



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PARISH

*Iglesia Católica de La Santa Cruz*

1244 S Power Road, Mesa, Arizona 85206

### Mission Statement

#### **AD INTRA** (for ourselves):

To deepen our experience of Jesus Christ through a vibrant sacramental life and our common liturgical worship.

#### **AD EXTRA** (to the world)

To reach our vocational fulfillment individually and as a community by engaging our neighbor with the Gospel Message.

November 21, 2021

### The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

*So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"  
Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this  
I was born and for this I came into the world,  
to testify to the truth. Everyone who  
belongs to the truth listens to my voice."*

- Jn18:37

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### Weekday Masses:

(Held in Anderson Hall during Church upgrade)

Monday through Saturday; 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

### Weekend Masses:

(Held in Anderson Hall during Church upgrade)

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass. and 4:00 p.m. (English - ad orientem)

### Confessions:

After Daily Mass Monday - Saturday & 5:00 - 6:45 p.m. Wednesday

### Adoration:

Wednesday Evening Adoration: 5:00 to 6:45 p.m.

Benediction at 6:45 p.m.

First Friday Adoration: After the 8:30 a.m. Mass in Latin.

Benediction at 11:45 a.m.

# PARISH DIRECTORY

**Parish Office:** 480-981-2021  
**Religious Ed Office:** 480-325-5375  
**Fax:** 480-981-6844  
**Website:** [holycrossmesa.org](http://holycrossmesa.org)

## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  
(Reopens after 8:30 Mass) until 12:00 p.m.  
Closed for Lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Open 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
**Closed Saturday and Sunday**

**Parish Receptionist:** Angie Perez  
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## Priests

**Pastor:** Fr. Larry Merta  
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**Parochial Vicar:** Fr. Raul Herrero

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## Pastoral Ministry

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## Music and Liturgy

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**Maintenance:** Paul Mansberger  
**Maintenance:** Abram Warpness

## Infant Baptism

A Parent requesting that their child be baptized must be a registered parishioner who is actively participating in the life of the parish. Baptism preparation classes are required. Please call the parish office for additional information.

## Marriage, Marriage Prep and Annulments

Couples seeking the Sacrament of Marriage must be registered parishioners who are actively participating in the life of the parish. Notification of intent to marry must be provided nine months in advance. For more information on the marriage preparation process, please call the parish office.

## Communion of the Sick

Ministers of Care bring Holy Communion to the sick and to those who are unable to attend Mass. Please call the parish office to schedule a visit from one of our Ministers of Care.

## Emergency Anointing of the Sick

If you or someone you know is in critical condition or near death, **call 480-981-2021 (after 5 p.m. and weekends, PRESS 4 when instructed to do so.)** Leave a detailed message, including a contact name and phone number that will be heard by the Priest on call. **Please Do Not use this service for any other reason.**

## Federal Privacy Regulation

HIPPA (Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act) prohibits all hospitals from informing churches of a patient's presence unless the patient gives permission for the hospital to do so. If you are admitted to a Hospital and would like a member of the clergy or a caregiver to visit you, please notify the hospital or call the parish office.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society provides food, clothing, and other assistance to those in need. Located at the North end of the campus, their hours are **Monday through Thursday from 9-11 a.m.** Please call 480-985-4259 to schedule an appointment.

## Funerals

Funeral Mass is reserved for families and friends alike who have made prior arrangements for proper burial of the mortal remains. Contact Carlos Briones in the Liturgy office at 480-981-2021, ext. 216 to make arrangements.



**Holy Cross is now a Baby Safe Haven.**

**Call the Parish office for more information.**



## LITURGY & PARISH EVENTS

### Mass Intentions for the Week of November 22 - November 28, 2021

Mon.	8:30 a.m.	†	Luis & Clemencia Giraldo
Tue.	8:30 a.m.	†	Clemente Polomares
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	†	Marilyn Bernstein
Wed.	7:00 p.m.	†	Miguel Alvarez
<b>Thu.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>		(SI) Jeremy Allison
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	†	Don Herbst
Sat.	8:30 a.m.	†	William Halaschak
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	†	Mary Flanagan
Sun.	7:00 a.m.	†	Aurora & Apolinario DeGuzman
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	†	James Graytok
Sun.	11:00 a.m.	†	Juan Vigil
Sun.	1:00 p.m.		Pro Populo
Sun.	4:00 p.m.		(SI) Andy Birrell

### Celebrant Schedule (subject to change) November 22 - November 28, 2021

Mon.	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Jaya Maddu
Tue.	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Jaya Maddu
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Raul Herrero
Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Fr. Jaya Maddu
<b>Thu.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Fr. Larry Merta
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Larry Merta
Sat.	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Raul Herrero
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Fr. Larry Merta
Sun.	7:00 a.m.	Fr. Larry Merta
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Jaya Maddu
Sun.	11:00 a.m.	Fr. Raul Herrero
Sun.	1:00 p.m.	Fr. Larry Merta
Sun.	4:00 p.m.	Fr. Jaya Maddu- <b>Ad Orientem Mass</b>



### Thursday, November 25, Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

*"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and  
to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness."  
— St. Gianna Beretta Molla*



### *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

On the last Sunday of each *liturgical* year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind" (*Quas primas*, 7).

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

*"The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty." Psalm 95*

# THE TRINITY OF STEWARDSHIP

*TIME • TALENT • TREASURE*

## Offertory Income - October 2021

July - October Actual: \$351,192.28

July - October Budget: \$350,069.00

July - October "CUP": \$24,275.03

*Thank you for your continued support of Holy Cross Parish!*



## Have you Considered Online Giving?

Recurring gifts sustain our parish all year long, providing us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat.

Sign up today by visiting **faith.direct/AZ729**, Calling **1-866-507-8757** or text 'Enroll' to (Text-to- 480-576-5125).

Thank you for your continued support of our parish. Every little bit helps and is very much appreciated! God bless, **Fr. Larry**

**Would the person who expressed an interest (to Fr. Larry) in purchasing the "Peter" Stained-glass window, please contact Fr. Larry as soon as possible? He has reserved it for you, but needs confirmation that you are still interested in purchasing it. Thank you!**

The Parish Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26.

This is a perfect time to thank all of our parish families for your constant support, spiritually and financially. As clergy and staff, we consider it an honor to serve all of you.

***Have a blessed Thanksgiving with your families and friends.***

"In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give Him thanks."  
- St. Teresa of Avila

# PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

## ***St. Vincent de Paul Holy Cross Conference*** **480-985-4259**

A profound Thank you to everyone who donated food for our Fall Food Drive. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and we are very much aware of how blessed we are to have such compassionate and generous donors here at Holy Cross!

For this upcoming Christmas, We are collecting Toy donations for children ages 2-12 years. Please bring your gifts unwrapped and drop them off at the SVDP Office by December 7. You may also drop them off in the Front Office during regular business hours.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Call the St. Vincent de Paul office at 480-985-4259 to learn how you can answer the call to serve.



*“Charity is the cement which binds communities  
to God and persons to one another.”*

- St. Vincent de Paul



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Holy Cross Council #7904 &  
William J. Mitchell Assembly #3817**

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### **REFLECTION November 21**

*Psalm 92: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most High. It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning, your faithfulness in the evening.*

**Stop by and enjoy coffee and doughnuts with your fellow Knights after Mass on Sundays!**

**Our council's Christmas Party is December 18, from 5:30 P.M to 8 P.M. in Wellens Hall. Catering is by Salernos. RSVP by December 2. Cost is a donation.**

**COATS FOR KIDS and ADULTS IS STILL GOING ON.** Please donate a coat or cash to help those who are less fortunate. PGK Mike Grimes is the POC.

The Knights' Widows Mass is postponed until the church renovation is completed.

**Council #7904. Business Meetings are held, on the 1st Thursday of each month, in Wellens Hall. The Rosary begins at 6:30pm, and the Business Meeting starts at 7pm.**

**The 4th Degree William J. Mitchell Assembly #3817 meets on the third Monday of every month.**

### ***Join the Knights***

Become a Holy Cross Council 7904 Knight! Learn More About the Knights at <http://www.kofc7904.org/home.html> or call Jim Pergo at (480) 721-2201 to join.

Council 7904 has created a Facebook page of the activities our Knights enjoy! Go to [facebook.com/kofc7904/photos](https://facebook.com/kofc7904/photos)



# LITURGY

## *Knowing our Faith...* The Sacraments **Confirmation**, Strengthened by the Spirit, Called to Action

Confirmation enriches the baptized with the strength of the Holy Spirit so that they can better witness to Christ in word and deed (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], no. 1285). Anointed by the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, Christians strengthen their bond with the Church and become better equipped to carry out the Church's mission of love and service.

### **At Confirmation, our faith and membership in the Body of Christ is confirmed, or strengthened.**

*In the Rite of Baptism, we become new members of the Body of Christ, but our journey does not end there. The decision to be baptized is followed by continued growth, learning, and witness as members of the Body of Christ. Our desire to continue to grow and develop as Christians finds expression in Confirmation, when we renew our baptismal promises and receive in a new way the gift of the Holy Spirit, which strengthens our "bond" with the Church and its members (CCC, no. 1316, and Pope John Paul II, Redemptoris Missio [On the Permanent Validity of the Church's Missionary Mandate], no. 26).*

### **Confirmation connects us to a larger community.**

*The relationship of the bishop (who presides over the Rite of Confirmation) with the church community in a given area reminds us of our connection to the larger community of the Church, which is global. Thus, Confirmation reminds us that we belong to the Universal Church and to a local parish community (CCC, no. 1309). The sacred Chrism oil used during Confirmation points to the community's sharing of the Spirit, since the same oil is used during Baptism and to anoint bishops and priests during the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Oil for the Anointing of the Sick is also consecrated during Holy Week. The symbol of oil reminds us of the action of the Holy Spirit upon us as members in the Church family.*

### **At Confirmation, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.**

*In the Gospels, the same Spirit that descended on Jesus during Baptism descends on the Apostles at Pentecost (CCC, nos. 1285- 1287). The readings and homily we hear at Confirmation remind us that this same Spirit is present to us today. At Confirmation, we receive diverse spiritual gifts that work together for the "common good" and "the building up of the Church, to the well-being of humanity and to the needs of the world" (Pope John Paul II, Christifideles Laici [The Vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World], no. 24). At Confirmation, we pray for an increase of the gifts of the Spirit in our own lives in order to serve the cause of justice and peace in Church and world.*

### **The Spirit moves us to imitate the love and service of Christ and the saints.**

*In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, we often perform many hours of service to help those in need. In doing so, we practice love and service in imitation of the saints whose names we often take at Confirmation. Anointed at Confirmation, we are further strengthened to live lives that give off "the aroma of Christ" as did the holy saints (CCC, no. 1294). The sacred Chrism is mixed with fragrant spices precisely to symbolize this "aroma." The Holy Spirit pours love into our hearts so that we can become "instruments of grace" in order to "pour forth God's charity and to weave networks of charity" in the world (Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate. [Charity in Truth], no. 5). The Holy Spirit "harmonizes" our hearts with Christ's heart and moves us to love others as Christ loved when he washed the disciples' feet and gave his life for us (Pope Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est [God Is Love], no. 19).*

### **At Confirmation, we recommit to participate in the Church's work and mission.**

*Sealing with the gift of the Spirit at Confirmation strengthens us for ongoing service in the Body of Christ in the Church and in the world. It prepares us to be active participants in the Church's mission and to "bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds" (CCC, no. 1316). Finally, the Spirit sends us as workers in the vineyard and instruments of the Holy Spirit in renewing the earth and promoting God's Kingdom of justice and peace. **Thus, Confirmation is not only an anointing, but also a commissioning to live out our faith in the world.** We are already called to mission by virtue of our Baptism, but at Confirmation we are endowed with gifts of the Spirit (like the Apostles in Acts 2) to be "ever greater witness[es] to the Gospel in the world" (Pope Benedict XVI, Sacramentum Caritatis [Sacrament of Charity], no. 17). As disciples and witnesses to Christ in both Church and world (CCC, no. 1319), we are sent out to act on behalf of the poor and vulnerable, promoting the life and dignity of every human person.*

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# LITURGY

## The Holy Spirit inspires us to Gospel action that includes human development and work to end injustice.

The Holy Spirit inspires the work of evangelization, which includes work not only for all peoples' spiritual well-being, but also the evangelization of systems and cultures (Pope John Paul II, *Redemptoris Missio*, nos. 42, 65). The Church's missionary activity includes a "commitment to peace, development and the liberation of peoples; the rights of individuals and peoples, especially those of minorities; the advancement of women and children; safeguarding the created world," and many other areas of action in the world (*Redemptoris Missio*, no. 37). In addition, action inspired by the Holy Spirit calls us to "bear witness to Christ by taking courageous and prophetic stands in the face of the corruption of political or economic power." The Spirit also "overcomes barriers and divisions of race, caste, or ideology" and makes the Christian-on-mission into "a sign of God's love in the world—a love without exclusion or partiality" (*Redemptoris Missio*, nos. 43, 89).

## Confirmation calls us to share Christ's mission to promote life and dignity.

*The baptized, anointed by the Holy Spirit, are incorporated into Christ, who is priest, prophet, and king, and called to share in his mission (CCC, no. 1241). We share Christ's priestly mission by giving of ourselves daily in union with Christ's supreme sacrifice on the Cross. As prophets, we announce the Kingdom of God in both word and deed and we witness to the Gospel in family, social life, and community, and in our commitment to human life and dignity. We share the kingly mission by seeking God's Kingdom of justice in the world. We do this when we overcome the kingdom of sin, give of ourselves, recognize Jesus in "the least of these" (cf. Mt 25:40), and work for justice and peace. All those anointed by the Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation share Christ's mission in Luke 4:18-19: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, / because he has anointed me / to bring glad tidings to the poor. / He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives / and recovery of sight to the blind, / to let the oppressed go free, / and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord" (see also *Christifideles Laici*, nos. 13-14).*

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*Please pray...*

for our Adult Confirmandi who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with other Catholic adults from neighboring parishes at Queen of Peace Catholic Church on Sunday, November 28, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Please also pray for our Adult Confirmandi who have been baptized in another Christian faith. They will be received into the Catholic Church at Holy Cross through a Profession of Faith and will celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion during the Advent season.

*Por favor oren por nuestro Confirmandi Adulto que celebrará el sacramento de la Confirmación con otros adultos Católicos de parroquias vecinas en la Iglesia Reina de la Paz el domingo 28 de noviembre, a las 4:00 p.m. Misa.*

*Por favor oren también por nuestros Confirmandi Adultos que han sido bautizados en otra fe cristiana. Serán recibidos en la Iglesia en Santa Cruz a través de una profesión de fe y celebrarán los sacramentos de Confirmación y primera Comunión durante el tiempo de Adviento.*

## Holy Cross Rosary Makers



Please join us on the first Thursday of every month for a morning of prayerful fellowship while making rosaries for our parish ministries.

We will meet **Thursday, December 2, 2021**, from 9:30 am until 12:00 pm, in **Room H**.

**No previous experience needed!**

Please contact Cindy Benzing at 480-325-5375 or [cbenzing@holycrossmesa.org](mailto:cbenzing@holycrossmesa.org) for more information.

# YOUTH MINISTRY/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## FINAL WEEKEND! CATHOLIC JEWELRY & ROSARY SALE

Holy Cross Youth Pilgrims will be selling Catholic jewelry  
in the Courtyard this weekend after all Masses.

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**FREE  
GIFT WRAPPING!**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH FROM 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.  
IN THE COURTYARD *by AndersonHall***

Please have your items boxed or ready to wrap. (Gift boxes will not be available.)

**Holy Cross High School Teens are offering FREE gift wrapping.**

*Just in time for Christmas!*

**Simply bring us your gifts and we will be happy to wrap them for you.**

**We will also be collecting donations for Jose's Closet,  
a local non-profit providing support for foster children and their families.**

**A list of needed items:**

- Children/Teen Clothing (new or gently used)
- New, unwrapped toys • Diapers, Training Pants and Wipes
- Personal Hygiene items

(Soap, shampoo, lotion, deodorant, toothbrush/toothpaste, etc.)

*Thank you, We appreciate your support!*



## COMMUNIDAD HISPANA



**El jueves 25 de noviembre,  
la Misa del Día de  
Acción de Gracias  
se celebrará a las 9:00 a.m.**

*"El secreto de la felicidad es vivir momento a momento y agradecer a Dios por lo que nos está enviando todos los días en Su bondad".*  
– SanGianna Beretta Molla



### *Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo*

El último domingo de cada año litúrgico, la Iglesia celebra la Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo, o Cristo Rey.

El Papa Pío XI instituyó esta fiesta en 1925 con su encíclica Quas primas ("En la primera") para responder al creciente secularismo y ateísmo. Reconoció que intentar "echar a Jesucristo y su santa ley" fuera de la vida pública resultaría en una continua discordia entre las personas y las naciones. Esta solemnidad nos recuerda que mientras los gobiernos van y vienen, Cristo reina como Rey para siempre.

A principios del siglo XX, en México, Rusia y algunas partes de Europa, regímenes militante-mente secularistas amenazaron no solo a la Iglesia Católica y a sus fieles, sino también a la propia civilización. La encíclica del Papa Pío XI dio a los católicos esperanza y —mientras los gobiernos a su alrededor se desmoronaban— la seguridad de que Cristo Rey reinará para siempre. Jesucristo "es la verdad misma, y es de él que la verdad debe ser recibida obedientemente por toda la humanidad" (Quas primas, 7).

Para los cristianos, cuando nuestra fe es repetidamente marginada en la vida pública, podemos caer en el hábito de compartimentar nuestras vidas. Amamos a Jesús en nuestras vidas privadas, pero nos rehuimos de reconocer la realeza de Cristo en la vida social. Cuando celebrar la Solemnidad de Cristo Rey, declaramos al mundo y recordar que Jesús es el Señor de la Iglesia y de todo el universo.

*"El Señor es rey; está vestido de majestad." Salm95*



### *Ministerio de Matrimonios:*

Empezamos el año 2022 preparándonos para el Plan De Dios en nuestros matrimonios. El retiro de Plan de Dios está programado para el 8 de enero, las clases de **Planificación Familiar Natural** para el 13 de enero y **Amor Por Toda La Vida** el 12 de febrero.

Pongan estas fechas importantes en sus calendarios y hagan planes para estar con nosotros. La boda comunitaria para la primavera se llevará a cabo el 23 de abril.

Para participar en estas bodas necesitan estar en preparación durante nueve meses antes del 23 de abril. Para más información por favor de llamar a **Olga Rivera, 480-981-2021 x 204.**