



## *Laetare Sunday*

*The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery Jesus Carries His Cross*

MASS INTENTIONS		
Holy Cross & Sacred Heart Catholic Churches		
Monday	No Mass	
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Cormac Hayes & Christopher Branson
Wednesday	8:15 am	Larry Kacer
Thursday	8:15 am	Les Wenk
Friday	8:15 am	Hunter Owens *B
Saturday	4:30 pm	Frank Harrison, Jr. & Larry Kacer
Sunday Sacred Heart	7:30 am	Pro Populo
	9:30 am	Fred & Martha Holub Barbara Staff
*B Birthday	*T Thanksgiving	*A Anniversary
		<b>Bolded</b> Deceased
		* <i>Day/Time Italic</i> Mass Time Change
<b>Confessions:</b> 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.		

*The Sanctuary Candle at Holy Cross will burn this week in memory of*  
**Wes Frontz**

*The Sanctuary Candle at Sacred Heart will burn this week in memory of*  
The Souls in Purgatory especially our Family, Friends & Relatives

Mass Intentions, Flower Offerings & Sanctuary Candles are available.

<u>Weekend Mass Assignments</u>		
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Sacristan</b> Lector	John Fitzgerald Dr. Alan Barker
<b>Sunday</b> 9:30 a.m.	<b>Sacristan</b> Lector	Ronny Chilek Ronny Chilek

**Eucharistic Adoration Adorers Needed**  
Adoration has an opening on Monday's at 8:00 AM, Tuesday's at 9:00 AM, and Friday's at 10:00 AM. Consider spending an hour with Our Lord present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. All are encouraged to come spend time with Jesus. If you have questions about Adoration or would like to sign up for any hour, contact the Church Office at 979-245-6379.

**Important 2026 Dates**  
**This Thursday Lenten Penance Service**  
5 PM  
**Palm Sunday**  
March 29th  
**Easter Sunday**  
April 5th  
Divine Mercy Novena begins *Good Friday*, April 3rd & ends Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
April 12th  
**Holy Cross Catholic School Spring Bazaar**  
\*\*Sunday, April 26th\*\*  
**First Holy Communion**  
Sunday, April 19th

<i>Collections</i>	
Weekly	\$ 6,242.00
Building Repair & Maintenance Fund	\$ 2,844.00
<b>Your generosity is appreciated!</b>	

Dear Parishioners,  
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 at the entrance to the church building as we continue this sacred Lenten silence. May God bless you!  
*Rev. Stephen Vacek*

**Lenten Penance Services:**  
March 16 (Monday) 6:00 PM: Edna – St. Agnes  
March 17 (Tuesday) 5:30 PM: Ganado – Assumption  
**\*March 19 (Thursday) 5:00 PM: Holy Cross\***  
March 24 (Tuesday) 5:00 PM: Port Lavaca – OLG  
March 25 (Wed.) 6:00 PM: Vanderbilt- St. John Bosco

**Knights of Columbus Baby Diaper Drive**  
*Next Saturday, March 21 & Sunday, March 22*  
The Women's Pregnancy Center is in need of babies diapers of all sizes. The Knights of Columbus will host a baby diaper drive. Diapers may be dropped off in the back of church next weekend at both Sacred Heart and Holy Cross. Thank you for your generosity!

## Holy Cross Catholic School Lenten Catfish Fry

The Fish Fries will be sponsored and prepared by the Knights of Columbus Council 3070 & Holy Cross Catholic School families and staff.

Join us these  
Fridays of the  
Lenten Season

February 20 <sup>th</sup> 2026	February 27 <sup>th</sup> 2026
March 6 <sup>th</sup> 2026	March 13 <sup>th</sup> 2026
March 20 <sup>th</sup> 2026	March 27 <sup>th</sup> 2026

- Fried Catfish Plate, all the trimmings & (1) Dessert
- \$15.00
- Drive-thru & Dine-In
- 5:00-7:00PM

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Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2 PM to 9 PM  
 Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 2 PM to 9 PM  
 Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 2 PM to 9 PM  
 Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 10 AM to 4 PM

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### Important Parish Announcements

- ◆ **Last Years Psalms:** For those who wish to turn in last years Palm Sunday Palms, please bring them to the Church or Church Office and place them in the "Sacred Items Depository" box.
- ◆ **Broken Religious items:** For those who have broken religious goods or items to be disposed of, please bring them to the Church or Church Office and place them in the "Sacred Items Depository" box.
- ◆ **ADORERS NEEDED:** Please consider signing up for an hour of Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. **We have 3 open hours needing an adorer.** If interested contact the Church Office.

### 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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