then pray an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.)

Graduate Students Recognition & Blessing

As we enter into graduation season, please say a prayer for all of our communities graduates. Our graduates will be recognized at the conclusion of next Weekend's Masses (May 17th & 18th). Students may wear Cap and Gown and are encouraged to sit with their families.

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For more information visit their website: Redbird.love

Holy Cross Catholic School's Spring Bazaar totals for the last 3 years!

2023 ~ \$60,217.25

2024 ~ \$82,184.57

2025 ~ \$95,192.80

Enrollment numbers of your Parish School for the last 3 years!

2022-2023 (75)

2023-2024 (98)

2024-2025 (131)

Don't forget to register today!!! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your continued prayers and support! Please know you remain in my daily prayers. *Rev. Stephen Vacek*

During the Easter Season (until Pentecost), we will have the opportunity to receive the Eucharist by Intinction (reception of the Body & Blood of Our Lord). At Communion, we will process as normal up and then step into the front center pews (the temporary communion rail). *If you are unable to kneel, please remain standing.* Practically, the communion rail allows for a more intimate, personal, and prayerful preparation without the rush before and after reception of Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist. As the *New Saint Joseph Baltimore Catechism* states in lesson 28, "At Holy Communion, when we go up to the Banquet Table (the altar rail), Our Lord comes to us. He enters our hearts and souls. This action is called 'Communion' which means 'union together.' It unites the sheep with the Lamb Who shepherds them and also unites them with one another." Finally, it is a remainder of the Mosaic Laws of the Torah (first 5 books of the Old Testament) regarding the annual entrance of the High Priest into the Holy of Holies which contained the Altar of Sacrifice and Ark of the Covenant. Similarly, the priest enters the Catholic Church's sanctuary (Holy of Holies) which contains the Altar of Sacrifice (Altar) and the tabernacle (Eucharist). This Easter Season (until Pentecost), let us join in partaking of these ancient practices along with maintaining silence in the church.

HABEMUS PAPAM!

WE HAVE A POPE!



POPE LEO XIV

ROBERT FRANCIS PREVOST



God, Shepherd and Ruler of all Thy faithful people,
Look mercifully upon Thy servant Leo,
Whom Thou hast chosen as shepherd to preside over Thy Church.
Grant him, we beseech Thee, that by his word and example,
he may edify those over whom he hath charge,
so that together with the flock committed to him,
may he attain everlasting life.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WHO IS POPE LEO XIV?

It is with tremendous joy and thanksgiving that we receive our new Pope. With trust in God's unfailing love, we recognize the wisdom of the Spirit, working in and through the College of Cardinals. Only a few months ago, when speaking about the recent popes, then Cardinal Provost said: "God gave us Pope Benedict when we needed Pope Benedict, and He gave us Pope Francis when we needed Pope Francis." It seems that now, we need Pope Leo XIV!

DEO GRATIAS, HABEMUS PAPEM! OREMUS PRO PONTIFICE NOSTRO LEONE XIV.
Thanks be to God, we have a pope! Let us pray for our pope, Leo the fourteenth.

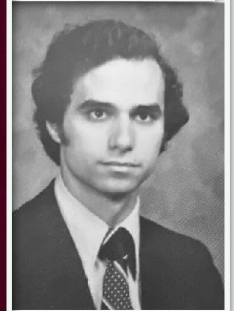
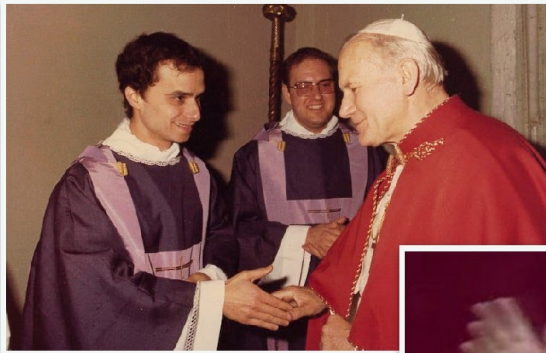
Born in Chicago, Pope Leo is the first North American pope. With a heart for mission, he spent many years in Peru, before moving back to Chicago, and then to Rome; in 2023, during a Vatican News interview, he said: "I still consider myself a missionary. My vocation, like that of every Christian, is to be a missionary, to proclaim the Gospel wherever one is." More recently, after being made a Cardinal, he spoke again on the Gospel: "A bishop is not called to reinvent the Gospel, but to guard and transmit it whole and entire."

Meeting Pope Benedict XVI



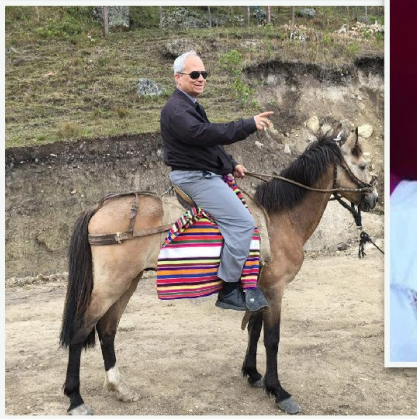
Celebrating Mass with Pope Francis

Meeting Pope John Paul II in Chicago, 1979



Villanova University Yearbook, 1977

Visiting Peru in 2020



Assessing El Niño flood damage, Chiclayo, Peru 2017



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Praying for Vocations

As Catholics, the Church encourages us to specifically pray for vocations. Please pause for a moment and pray for all of those who have assisted you in your own vocation, and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

- *Did you know that many, if not a majority of Catholics have never spoken or encouraged someone to consider the priesthood or religious/consecrated life?*
- Have you encouraged your children, grandchildren, or other young men to become priests or religious brother? If not, why wait?
- Have you encouraged your children, grandchildren, or other young women to become a religious sister or nun? If not, why wait?
- Do you pray your Rosary or other prayers for your Churches (Sacred Heart & Holy Cross) and School and that our diocese may flourish with vocations to the priesthood, religious, and married life? If not, why wait?
- Today, say a prayer for the priests who have or will minister to you throughout your life (some of them may not even be born yet!!!)
 - the priest who baptized you, the priest who heard your first confession, the priests who have heard your confession, the priest who have given you your First Holy Communion, the priest who have given you the Eucharist, the priest who married you to your spouse, the priest who has or will anoint you with the Oil of the Sick, the priest who will hear your last confession and give you the Last Rites (Viaticum, Confession, and the Apostolic Pardon), and the priest who will offer your Funeral Mass (Mass of Christian Burial).

Pray for Vocations

Instructions: In the space below each picture, write the names of people in that vocation you will pray for. If you don't know any people in that vocation, write a short prayer such as, "For all sisters who work in hospitals" or "For all brothers who serve in missions." Then color the pictures.



HOLY MATRIMONY
Married people I will pray for:

PRIESTHOOD
Priests I will pray for:

RELIGIOUS BROTHER
Brothers I will pray for:

RELIGIOUS SISTER
Sisters I will pray for:

Pray for your own vocation: On the back of this paper, write a prayer to know your own vocation. First pray silently from the heart, then write a simple prayer in your own words. For example, "Jesus, help me hear your call. If you call me to marriage, help me be a good wife/husband. If you call me to be a priest, help me to preach with courage..." End by telling God how much you love Him.

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