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PARISH VISION STATEMENT

Holy Cross Catholic Community Members,
Nourished By Christ Through Scripture And Sacrament,
Are Called To Share Our Faith, Knowing That Our Lives
"May Be The Only Gospel Some People Ever See."

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Reverend Tom Coyte	Pastor	ext. 25
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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

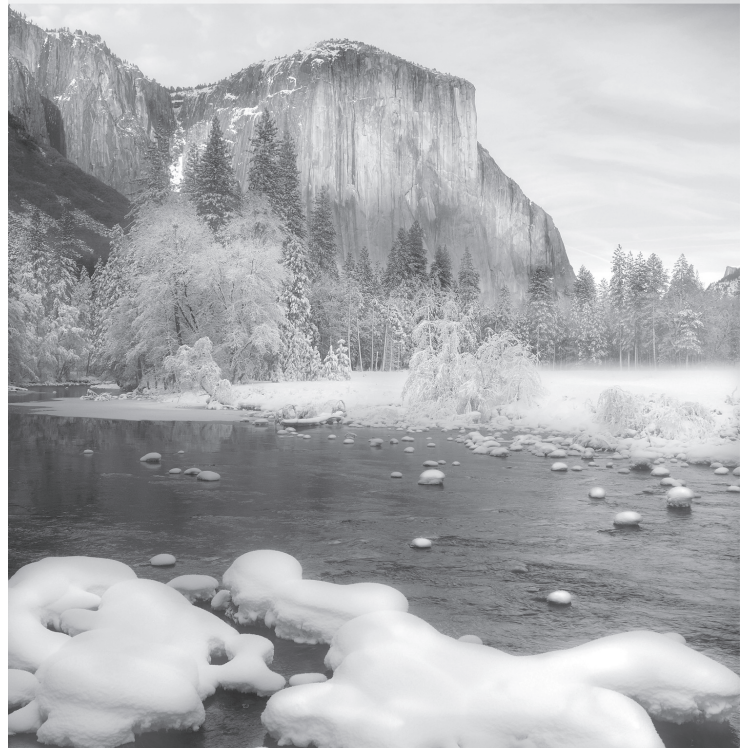
Ellen Duran *Chairperson*

Jerome Blazon	Alejandra Fuentes	Colleen Smith
Dennis Bettridge	Ellen Reffel-Lillo	Judy Aerne

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Closed on Holidays, Saturdays & Sundays	
Parish Office	303-289-2258
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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Thursday	8:30 a.m.
Friday Communion Service	8:30 a.m.
Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Spanish Mass	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

PRAYER INTENTION REQUEST

Please call Denise Brigham at 303-657-5977 with your request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents requesting Baptism should be registered and active in the parish. Preparation for the sacrament requires an interview and attendance at two classes prior to the Baptism. Call the parish to make arrangements at least two months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should contact the parish office to make arrangements for preparations and marriage at least **6 MONTHS PRIOR** to the proposed wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation -Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. or by personal appointment.

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

303.289.2258 Ext. 46

MINISTERS OF CARE Please call Cathie Roberts at 720-939-6443 to request a Minister of Care to visit & bring Communion to a person who is homebound or in a nursing home.

My Dear Holy Cross Family,

Today's we not only celebrate the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, but also the beginning of the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" and we remember with prayer the Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion in this country.

Paul tells us in our second reading that "the world in its present form is passing away. This could be seen as good news or bad, depending on how you look at the world. Paul is really telling us that time is running out and we'd best focus on the work at hand. We see this sense of urgency in the response of the people of Nineveh as they immediately repent.

This same call to repent as time is short is found in the gospel. Jesus invites us to repent, believe in the gospel and then follow Him. Again, the response is done with urgency as the apostles immediately abandon everything to follow Him.

This message has practical application in connection with the other two observances this day. We are too used to the division in the church and too insensitive to the cheap value placed on life in our society, indeed in our world. There is a call to repentance here from Jesus. As we follow Him this year we will see these two major themes being preached and lived, the respect for all life and the unity of all in Christ. Our response begins with a change of heart. The Responsorial Psalm includes our prayer: "Teach me your ways, O Lord." He is willing to teach. Are we open to learn?

May God give us humility to see the need for change in our world and in our heart!

With love,
Fr. Tom



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Religious Education

Walking with Matthew

If you still haven't dropped in for a sample lesson, it is not too late to do so. We are learning that the kingdom of God possesses great power and potential for life. What are you doing to spread that kingdom?

Words of Wisdom

"Be Who God Meant You To Be and You Will Set The World on Fire". These are the words of St. Catherine of Siena. Let's make them our New Year's Resolution. We can Discover who God meant us to be prayer, spiritual reading and reflection. Go to Mass, attend classes, find inspiration in our library, ask a friend.

Sunday Morning Seminars

From Police Officer to Seminary

Talk about a career change! Come and hear the life story and testimony of Dan Snyder who now works with youth here in Denver. He is also kept busy studying at Denver Seminary to become a Pastoral Counselor.

Since you asked, we will invite Theresita Poltzin back again to continue her talk on "Death and Dying" Watch the bulletin for the date. Gracious thanks to Ruthie Horton and Pam Garramone for making her visit possible. February speakers will be on the 12, 19, & 26th.

That Man Is You

Wednesdays - 5:45am

Ave Maria Hall

Continental Breakfast is served!



More On The Library/Learning Center

There are plenty of books in our new library/learning center that can help you to learn about our Catholic faith. Check the Religion/Theology section. There are easy-to-read books and deeper writing for those so inclined. New books are being donated. Check once, and then again.

Sacramental Preparation Classes

Reconciliation

These classes continue on every Monday evening in January & February. Children should be in their second year of religious education, 2nd grade or older. First Reconciliation (Confession) will be celebrated on Saturday morning, February 4, at 10:00am.

What's Your Catholic IQ?

- After telling Cornelius (a Roman Soldier) about Jesus, Peter the Apostle _____ his whole household.
- In the Sacrament of Baptism, _____ are chosen to help the newly baptized child or adult to live as a Christian.
- In Baptism, the priest or deacon _____ the newly baptized person's head with sacred chrism signifying the gift of the Holy Spirit.

If you don't know the answers, please ask Vince Ortega or Frank Hernandez. (Questions are from *Catechist* magazine.)

Liturgy



Musicians and Vocalists

Would like to be a part of this ministry? ... Singing and/or playing your instrument at Mass with our community? Please contact Ron Marinelli after Mass or by e-mail at ron.marinelli@comcast.net. Vocalists sing at every Mass on the weekends. Sometimes we are able to schedule a small group, including instruments. We are always interested in new pianists and guitarists too!



The Book of Life

Our Book of Life is located in the south-east corner of our Worship Space/Church. It is against the wall near the statue of the Infant of Prague. The Book of Life is for prayer intentions for those who are expecting a child. Your prayer intentions are included at various Masses and meetings. When your child has arrived, we encourage you to return to the Book of Life and fill out a Birth Announcement.

Liturgy Commission

We will be meeting on Monday, January 30. We will begin at 7pm for socializing and the meeting at 7:16pm. This meeting will be dedicated to the Season of Lent.

Make a New Year's Resolution — Come join us. All are welcome.

Anointing of the Sick

We will have the Anointing of the Sick available at all Masses the weekend of Feb. 4/5. This sacrament is one of the Healing Sacraments. If you have a neighbor or family member who cannot make it to Mass this weekend, please contact Fr. Tom in the parish Office, for an appointment time.

Mustard Seed Groups

We are preparing for our Annual Valentine Tea. This will take place on Feb. 12th at 10:30am (during our regular time). We will invite all Senior Citizens of the parish for this tea and presentation. Be sure to ask your catechists about this. Tell your parents ... and grandparents!

Mustard Seed Groups meet today, Jan. 22nd and not on Jan. 29th.

Children's Giving

During Mass, we encourage and invite the children to bring forward their offering. Father Tom will step down and stand in front of the altar to receive the children's offerings. They can bring dollars or coins ... whatever they want to offer. What a great way to share our stewardship of treasure.

If families/children want their own personal envelopes to use for this giving, there are Children's envelopes available in the Gift Store. You can also use a plain envelope and have the children write their name on the outside.

Youth Ministry

RCIY & Confirmation Prep.

Many thanks to everyone for the great meal! Two weeks ago we had our 1st monthly Pot-Luck session. It was a great meal and session. Your commitment to the program showed. The Bronco game would have been a first choice by many, but you gathered, and still shared in some of the Bronco excitement! Our next Pot-Luck session is Feb. 12th at 4:30pm (*No Bronco game on that day!*).

Please remember to schedule your weekly time together to discuss and share comments regarding the book everyone just received.

RCIY Our up-coming dates:

Jan. 25th No scheduled session

Feb. 1 7pm Regular Session

Feb. 8 7pm Session with Parents



Confirmation Prep

Don't forget to complete your Outreach, Social and Church Activities. Your Saint Name display should be finished too. Please let me know if you are having any struggles with these projects.

Be sure to check the schedule for Mustard Seed groups (Middle School) and Youth Group (Sr. High). Your involvement is important.



Sr. High Youth Group

Sr. High youth, grades 9-12 are invited to join us for Youth Group. Plan for Jan. 29th!! We'll meet on this date, since it is the 5th Sunday and since the 1st Sunday in Feb. will be Super Bowl Sunday. This gathering will be mainly social as we concentrate on community. Whether it's football or Wii or our version of Pictionary ... the Holy Spirit will guide us to have a good time. There will be snacks!

Undie Sunday



Once again, the Senior Youth Group is coordinating this collection. We will be asking for donations of NEW underwear for the homeless. Receiving underwear for Christmas or a birthday may be awkward for us, but it is a luxury for others.

All NEW underwear is accepted, but a real need is for:

Men & Teens : Boxers-M, L Briefs-L, XL

T-Shirts M, L, XL

Ladies & Teens : Regular briefs/panties-M, L

No bikini's

**Undie Sunday collections will be on
Jan. 28th & 29th.**

For The Week of Jan.22/29, 2011

The following Intentions have been arranged.

Days will not be listed if arrangements for Mass Intentions have not been made through the Parish Office.



Sunday- Today 7:30 Mass 9:00 Mass 11:30 Mass	Janie Vargas Jackie Panigada Tina Meastas
Monday 8:30 Mass	Billy Proksch
Saturday 5:00pm Mass 7:00pm Mass	Johnny Samora
Next Sunday 7:30 Mass 9:00 Mass 11:30 Mass	Gary Wolf Parishioners of Holy Cross St Jude

Prayers for those in the Military

Please pray for our Holy Cross Parishioners & their families as they serve our country. If you would like to place a name on this list, please contact the Office.



<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch/Rank</u>	<u>Location</u>
Isaia Arvizu		Iraq
Antonio Ball	Marines - Lance Corporal	Cherry Point, NC
Briana Ball	Marines - Lance Corporal	Cherry Point, NC
Natalie Carbajal	Air Force—Staff Sergean	Afghanistan
Justin Cothorn	Army	Iraq
Jacob Cirbo	National Guard	Iraq
Jaysun Duran	Army	El Paso, TX
Brandon Gonzales	Army -Sergeant (special force	Iraq
Brian Lawson	Army—2nd Lieutenant	New York
Lauren McGrath	Air Force SR Airman	Anchorage, AK
Shane Patterson	Air Force - PFC - MP	Iraq
Patrick Sanchez	Army	Ft. Louis, WA
Aaron Suarez	Navy	New Orleans, LA
Glenn Venegas, Jr.	Army—Specialist	Japan
Chris Walsh	Army -	Wheeler Air Force Base
Meagan Walsh	Army—PFC	Wheeler Air Force Base
Natalie Carbajal		England
Mike Carbajal		England
Darren Anderson	Army PFC	Ft. Sam Houston, TX

Stewardship of Treasure

Registered Families 930

For the week ending of Jan. 15, 2012

Offertory	\$ 10,092.86
Childrens'	\$ 43.98
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$11,147.92

Holy Cross - This Week - Jan.23/29, 2011

Monday	Spanish Youth Prayer Group 6:30pm room A. Grief Ministry Group 7:00pm room 6. 1st Reconciliation Class 7:00pm Ave Maria Hall.
Tuesday	Matthew Bible Study 7:00pm Ave Maria Hall. Spanish Growing in Faith 7:00pm room A. Pastoral Musicians 7:00pm Church. Prayer Gathering 7:00pm room 6.
Wednesday	Communion Service 6:45am Chapel Matthew Bible Study 9:30am Ave Maria Hall. Spanish RE 6:00pm RCIA 7:00pm room 7.
Thursday	Pax Christi Holy Hour for Peace 7:00pm Church. St. Vincent de Paul mtg. 7:00pm room 6.
Friday	Communion Service 8:30am Chapel
Saturday	Spanish RE Classes 8:30am Religious Education Catechists meeting 9:00am Ave Maria Hall.
Sunday	Coffee & Donuts after Sunday Masses Ave Maria Hall.

Holy Cross Parish Office will be closed this **Tuesday, Jan. 24**, afternoon. Regular office hours return on Wednesday, Jan. 25.



Holy Hour for Peace – Holy Cross Church, this Thursday January 26, 7 PM. Sr. Betty Voss will be with us as the Pax Christi representative to lead us in prayer, reflection and meditation for peace.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, they shall be called children of God” Mt. 5:9

Please pray for those who are sick.

Anita Hartney
Barbara Tripp
Alfonso & Gema Chavarria

Carmen Luna
Jeff Davis
Berta Flores



Readings for the Week of January 22, 2012

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28