



# Epiphany

of the LORD

We saw  
his *star*  
at its *rising*  
and have  
come to do  
him *homage*.

*Matthew 2:2*

| MASS INTENTIONS  |                           |  |
|--|---------------------------|--|
| Holy Cross & Sacred Heart Catholic Churches  |                           |  |
| Monday   | No Mass                   |  |
| Tuesday  | 5:00 pm                   | Eloy Gonzales  |
| Wednesday  | 8:15 am                   | Steve Hughes   |
| Thursday   | 8:15 am                   | Chris Crummett   |
| Friday   | 8:15 am                   | Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Life Insurance Branch #95 El Campo |
| Saturday   | 4:30 pm                   | Joyce Turlock  |
| Sunday (Sacred Heart)  | 7:30 am                   | Pro Populo   |
|  | 9:30 am                   | Donna McNally *B   |
| *B<br>Birthday   | *T<br>Thanksgiving        | *A<br>Anniversary  |
|  | <b>Bolded</b><br>Deceased | * <i>Day/Time Italic</i><br>Mass Time Change                                 |
| <b>Confessions:</b> Sat. 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. or by appointment.<br>To contact the church office email hc3_office@holycrossbaycity.org<br>Or call (979) 245-6379. |                           |  |

*The Sanctuary Candle at Holy Cross will burn this week in memory of Fred & Martha Holub*

*The Sanctuary Candle at Sacred Heart will burn this week in memory of Frank & Matilda Vacek*

**Mass Intentions, Flower Offerings & Sanctuary Candles** are available.  
To schedule contact the Church Office.

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

### A Prayer for a Safe Journey

Lord, be our guide and our protector on the journey we are about to take. Watch over us and preserve us from all accidents. Keep us free from harm to body and soul. Lord, support us with Your grace when we are tired. Help us be patient in any trouble which might come our way. Keep us always mindful of Your Presence and Love. Amen.

### *Eucharistic Adoration*

Prayerfully consider joining Adoration. It is a wonderful New Year's Resolution and a great way to start the New Year! Spend one (1) hour a week or every other week with our Lord and see the difference it makes in your life. There are different hours available. Contact Laura Barr at 979-244-6704 for more information.

### *Next Week & Weekend Mass Assignments*

|                              |                            |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b><br>4:30 p.m. | <b>Sacristan</b><br>Lector | Ruben Padron<br>Steven Goertz    |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>9:30 a.m.   | <b>Sacristan</b><br>Lector | Luther Blackwell<br>Ronny Chilek |

### *Collections*

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Weekly               | \$ 5,238.00 |
| SVdP                 | \$ 2,181.00 |
| Christmas Collection | \$ 7,546.00 |

**Your generosity is appreciated!**

We wish to thank our parish family and friends for the many Christmas cards, gifts, and goodies. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Please know that you remain in our prayers. May the Infant King bless you throughout this New Year!

*~Father Stephen, Deacon Kevin & the Office Staff*

### *Important Events*

**Friday, January 16th starting at 9 am**  
*Holy Cross Decoration Removal assistance needed!*

**Catholic Schools Week starts January 25th**  
Come tour the school and enjoy our monthly parish breakfast in the school cafeteria after the 9:30 am Sunday Mass on January 25th!

***Blessing of Couples Married in the Catholic Church***  
Fr. Stephen invites couples who are married in the Catholic Church to request an individual Anniversary Blessing before or after Mass.

*The CCD (K-5) and Youth Group (6-8) resume on Wednesday, January 7th. CCD will meet at the school and Youth Group will meet at the Life House. God bless you all!*

*~Deacon Kevin, DRE*



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

Celebrate Catholic  
Schools Week 2025

JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> ~ JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>  
#CSW2025

The Knights of Columbus will meet on Thurs., January 18<sup>th</sup>.



**Save the Date**

*KC Valentines Dinner & Dance*  
February 14<sup>th</sup>



Tickets will be available after the weekend Masses.

### *Stand for Life*

January is Respect Life month. Please join us as we take a stand for life in our community. **We will meet by the Holy Cross sign on January 21st at 6:30 pm** to put up white crosses that represent those unborn lives lost to abortion. More details to follow. Please consider bringing wipes or formula to be donated to the Women's Pregnancy Center.

## Traditional Epiphany Home Blessing: "Chalking the Door"

*The priest or father of the home upon entering the home begins:*

In the name of the Father +, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **R. Amen.**

V. Peace be to this home.

**R. And to all who dwell herein.**

*The priest or father of the home then sprinkles holy water throughout the house. Everyone then prays the following antiphon, Canticle, and ends with the Our Father.*

**Antiphon: From the East came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures, they offered costly gifts: gold to the great King, incense to the True God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial. Alleluia.**

### *Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and Holy is His Name.**

**He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation. He has shown the strength of His arm, He has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help fo His servant Israel for He remembered His promise of mercy, the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever. (Lk 1:46-55)**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Our Father...**

*At the end of the Our Father, the following is recited...*

V. And lead us no into temptation.

**R. But deliver us from evil.**

V. Many shall come from Saba.

**R. Bearing gold and incense.**

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

**R. And let my cry come unto Thee**

V. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with thy spirit.**

*Let us pray.*

O God, Who by the guidance of a star didst this day reveal Thy Sole-Begotten Son to the Gentiles, grant that we who know Thee by faith may be brought to the contemplation of Thy heavenly majesty. Through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, forever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

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Resp. **Be enlightened and shine forth, O Jerusalem: for thy light is come, and upon thee is risen the glory of the Lord, Jesus Christ born of Mary Virgin.**

V. Nations shall walk in thy light, and kings in the brilliance of thy origin.

**R. and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.**

V. Let us pray,

Bless + (*All make the sign of the cross*) O Lord, almighty God this home that it be a shelter of health, chastity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to the commandments, and thanksgiving to God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. May this blessing remain for all time upon this dwelling and to all those who live herein.

Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen**

*The priest or father of the home then inscribes with blessed chalk the initials of the three kings over the lintel of the doors, denoting the century and year on either side, for example: 20 + C + M + B + 26*

*At the end, the following prayer may then be said:*

**Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in this house. I call upon Thy saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, to protect this family and this home from every harm and danger, and I place the marks of their holy names over the doors of this home to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that this house is truly a house of the Lord.**

**O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need charity and companionship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the Tempter's power.**

**O God, make the door of this house the gateway to Thy eternal Kingdom. I ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord. Amen.**

# 2026 Men's Conference



**St. Joseph:  
Patron Saint  
of Families**

**February 21  
OLV Cathedral &  
Cathedral Center**

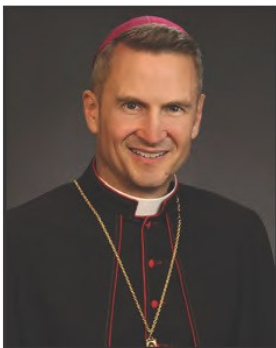


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bishop of the  
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Justin Reyes,  
director of the  
Office of Evangelization  
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Diocese of Joliet





# CELEBRATING 85 YEARS

*This year marks a truly special milestone in our journey—85 years of faith-filled education and community at Holy Cross Catholic School! We are overjoyed to invite you to join us in celebrating this incredible legacy that you have been such an important part of.*

*Join us at our Alumni Pep Rally*

**JANUARY 23, 2026**  
**2:45 PM**

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**BAY CITY**



*Have a photo you'd like to share with us? Use the QR code to upload photos we can print them out for display on our Alumni Bulletin board in the cafeteria, to kick off Catholic Schools Week!*

*If you plan to come, be sure to get a printed badge from our front office upon arrival*

# Be Who God Meant You to Be

The Diocese of Victoria invites you to the

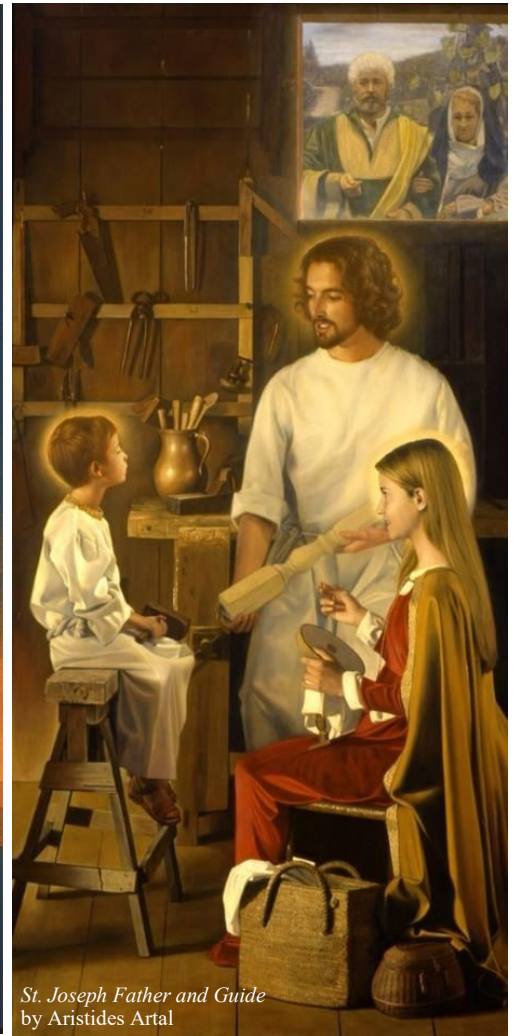
## 2026 Women's Conference

in fellowship with the  
St. Catherine of Siena Institute



Our Lady of Victory  
Cathedral Center  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**January 24**



*St. Joseph Father and Guide*  
by Aristides Artal

### WHY DOES BEING A FAITHFUL CATHOLIC MAN MATTER FOR YOUR FAMILY (A Message to Men in reference to the 2026 Men's Conference)

#### 1. Your Family Needs Your Spiritual Leadership

God has entrusted you with a sacred role as husband and father. When you grow closer to Christ, you are better equipped to lead your family with wisdom, humility, and strength—not by control, but by example.

#### 2. Your Marriage Thrives When You Grow in Faith

A man who prays, seeks God's will, and grows in virtue brings peace and stability into his marriage. This conference helps you become more patient, attentive, and loving toward your wife—the way Christ loves the Church.

#### 3. Your Children Are Watching You Closely

Your children learn what it means to be a man by watching you. Your commitment to faith, integrity, and service leaves a lasting mark on their hearts and shapes how they will live, love, and believe.

#### 4. You Cannot Pour Out What You Don't First Receive

Life's demands can leave you drained and distracted. This conference gives you time to be filled—through prayer, brotherhood, and encouragement—so you can return home renewed and ready to give your best to your family.

#### 5. Brotherhood Strengthens Your Commitment at Home

Surrounding yourself with other men striving for holiness helps you stay accountable and faithful. Strong brotherhood forms stronger husbands and fathers.

#### 6. Your Family Deserves the Best Version of You

God is calling you to grow—not just for yourself, but for those you love. This conference challenges you to rise higher, live with purpose, and become the man your family can rely on.

#### 7. Your "Yes" to God Impacts Generations

Choosing to invest in your faith today sets a spiritual foundation that can bless your family for generations to come. One faithful decision can change the direction of a family's future.

Join Us For An

# OPEN HOUSE



Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
After the 9:30 a.m. Mass

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All families welcome to come: tour the school, visit the book fair in the library and enjoy a good breakfast!



### THAT MAN IS YOU!

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**STARTS Friday, Jan. 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Friday Mornings:**  
**5:45 Breakfast**  
**6:00 Angelus**  
**6:15 Presentation**  
**7:00 Dismissal**

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