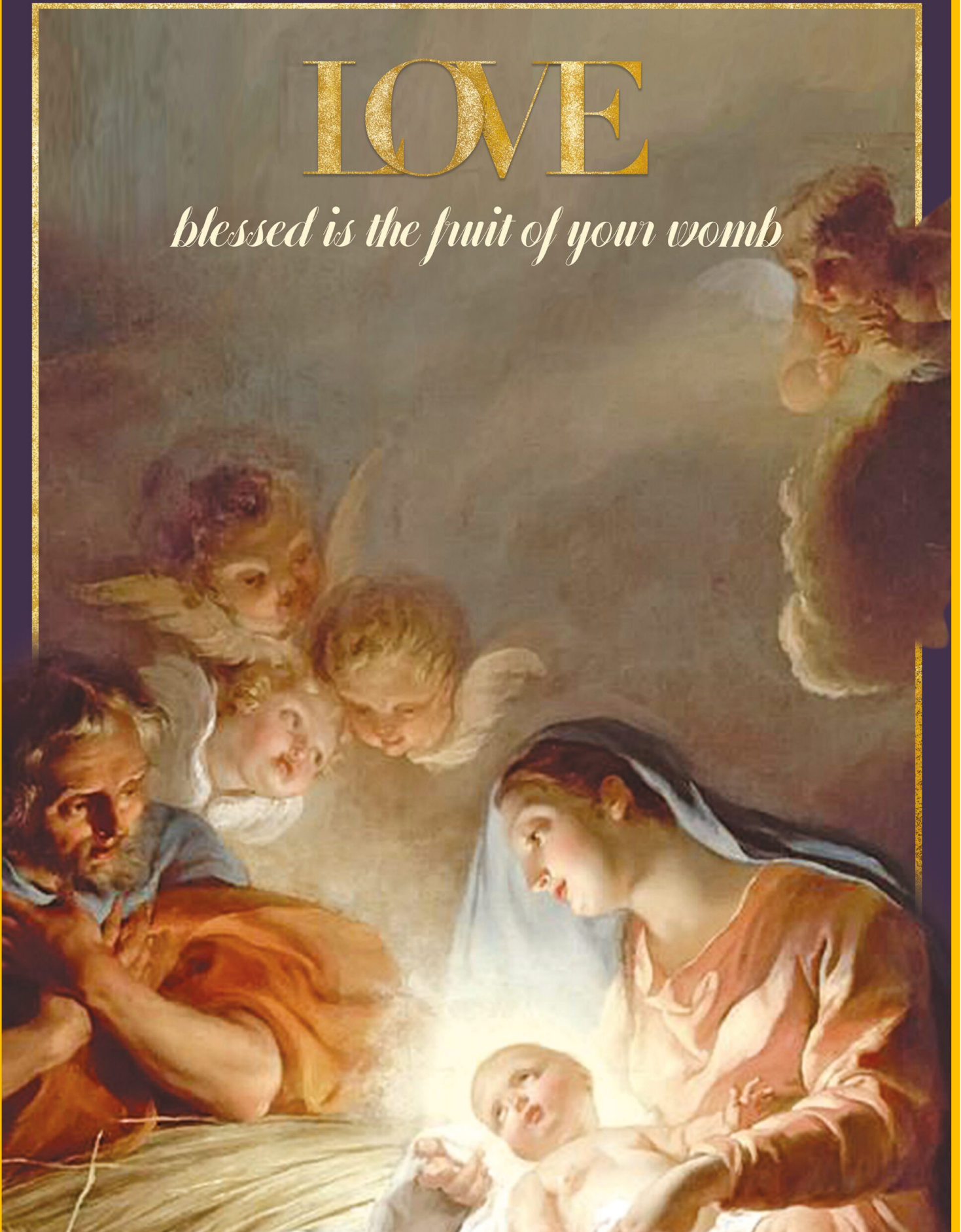


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MASS INTENTIONS				
Holy Cross & Sacred Heart Catholic Churches				
Monday	No Mass			
Tuesday	Non Public	Les Wenk		
Wednesday <i>Christmas Vigil</i>	4:30 pm <i>HC</i> 7:30 pm <i>SH</i> 10:30 pm <i>HC</i>	Chris Crummett Pro Populo Rev. Stephen Vacek's Intentions		
Thursday <i>Christmas Day</i>	10:00 am	Les Wenk Joyce Turlock		
Friday	Non Public	Joyce Turlock		
Saturday	4:30 pm	Les Wenk		
Sunday (Sacred Heart)	7:30 am	Pro Populo		
	9:30 am	Vicky Reis		
*B Birthday	*T Thanksgiving	*A Anniversary	Bolded Deceased	* <i>Day/Time</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 Or call (979) 245-6379.				

Collections	
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Your generosity is appreciated!	

Christmas Novena
(December 16th ~ 24th)

Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment at which the Son of God was born of a most pure Virgin at a stable at midnight in Bethlehem in the piercing cold. At that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, to hear my prayers and grant my desires (mention request here) through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother.

*For the additional daily meditations go to
www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/christmas-novena-276*

*The Sanctuary Candle at Holy Cross
will burn this week in memory of
Jordan Carr*

*The Sanctuary Candle at Sacred Heart
will burn this week in memory of
Raymond & Albina Jones*

**Mass Intentions, Flower Offerings
& Sanctuary Candles for 2026** are available.
To schedule for you, your organization, or a loved one.
Contact the Church Office.

In Thanksgiving

Good news of great joy! My Tuesday appointment at MD Anderson went well. I will go back in 1.5 years for another Check up. Thank you for your prayers for my health and recovery!

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Thank you to the countless volunteers who assisted with the setting up of the Christmas decorations!  
Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

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Thank you for your generous donations toward the Christmas Poinsettias that adorn Holy Cross and Sacred Heart Catholic Churches! The list of the donors will be listed in the Christmas Bulletin.
May God bless ya'll!

Please continue to pray for vocations & our Seminarians:
Nelson Lagos, Chris Leshikar, William Pettus,
Seth Ressig & Alex Woods.
Dcn. Philippe Dubourdieu (Diocese of Charleston, SC)
IS GOD CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

The Holy Cross Church Office will be closed:
Friday, December 19, 2025 thru Tuesday, January 6, 2026
The phones messages will be checked periodically.
If you have an emergency please leave a message on Father's voicemail.

*Father Stephen, Deacon Kevin & the Office Staff
wish all a very Blessed Advent!*

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**Eucharistic Adoration will be closed**  
**December 15, 2025 – January 2, 2026**  
Resumes on January 5<sup>th</sup>

| <b>This Week, Next Week &amp; Weekend Mass Assignments</b> |                  |                 |                            |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Wednesday Christmas Eve</b>                             |                  |                 |                            |
| <b>4:30 p.m.</b>                                           | <b>Sacristan</b> | Ken Srubar      | Lector<br>Nate Carr        |
| <b>10:30 p.m.</b>                                          | <b>Sacristan</b> | Zach Dibbern    | Lector<br>Laura Barr       |
| <b>Thursday Christmas Day</b>                              |                  |                 |                            |
| <b>10:00 a.m.</b>                                          | <b>Sacristan</b> | John Saglime    | Lector<br>John Saglime     |
| <b>Saturday</b>                                            |                  |                 |                            |
| <b>4:30 p.m.</b>                                           | <b>Sacristan</b> | Larry Dougharty | Lector<br>Angela Dougharty |
| <b>Sunday</b>                                              |                  |                 |                            |
| <b>9:30 a.m.</b>                                           | <b>Sacristan</b> | Mitch Abshier   | Lector<br>Drew Richards    |
| <b>Wednesday Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Vigil)</b>   |                  |                 |                            |
| <b>4:30 p.m.</b>                                           | <b>Sacristan</b> | Darrel Barr     | Lector<br>Laura Barr       |
| <b>Midnight</b>                                            | <b>Sacristan</b> | John Saglime    | Lector<br>John Saglime     |
| <b>Thursday Solemnity of Mary Mother of God</b>            |                  |                 |                            |
| <b>10:00 a.m.</b>                                          | <b>Sacristan</b> | Larry Dougharty | Lector<br>Angela Dougharty |

**The Feast of the Innocents**  
December 29, 2025

**Bishop Brendan Cahill** will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at  
**11:00 am at Raphael's Refuge.**  
Raphael's Refuge, a regional monument to all babies who have died, is located at  
2715 US-90, Flatonia, TX 78941.

# O Come, Let Us Adore Him!

This year Christmas falls on a Thursday.



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve

Wednesday, Dec. 24th

4:30pm Vigil (HC)

7:30pm Mass at Night (SH)

10:00pm Choral Prelude (HC)

10:30pm High Solemn Mass (HC)

### Christmas Day

Thursday, Dec. 25th

10:00am (HC)

Merry Christmas to all the CCD, Confirmation & Youth Group families, students, and teachers! I look forward to a blessed 2026 and continuing catechesis of our children. ~*Deacon Kevin, DRE*

As we spend this time preparing our hearts to worship the King who dwells among us, may the blessings of the Christ Child be yours this Advent, Christmas, and throughout the New Year. You, your loved ones, living and deceased, and your intentions will be remembered as I celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Christmas Night. *May God Bless you!*

~*Father Stephen Vacek*

Dear guests and visitors,  
We welcome you to Holy Cross & Sacred Heart Catholic Churches! At Communion, we will process as normal up the aisle and then step into the front center pews or use the kneeler in the center aisle as the communion rail.

(Please kneel at the center of the kneeler.)

*If you are unable to kneel, please remain standing.*

Likewise, we partake of the ancient practice of receiving the Eucharist by Intinction (reception of the Body & Blood of Our Lord on the tongue). Please note, *if you chose to receive on the hand either kneeling or standing, Father or Deacon will give the next person communion by intinction and then return to you.*

Finally, we invite you to spend time in silent prayer while in the church. May God bless you! *Rev. Stephen Vacek*



### Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God

**Feast day January 1, 2026**

*This year, the Holy Day of Obligation falls on a Thursday. As such, this Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation.*

*Mass times will be*  
Dec. 31st 4:30 p.m. (Vigil)  
11:00 pm Holy Hour then  
Midnight Mass  
January 1st 10:00 a.m.  
**Come celebrate our Mother Mary!**

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