

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday **Weekend Masses, January 15th - 16th 2022**

8:15 a.m. +Repose of the Soul Carlos McGregor, Sr. by family
 4:00 p.m. + In Memory of Holy Cross deacons Hector Rivera, Angel
 Maldonado, James Matthew, Ulric Benjamin and Carlos Calderon

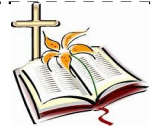
Sunday 7:15 a.m. (Spanish) + Anniversary of death Felix Garcia-Figueroa by wife & children
 9:00 a.m. + B/D Eugenie Evans by Evans children
 11:00 a.m. B/D Blessings Ernest Batenga

DAILY MASSES, January 17th -21st

Mon. — 6:30 a.m. + Anniversary of death Elaine Bolling Forbes by children
 8:15 a.m. + Anniversary of Death Ray Thomas by Alice and family
 Tues.— 6:30 a.m. + In Memory of Vicenta Belardo by Andersen family
 8:15 a.m. + In Memory of Fernando Cabret, Jr. by children
 Wed. — 6:30 a.m. B/D Blessings Carmen Andersen by Carmen Pugh
 8:15 a.m. + In Memory of Lucy Lindquist by her mom
 Thurs.—6:30 a.m. + Repose of the soul Sr. Punita, M.C. by Missionary Sisters
 8:15 a.m. + In Memory of Joyce Romnay by Bernadette
 Fri. — 6:30 a.m. + Repose of the soul Sr. Lawrence, M.C. by Missionary Sisters
 8:15 a.m. B/D Blessings Kaysheen Fontaine by mother

Next Weekend- January 22nd– 23rd

Saturday 8:15 a.m. — + Repose of the Soul Vicenta Belardo by McGregor family
 4:00 p.m. — + In Memory of Ole Vinding by friends
 Sunday 7:15 a.m. — For the people of the parish
 9:00 a.m. — In Thanksgiving Samuel D. Jo'hanna
 11:00 a.m. — + In Memory of Stiles F. Stevens by his wife Virginia



Monday, Jan. 17th
 St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 15:16-23
 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, Jan. 18th

1 Sm 16:1-13
 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, Jan. 19th

1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51
 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, Jan. 20th
 St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr

1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7
 Mk 3:7-12

Friday, Jan. 21st

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
 1 Sm 24:3-21
 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, Jan. 22nd

2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27
 Mk 3:20-21

Sunday, Jan. 23rd

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10
 1 Cor 12:12-30
 Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21

FUNERAL: Anthony Rodriguez - Monday, January 24th at 10:30 a.m.

Today! SANTO NIÑO MASS
JANUARY 16, 2022, 11:00 A.M.

St. Mary's School Auction

Save The Date!
February 5,2022

We are soliciting items for the silent and live auction. Please contact the school (e-mail)

officeatstmary@gmail.com/ Telephone (340)-773-0117 to make a monetary contribution. We truly value your partnership with the school.

Rectory Office Closed on Monday, January 17th (Martin Luther King)



The Sanctuary Candle

Is burning for the Repose of the Soul of the faithfully departed members of Nelthropp/O'Donoghue families.

Missalettes— Our January Missalette are donated for B/D Blessings for Ernest Batenga by his family.

*If you would like to sponsor the Missalette for a donation of \$225.00 the following months are available March, June and July. Please visit or call the rectory.

MASS BOOK 2022— Please call the Rectory Office (340-773-7564) or visit Monday– Friday from 9:00 —2:00 p.m. to reserve a Mass for the faithfully departed and loved ones.

Special Collection: This Sunday second collection will be used for Permanent Diaconate. Thanks for your generosity.

Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Sábado Fin de Semana del 15 al 16 de Enero 2022

8:15 a.m. + Reposo del alma Carlos McGregor, Sr. por la familia
 4:00 p.m. + En Memoria de diaconos de Holy Cross Hector Rivera,
 Angel Maldonado, James Matthew, Ulric Benjamin y Carlos Calderon
 Domingo 7:15 a.m. (Español) + Aniversario de fallecido Felix Garcia-Figueroa por esposa
 9:00 a.m. + Cumpleaños Eugenie Evans por sus hijos
 11:00 a.m. Cumpleaños Ernest Batenga

Horario
RECTORIA
 Lunes-
 Viernes
 9 a 2 pm.

Misas Diarias del 17 al 21 Enero

Lu.— 6:30 a.m. + Aniversario de fallecida Elaine Bolling-Forbes por hijos
 8:15 a.m. + Aniversario de fallecida Ray Thomas por Alice y fa.
 Ma.— 6:30 a.m. + En Memoria de Vicenta Belardo por la fa. Andersen
 8:15 a.m. + En Memoria de Fernando Cabret, Jr. por sus hijos
 Mi.— 6:30 a.m. Cumpleaños Carmen Andersen por Carmen Pugh
 8:15 a.m. + En Memoria de Lucy Lindquist por su mama
 Ju. — 6:30 a.m. + Reposo del alma Hna. Punita, M.C. por las hermanas
 8:15 a.m. + En Memoria de Joyce Romnay por Bernadette
 VI — 6:30 a.m. + Reposo del alma Hna. Lawrence, M.C. por las hnas.
 8:15 a.m. Cumpleaños Kaysheen Fontaine por su mama

Grupo Hispano
 Limpieza de la
 Iglesia los segundo
 sábados de cada
 mes a las
 9:00a.m.
 Apreciamos tu
 ayuda.

OREMOS
 Por todos los
 difuntos del
 CO-VID

Próximo Domingo del 22 al 23 de Enero

Sábado 8:15 a.m. — + Reposo del alma Vicenta Belardo por la familia McGregor
 4:00 p.m. — + En Memoria de los Ole Vinding por sus amigos
 Domingo 7:15 a.m. — Por los feligreses de la parroquia
 9:00 a.m. — En Acción de Gracias por Samuel D. Jo'hanna
 11:00 a.m. — + En Memoria de Stiles F. Stevens por su esposa Virginia

Misas de la Comunidad

- + Cesario Acosta, Jr. +Carlos Juan Soto, +Mrs. Margaret, +Pr. Dailey, + Constanca Garcia, +Peggy Soto, El Divino Niño y la Virgen de Guadalupe de Peggy Lee Acosta

Hoy! MISA SANTO NIÑO 16 de enero 2022 a las 11:00 a.m.

FUNERAL: Anthony Rodriguez -Jan. 24, 2022
 Service at 10:30 a.m.

- MISALES 2022 a la venta \$8.00 c/u. Favor de verse con Rosita. Muchas Gracias!

Segunda Colecta: Este domingo la colecta sera para el Diaconado Permanente. Gracias por tu generosidad.

La Vela Del Santuario *esta encendida por los difuntos de las familias Nelthropp- O'Donoghue.*

Los Misales de Enero estan donados por una bendición de cumpleaños para Ernest Batenga.



La Escuela St. Mary's: Tendra la Subasta el 5 de Febrero del 2022

Estamos solicitando articulos para la subasta en vivo y silenciosa. Favor de contactar la escuela (email) officeatstmary@gmail.com/ Telefono (340)773-0117 para hacer un donación

monetaria. Agradecemos tu ayuda con nuestra escuela.

La Rectoria cerrada el lunes, 17 de enero (Dia de Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Queridos hermanos, hoy damos inicio a una larga etapa en el tiempo litúrgico que se llama «tiempo ordinario». Esta nueva etapa dura hasta la festividad de Cristo Rey, que cierra el año eclesiástico y enlaza con el nuevo tiempo de Adviento. Las lecturas de este domingo nos dejan oír campanas de boda. El profeta Isaías nos presenta a Jerusalén como la novia con la que el Señor quiere contraer matrimonio. Esos desposorios, anunciados por los profetas, se han hecho realidad en Jesús, que riega su banquete de bodas con el mejor de los vinos para celebrar así que la gloria de Dios habita en medio de este mundo.

El profeta Isaías anuncia palabras de consuelo para el pueblo de Israel que estaba en el destierro, usando la comparación de Yahvé como esposo y el pueblo de Israel como esposa; preparándonos así para entender en perspectiva de historia de salvación la escena de las bodas de Cana. (Isaías 62, 1-5)

El salmo 95 hace eco a la primera lectura con sentimientos de alegría y alabanza.

Durante siete domingos leeremos como segunda lectura la última parte de la 1 Corintios. Hoy San Pablo nos habla de la diversidad de dones para el bien de la comunidad. (I Corintios 12, 4-11)

El Evangelio de San Juan nos presenta hoy el primer «signo» que hizo Jesús a instancias de su Madre. Preparémonos cantando el aleluya para escuchar este mensaje que aumentará nuestra fe. (Juan 2, 1-11)

Oración

San Miguel Arcángel,
defiéndenos en la batalla.

Sé nuestro amparo
contra la perversidad y asechanzas del
demonio.

Reprímale Dios, pedimos suplicantes,
y tú Príncipe de la Milicia Celestial,
arroja al infierno con el divino poder
a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malignos
que andan dispersos por el mundo
para la perdición de las almas.

Amén."

ORACIÓN DE GRACIAS

**Padre, todos los elementos de la naturaleza
obedecen Tu mandato. Le alabamos y
agradecemos por su protección durante la
temporada de huracanes.**

Le pedimos nuevamente que nos guíe a través de
este nuevo año y nos mantenga a salvo de todos los
desastres naturales y todos los actos de terrorismo.

Bendice a nuestras familias y trae paz a todas las
naciones. Pedimos esto a través de nuestro Señor,
Jesucristo que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo,
un dios por los siglos de los siglos. Amén

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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RECTORY HOURS: MONDAY- FRIDAY, 9:00 a.m. –2 :00 p.m.
(SUMMER HOURS: Monday-Friday) 9:00–12:00 noon)

MORNING DAILY MASS SCHEDULE: Monday - Friday 6:30 and 8:15 a.m.

Saturday Vigil- 4:00 P.M.

Sunday—7:15 a.m. (Spanish), 9:00 and 11:00a.m. (English)

Sacred Heart Chapel (LBJ) 9:00 a.m. (English)



**Confessions: Saturday, 3:30 p.m. ,
Sunday before Mass. Always upon request.**

Baptisms: Last Sunday of the month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Parents must take classes. Please visit the Rectory Office between 9-3 p.m. to fill out the necessary forms. **GODPARENTS/SPONSORS REQUIREMENTS*** At least 16 years old *Have themselves received the sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Communion and Confirmation* Must be a practicing Catholic who attends Mass every Sunday or (Saturday night) * If married, they must have been married by priest * If single, he/she does not live with someone outside of marriage.

Communion to the Sick: Please call the Rectory

The Sacrament of the Sick:

Please call the Rectory any time— especially in an emergency

FUNERALS: No Funerals on weekends or Thursdays. Please contact Rectory. No date is to be set without consulting the Church office.

Marriage: Please see parish priest

Religious Education-CCD Classes: 9:00—10:30a.m. every Saturday,
(September to May)

Communion to Sick by Priest: First Friday of the month

Knights of Columbus: 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, 6 p.m.

Pastor –Rev. E. Patrick Lynch, C.Ss.R

Parochial Vicar- Rev. Yacob Fopa Lonfo

Deacons: Rev. Mr. David Capriola,
Rev. Mr. Vincent Colianni, Rev. Mr. Reynold
Modeste, and Rev. Mr. Benjamin Parrilla

Missionaries of Charity: (340)-473-7055
Sr. Arvind, M.C., Sr. Jeevita, M.C. , Sr. Mariella,
M.C., Sr. Lucy, M.C.

Parish Secretary: Ms. Serena Anduze

Business Manager: Ms. Penrose Gardiner

Office Assistant: Ms. Devlann Leonce

St. Mary's School Office: Tel: 340-773-0117 or
340-643-5915 Principal: Ms. Edna M. Thomas

PLEASE PRAY— for our sick and shut-ins:

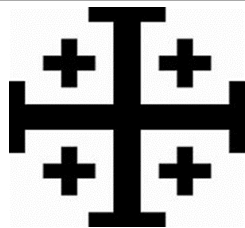
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Roy Beckles, Celestine Royer, Asta Evans, Patricia
Willey-Lafferty, Ursula Richards, Ann Lang, Regina
G. Gerrty, Antonio Martin, Laura Morales, Alicia
Hewitt, Marceline Steele, Alice Richardson,
Dominga Navarro, Jacinth Charles, Sylvia Brady,
Veronica Codrington, Theresa Kelly, Joseph &
Rachel Graham, Floretta Robinson, Lorraine Gibbs,
Christine Andersen-Raines, Sylvia George, Hilarena
James, Butch Hallett, Edith Hovak, Bernadette
Palton, Sonia Smith, Artemia Viera, Leonard Lock-
hart, Steven & Allen Willey, Norma Dyer, Myrna
Bonano, Maria Hernandez, Leoncita Halley, Maria
E. Mendez, Mary Walcott, Stanley Berkley, Felicid-
ad Guadalupe, Emmeth James, Fadia Chipman,
Louis Talbot, Linda Callwood, Roy Vialet, Sr.,
Mildred Maldonado, Veronica Rawlins, Alicia Diaz,
Crescencia Castro, Patricia & James Kelley, Christi-
na Long, Kevin Valentine, Tarika Bynoe, Jeff
Denner, Joseph Michael, Lenore Gonzalez, Amelia
Guardiola, John Christian, Nalda Henry de Lugo, Lew
& Diana James, Unita Alexander, Joseph Moses, and
Curtis McArthur.

♦ Please notify the Rectory Office (773-7564)
in the event of recovery or death of shut-in.
*Remember in prayer all those in the Armed
Forces and all those affected by natural
disasters.*

♦ **ADORATION** of the Blessed Sacrament—
On Thursdays here at Holy Cross after the
8:15 a.m. Mass, Holy Hour until 5:00 p.m.

Iglesia Católica

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HORARIO RECTORIA: LUNES- VIERNES, 9:00 a.m. —2 :00 p.m.

Horario del Verano: Lunes—Viernes 9:00—12:00 p.m.

MISAS DIARIAS POR LA MAÑANA - Lunes - Viernes 6:30 -8:15 a.m.

Sábados—Vigilia -4:00 p.m.

DOMINGOS—7:15 a.m., Español, 9:00 y 11 a.m., Inglés
Capilla Sagrado Corazón (LB) 9:00 a.m., Inglés



Confesiones: Sábado, 3:30 p.m. , Domingos antes de Misa y siempre a petición.

Bautismos: El ultimo domingo del mes despues del la Misa de las 11:00 am. Tres clases para el bautismo son requeridas para los papas. Favor de llamar la Rectoria de 9:00 a 3:00 p.m. durante la semana para llenar los papeles necesarios. **REQUISITOS** para los padrinos* Deben tener 16 años de edad *Deben tener los Sacramentos del Bautismo, Reconciliación, Comunión y Confirmación* Deben de ser Católicos practicantes—el cual asiste a Misa todos los domingos o los sábados (vigilia)
* Si eres casado, deben haber sido casado por un sacerdote * Si eres soltero, usted no de debe de estar viviendo con alguien fuera del matrimonio.

Comunión a Los Enfermos: Primer Viernes del mes

El Sacramento a los Enfermos:

Favor de llamar la Rectory a cualquier hora— especialmente en caso de emergencia

FUNERALES: No habran Funerales los fines de semana ni los Jueves debido a la Adoracion y Benedición al Sagrado Sacramento. No separen fecha sin haber consultado con la oficina de la Rectoria. **Bodas:** Favor de verse con el sacerdote

Educación Religiosa-Clases CCD: 9:00—10:30a.m. Todos los Sábados durante el año escolar, (Septiembre - Mayo)

Caballeros de Colón: 1er y 3er Jueves del mes, 6:00 p.m.

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Vicario Paroquial- Rev. Yacob Fopa Lonfo

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* **Favor de Orar por los Enfermos—**

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*Favor de notificar la Rectoria (773-7564)

si hay mejoras o muerte.

**Recordemos en oración aquellos en Las Fuerzas Armadas y aquellos afectados por los desastres naturales.*

ADORACION del Sagrado Sacramento—Los Jueves aqui en Holy Cross despues de la Misa de las 8:15 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m.

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SAVE THE DATE!

St. Mary's School Auction February 5, 2022

For Donations e-mail

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TEACHERS NEEDED!

Please keep our Catholic Schools in your Prayers

REMINDER! In Accord with the Governor's guidelines Social Distancing must be carefully observed during service. **ALL Participants must wear a protective face mask in Church due to safety precaution of Covid-19.**

Recordatorio! En acuerdo del Gobernador, el Distanciamiento Social debe ser observado cuidadosamente durante el servicio. **TODOS los participantes deben usar una máscara facial protectora en la Iglesia debido a una precaución del Covid-19.**

HURRICANE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Father, all the elements of nature obey Your command. We praise and thank You for Your protection during the hurricane season.

We ask You again to guide us through this new year and keep us safe from all natural disasters and all acts of terrorism.

Bless our families and bring peace to all nations. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

**AD SPACE
AVAILABLE**

THAT MAN IS YOU: Meeting every Saturday morning at 7AM. All men are welcome. Hot breakfast and coffee served. If you have any questions, contact Jeff Jones at jeffbmttx@gmail.com



The family of Bob and Mary McKenna send their best wishes to their friends at Holy Cross Church on St. Croix.

Additionally, they ask your prayers for the loss of their son Bill McKenna on January 4, of this year. Bill was taken from his family due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bob, Jr. McKenna, Pat McKenna, Dan McKenna, Mike Kenna and Mary Vogel

ALTAR GUILD

Our Altar Guild society is looking to upgrade the sacred items used for enhancing the celebration of Holy Mass: altar cloths, processional candles, altar servers' cassocks, surplices and flowers for Mary. Your generous donation can help. Envelopes will be distributed and also placed in the back of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

FLOCK NOTE: Please sign up for our parish email/text notification list. Let's keep in touch! Get important updates via email and text. Here is how to sign up
TEXT hccstx to 84576

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Victoria's Kitchen feeds the less fortunate here at Holy Cross on Thursdays. Your donations help support this worthy cause. You can place your check in the collection basket payable to Holy Cross Church, Attention "VICTORIA'S Kitchen". God Bless!

Congratulations to our Filipino Community of their patronal feast!

Feast of Santo Niño Be Like Little Children

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. 'If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, 'Ryan, you be Jesus!'

It is always a great experience listening to the simple but profound wit and humor of children. This Sunday, we gather together in the presence of the greatest Child of all, the Holy Infant Jesus, the Santo Niño. Filipinos have exceptionally strong devotion to the Santo Niño - to the Baby Jesus in the manger.

In the first place, the devotion to the Santo Niño is inextricably linked with the history of the Filipino people. One may wonder why the Philippines, surrounded by non-Christian countries, is the only Christian nation (i.e., aside from the tiny East Timor) in Asia. This highlights the fact that we are a nation specially loved by God for having received the gift of faith from the Spanish missionaries. And the first wave of missionaries came with the great circumnavigator, Magellan, who offered as a gift to the king and queen of Cebu the image of Santo Niño. In short, this devotion is particularly dear to the Filipinos for this is the first religious image that set foot on Philippine soil. It is the icon that marked the beginning of Christianity in the Philippines.

Secondly, this devotion has profound theological significance, especially in relation to the Mystery of the Incarnation. The Second Person of God took on our human nature. He is true God, and at the same time, true Man. As true Man, he became like us in all things, except sin. The image of the Santo Niño is a clear expression of our belief in the God-made-Man. Jesus Christ passed through each and every stage of human life, becoming like a child, simple and humble, to show us the way back to the heavenly Father.

Finally, this devotion is very much in line with the Lord's exhortation in the Gospel: "Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it" (Mk 10:16). The image of the Santo Niño conveys to us the all-important lesson of becoming child-like in order to enter God's kingdom. Like the two boys in our story, we are reminded, "You be Jesus!" It is, after all, what it essentially means to be Christian - we must be like Jesus. The way to do this is to emulate the attitude of a little child. We can mention three attitudes of a child: humility, obedience and trust. These traits are easily perceptible in little children, but are very difficult and unattractive for adults. When we are engrossed in our achievements, the image of a child reminds us to be humble. "He who exalts himself will be humbled; he who humbles himself will be exalted." **The basic foundation of holiness is humility.**

As a building cannot go up higher without a strong and deep foundation below, so also it is impossible to grow in holiness without humility.

The second virtue is obedience. As we grow older, we hold on to our rights, freedom and prerogatives. We insist on our power and independence. We naturally resist any interference or threat to our freedom and autonomy. We find it repugnant to submit our will to somebody else. So obedience is not an attractive virtue. The image of a child is presented to us so that we will always be reminded that, notwithstanding our status and position in life, we still are God's children. And so, we have to submit ourselves in humble obedience to the will of the heavenly Father. In his agony in the garden, Jesus gave us the perfect example of an obedient Son. He prayed, "Father, let this cup of suffering pass, but not my will but your will be done." It is true that obedience is not attractive to adults for it runs counter to our human rights and freedom. Yet, obedience to God enhances our rights and freedom as His children and inheritors of the kingdom. Ultimately, as St. Thomas Aquinas said, "Obedience unites us so closely to God that in a way transforms us into Him, so that we have no other will but His."

Finally, the virtue of trust and dependence on God. This is not also attractive to adults who place so much value on self-sufficiency. We want to have control over everything in our life, with our intricate plans and avowed expertise in every aspect of human affairs. But the Lord reminds us: "I am the vine, you are the branches; apart from me you can do nothing."

Our devotion to the Santo Niño should lead us to follow more closely the example of Jesus, the humble, obedient and trustful Son of God.