FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 13, 2016

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES are available in back of the church by the baptismal font. Please take one and return it in the collection or to the Parish Office.

SOBRES PARA OFRENDAS DE LAS FLORES PARA PASCUA están cerca de la fuente de bautismo. Por favor tome uno y regréselo a la Oficina de la Parroquia.

Our Annual Ministry Appeal for 2016 is currently underway! We have already reached our goal of $24,000, which means that all pledges received will come directly back to Holy Cross parish to help with our ministries and other needs. So far we are at $35,048!

We are asking each family to consider a pledge of 1% of your total income payable over an 8 month period. That means that if your income is $20,000 per year, we are asking for 1%, or $200, payable at $25 per month for eight months.

If you haven’t done so as yet, envelopes are available in the pews. Please fill one out and return it as soon as you can, and make an investment in the future of our parish community.

PALM SUNDAY
Saturday, March 19 5 p.m.
Sunday, March 20 7:00, 8:30, and 10:30 a.m. (English)
12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Monday, March 21  7 p.m. (Bilingual)

EASTER TRIDUUM
March 24  Holy Thursday
Morning Prayer  8:30 a.m.
(Mission Chapel)
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:30 p.m. (Bilingual)
After Mass there will be
Adoration in the Mission Chapel

March 25  Good Friday
Morning Prayer  8:30 a.m.
(Mission Chapel)
Liturgical Celebration of Our Lord’s Passion
12:30 (English)
Liturgical Celebration of Our Lord’s Passion
7 p.m. (Spanish)

March 26  Holy Saturday
Morning Prayer  8:30 a.m.
(Mission Chapel)
Easter Vigil  8 p.m. (Bilingual)

March 27  Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord
Masses at 7, 8:30, and 10:30 a.m.
(English)  12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

JOIN US FOR BINGO THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

Please return rice bowls to the container in the church by Palm Sunday.
THANK YOU for your generosity!
Por favor, devuelva cuencos de arroz en el recipiente en la iglesia en Domingo de Ramos.
¡Gracias por tu generosidad!

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Carolyn Noyes  
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Sr. Adrienne Pinnette  
Damian Escobar

Any changes please call the office at 423-4182.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**


*Tuesday, March 15:* Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

*Wednesday, March 16:* Deuteronomy 3:14-20,91-92,95; John 8:31-42

*Thursday, March 17:* Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

*Friday, March 18:* Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

*Saturday, March 19:* 2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16; Romans 4:13,16-18,22; Matthew 1:16,18-21,24


**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

*Lunes, Marzo 14:* Deuteronomio 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Juan 8:12-20

*Martes, Marzo 15:* Numeros 21:4-9; Juan 8:21-30

*Miércoles Marzo 16:* Deuteronomio 3:14-20,91-92,95; Juan 8:31-42

*Jueves, Marzo 17:* Génesis 17:3-9; Juan 8:51-59

*Viernes, Marzo 18:* Jeremías 20:10-13; Juan 10:31-42

*Sábado, Marzo 19:* 2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16; Romans 4:13,16-18,22; Mateo 1:16,18-21,24


**COLLECTION ~ COLECTAS SEMANALES**

**COLLECTION-LA COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA FUE**  
$5,037.50

Consistent Giver: $912.80

**TOTAL COLLECTION:** $6,278.80

**WEEKLY SUNDAY PLATE BUDGET:** $6,635.00

**SECOND COLLECTION/SEGUNDA COLECCIÓN**  
$1,466.00

Last Week—Semana Pasada: Am. Bishops Overseas & Church in Latin America  
This Week—Esta Semana: Liturgy  
Next Week—Próxima Semana: Faith Formation

Gracias por su generosidad ahora y durante todo el año. We thank everyone for their generosity, now and throughout the year.

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**INTENCIONES DE MISA + MASS INTENTIONS**

*Saturday, March 12*

5: Jerry O’Shea, Scott Simons, int. Gino Panelli

*Sunday, March 13*

7: Byrne family, Arthur Clarke. int. Gino Panelli

8:30: Mama Lola, Jose Escobar, Joe Costa

10:30: Leo Esposito, Sr., Leroy Pera, int. Gloria Ruiz

12:30: Fred, Renee, Al & Bob Castagnola, Juan, Lucia, Gloria y Julio Alvarez, Jesús y Paula Gaona

*Monday, March 14*

8:30: Patricia Byrne

*Tuesday, March 15*

8:30:

*Wednesday, March 16*

8:30: Byrne girls

*Thursday, March 17*

8:30: Byrne boys

*Friday, March 18*

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*Saturday, March 19*

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10:30:

12:30:
CONFIRMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY
Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates who are away on retreat this weekend.
If you have questions please call Elizabeth at 457-2724 or email her at elizborgeshc@gmail.com

MEETING YOURSELF IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE
The series continues this Wednesday, March 9. Join Fr. Mike Marini and fellow seekers in exploring and discovering yourself in the Parables of Luke. Dates remaining: March 16 and March 23. Times: 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Where: Room 205, Holy Cross Pastoral Center (the old high school building).

6 LENTEN FAITH SHARING SESSIONS
Register at the parish office or forms are available at the back of church and the chapel.
Bilingual Young Adult Sessions
Holy Cross Pastoral Center (210 High St.)
11 a.m.—12: 15 p.m., Room 106
Sunday, February 14 – March 20

WOMANS STUDY GROUP
You can't escape life's interruptions, but you can change your perspective on them. Come join Holy Cross Women's Ministry study Jonah-Navigating a Life Interrupted by Priscilla Shirer.
Fridays 9:15 am - 11 am
April 1 - May 6
Holy Cross Pastoral Center
Women's Ministry Room 203

Villa Maria Evening
In What Can We Hope? A Reflection for Lent
What Jesus Has to Offer Us
Villa Maria del Mar Rtr Ctr Tues, March 15
Donation: $15    Refreshments
Dr. Susan Mahan. Ph.D    475-1236
21918 E. Cliff Dr. (at 19th Ave) SC

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
SAINT JOSEPH DAY CELEBRATION
Sunday, March 20
Holy Cross Church Hall
Brunch served 10:00 am-2:00 pm
Doors open at 9:30 for coffee and pastry
FOR MORE INFORMATION: icfbr21@aol.com
TO RSVP PLEASE CALL: ROSA RADICCHI  831-460-0545 or email radicchi@aol.com
NORMA WILSON 831-438-8316

GREAT FOOD, RAFFLE PRIZES, PASTRY AND FUN! SUGGESTED DONATION: $10 FOR ADULTS - $5 CHILDREN UNDER 12
$30 FOR FAMILIES (2 ADULTS AND ALL CHILDREN UNDER 12)
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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER ON MONDAY**
The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Monday in the Mission Chapel from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. All are welcome.

**EXPOSICIÓN DEL SANTISMO**
Recuerden de acompañar a Nuestro Señor en la Exposición y Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento en la Capilla de la Misión todos los lunes después de la Misa de las 8:30 a.m.

**EL GRUPO DE ORACIÓN DE HOLY CROSS**
Les invita a sus reuniones los miércoles de cada semana a las 7 p.m. en la Misión. Es una buena oportunidad para orar y crecer en comunidad. Para mayor información, por favor contacte a Leonardo al 254-1035. Todos están bienvenidos.

**RECONCILIACIÓN~ LUNES A 7 P.M. EN LA CAPILLA CON PADRE MANNY**

**Holy Cross Food Pantry**
……an item per week is all that we seek! Thank you.

**WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS**
We are glad and grateful to have new people celebrate with us. If you would like to register at Holy Cross, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket, or mail it to the parish office.

**BIENVENIDOS A HOLY CROSS**
Estamos felices y agradecidos para celebrar con nuevas personas. Si usted no está registrado, por favor llene la siguiente forma y grégíesla en la canasta de la colecta o mándela por correo a la oficina.

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{} New Parishioner/Nuevo Miembro a la Parroquia
{} New Address/Por Favor Corrijan Mi Dirección
{} Please Send Me Sunday Envelopes/Envíenme Sobres Dominicales

I WOULD LIKE TO SERVE HOLY CROSS AS A/QUIERO AYUDAR EN LA PARROQUIA COMO

E-MAIL

holycrosssantacruz.com
Check out our website.....
“AH, MERCY. THIS IS THE NAME OF GOD!”
- Pope Francis

During this “Jubilee Year of Mercy” it might be of benefit to all of us to revisit the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, especially as we prepare to enter into the solemn season of Lent:

The traditional enumeration of the Corporal Works of Mercy is as follows:
- To feed the hungry;
- To give drink to the thirsty;
- To clothe the naked;
- To house the homeless;
- To visit the sick;
- To ransom the captive;
- To bury the dead.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are:
- To instruct the ignorant;
- To counsel the doubtful;
- To admonish sinners;
- To bear wrongs patiently;
- To forgive offences willingly;
- To comfort the afflicted;
- To pray for the living and the dead.

DINNER SOCIAL
Santa Cruz Knights of Columbus, Council 971, will be holding their next dinner social on Wednesday, March 23, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church Hall on Frederick Street. The Social hour begins at 6 p.m., with appetizers and no host bar, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. featuring green salad, homemade "Chicken" Casserole by Robin, mixed vegetables, dinner rolls, and followed by dessert. Cost of dinner is $13. Please consider donating items for raffle prizes which raise funds for charitable purposes. There will also be great door prizes! R.S.V.P is strongly encouraged and can be done by calling Ken Lazier at 419-3753 or Robin Lazier at 419-3056 ...See You There - Thank you for your support!! Dinner subject to change, as circumstances change.

You are invited to bring your blessed palms from last year to help kindle the Easter Fire. Palms can be placed in a basket in the church.

Like us on FACEBOOK
https://www.facebook.com/HolyCrossSantaCruz

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FAMILY HIKE
SHAFFER PARK
Saturday, March 19
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The Holy Cross Young Families Ministry invites all parents and children to join us for a kid-friendly presentation of the Stations of the Cross as we hike through Shaffer Park. (550 El Rancho, Santa Cruz CA, 95060 – map available at http://wshaffer.com/shaffer-park-santa-cruz-ca.) Reflections will include art, song, and other activities for kids. Energetic children can explore the natural surroundings at their own pace. Stroller accessible path accommodates even youngest parishioners. For more information please contact Stephanie Lieggi (slieggi@lieggibregman.net) [Please note, this is not a drop off event. Parents need to supervise children throughout the hike.]

BUNNY CAKES
for the ST. FRANCIS Soup Kitchen
LET'S GET HOPPING FOR OTHERS, MARCH 26!!

The Holy Cross Young Families Ministry will be providing freshly baked bunny cakes for the Easter meal at St. Francis Catholic Kitchen (205 Mora Street, Santa Cruz). All of the ingredients, recipes and tools will be there for your family. This is a parent/child participation event and all ages are welcome. Just bring your apron and philanthropic spirits. Teach your children about giving time and something sweet to others in our community. Recipes in picture form will be available for non-readers. A limited number of shifts are available. Shifts are at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m., and 1:30 p.m. Do not delay, reserve your spot today! Contact Analicia Cube to save your spot: amlesnowicz@yahoo.com.

DOMINICAN MOBILE WELLNESS CLINIC

The Dominican Mobile Wellness van will be at Holy Cross on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays (March 9, 23 & 30) of each month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is a fee of $15 at the time of the visit. For more information call 457-7166.
WANT TO LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?
We have a wonderful process for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for anyone who has never been baptized, or was baptized in another faith or even the Catholic faith and would now like to complete their sacraments of initiation with Eucharist and Confirmation. Classes are in room 106 of the 210 High St. building on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Please call 578-4338 or 458-3041 for more information.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
As a married couple, how are we living out the good news? Do we live the world’s values or do we strive to live the values of the gospels. Are we kind, compassionate loving and forgiving with one another? Worldwide Marriage Encounter® will be presenting Weekends on April 29-May 1, at St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista, CA; July 15-17, at St. Anthony’s Retreat Center, Three Rivers, CA. and October 21-23, at St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista, CA. For more information call Mary Jo and Rich Castello, at 1-831-704-6322 or Email them at castellome1@gmail.com or register online at centralcawwme.org.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?
To be considered a registered parishioner, one must:
- Attend Mass at Holy Cross parish on a regular basis.
- Fill out a registration form and be in our parish files.
- Anyone over the age of 21 must fill out their own registration and not rely on the registration of parents or grandparents.
- Financially support the parish.

If you are not currently registered, or if you are unsure, please contact the parish office and complete a registration form. Thank you.

OUR FOURTH ANNUAL SC4T VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT IS COMING
MARCH 16-18
SC4T IS SPIKE CANCER FOR TIANNA
Tianna graduated from Holy Cross in 2011. In 2012, Tianna received her angel wings after her hard fight with pediatric cancer. Tianna loved volleyball! Each year we honor her and her family with this tournament. "Tianna is our hero. She was brave, dedicated and determined. She was fun to be around and always had a big beautiful smile that would brighten a day in every way." Tianna is with us in spirit and bringing all of us together for a great cause to help others."

All proceeds from the event are donated—50% are given to the Holy Cross Athletic Program and the remaining 50% is donated to Team G Foundation. Team G Childhood Cancer Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting families fighting pediatric cancer and funding new and innovative treatments to ultimately cure childhood cancer. To learn more please visit: Teamgfoundation.org

TICKETS TO THE SANTA CRUZ WARRIORS ON SALE NOW!!!!
Tickets available for Saturday, March 12 and Saturday, March 19
$25 a ticket
A portion of the funds raised will go back to Holy Cross School and will be put toward our new reading and language arts curriculum. Please call the school at 423-4447 for more information.

SIGNING UP FOR CONSISTENT GIVING IS EASY!
For more information call Toni at 469-3560
¡PARA DAR COHERENTE ES FÁCIL!
Para más información favor de comunicarse con Toni al 469-3560

RETROUVAILLE
Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovey'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on May 6-8, 2016 call 831-439-9503 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com
QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Misericordia abundante

Dios nuestro,
fuente inagotable de bondad y misericordia,
tú restauraste a tu pueblo tras la cautividad,
y en Jesús nos has restaurado a la vida.
En verdad que has hecho grandes cosas, Señor.
Tú rejuveneces nuestras desolaciones
y nos refrescas con aguas vivas.
Líbranos de los pecados que nos mantienen cautivos.
Que tu misericordia, Señor, nos haga amarte profundamente,
tanto a ti como a nuestros vecinos,
para que tu justicia resplandezca en toda la creación.
Concédenos que, llenos de alegría,
te alabemos por tus gracias abundantes
y seamos signos de esperanza para los que desesperan,
signos de amor para los que odian
y signos de generosidad para los egoístas y mezquinos.
Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor.

Amén.

Domingo, 13 de marzo de 2016
Encontrar al Señor
Lecturas del día: Isaías 43:16–21; Salmo 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6; Filipenses 3:8–14; Juan 8:1–11. La misericordia de Dios es abundante y cuando nos abrimos al amor de Dios, podemos acercarnos a Cristo en busca del perdón. El profeta Isaías dice que Dios hará algo nuevo. En el evangelio, vemos la novedad realizada en aquella mujer adúltera. Al ser acusada ante Jesús, él responde tranquilamente, sabiendo que los escribas y los fariseos le han puesto una trampa. Viene lo nuevo. Las palabras de Jesús hacen que la gente considere su propio pecado, antes de juzgar a los demás. ¿No es verdad que, con mucha frecuencia, resaltamos los pecados de los demás? Al encontrar a Jesús, aquella mujer cae en la cuenta de su pecado, pues encuentra la abundante misericordia de Dios. Ella es transformada para siempre porque ha sido tocada con la gracia de Dios en Cristo. Jesús no ignora la Ley de Moisés, sino que, por sus simples acciones, proclama que la misericordia y compasión de Dios tienen mayor autoridad. ¿Le sorprende a usted lo que hace Jesús? Creo que esto nos ayuda a ponderar el misterio de la salvación. Dios nunca cesa de sorprendernos ni de salvarnos de maneras más profundas. El Señor ha hecho grandes cosas por nosotros y estamos alegres.

Eche usted una mirada al camino recorrido esta Cuaresma y descubra dónde se ha encontrado con el Señor; dele gracias por haberle transformado, insertándolo en mayor comunión con el Cuerpo de Cristo.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Abundant Mercy

God, source of all goodness and mercy, you restored Israel after their captivity, and in Jesus, you restored us to life. You have done great things, O Lord. You have revived the wasteland of our hearts and quenched our thirst with living water. Liberate us from the sins that hold us captive. May your mercy, Lord, lead us to a deeper love of you and our neighbors so that your justice might wash over all creation. Filled with joy, may we forever praise you for your abundant grace and be a sign of hope for those who despair, a sign of love for those who hate, and a sign of generosity for those who are cold and selfish. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.


Sunday, March 13, 2016

Encounter the Lord

Today’s Readings: Isaiah 43:16–21; Psalm 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6; Philippians 3:8–14; John 8:1–11. Over the course of the Lenten season, we have taken time to contemplate our sinfulness in order to respond to the call to repent. As the psalmist sings, we can rejoice at the marvelous things God has done in our lives. God’s mercy is abundant, and when we are open to God’s love, we can honestly approach Christ and seek forgiveness. The prophet Isaiah says that God will do something new; in the Gospel, we see this realized in Jesus’ encounter with the adulterous woman. When she is accused before Jesus, he responds calmly, knowing that the scribes and the Pharisees were trying to test him. This encounter describes something new. Jesus’ words allow the people to consider their sin before judging others. How often do we point to others’ sins? Jesus’ encounter reveals this woman’s sin, but it also reveals God’s abundant mercy. She is forever changed because she has been touched by God’s grace in Christ. Jesus doesn’t ignore the Law of Moses, but by his simple actions, he profoundly says that God’s mercy and compassion are the higher authority. Are you surprised by Jesus’ actions? I think this helps us ponder the mystery of salvation. God never ceases to amaze us and save us in deeper ways. The Lord truly has done great things for us and filled us with joy. Review the places you encounter the Lord this Lent and give thanks for the places you’ve been transformed and deepened in communion with the Body of Christ.

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