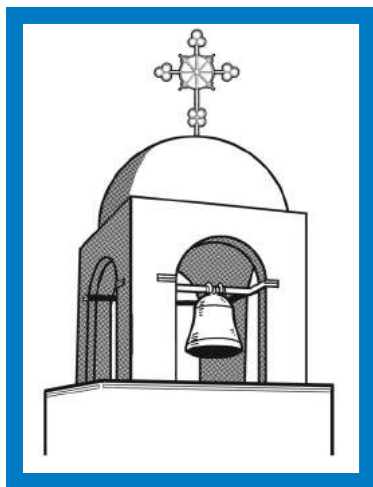


THE HOLY FAMILY • DECEMBER 31 2017



# HOLY CROSS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Iglesia Católica de La Santa Cruz*

1244 SOUTH POWER ROAD • MESA, ARIZONA 85206



## THE HOLY FAMILY

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### **Pastor**

Fr. Lawrence Merta

### **Parochial Vicars**

Fr. James Aboyi, VC

Fr. Simon Osuchukwu

### **Visiting Priest**

Fr. Pierre Hissey

### **Deacons**

Richard Conn

Tom Ferreira

Bill Finnegan

James Gersitz

Ciso Macia

Joe Scaccia

Clarence Vetter

### **Parish Office**

(480)981-2021

### **Religious Education Office**

(480)325-5375

### **Fax**

(480)981-6844

### **Website**

[www.holycrossmesa.org](http://www.holycrossmesa.org)

### **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.

## 2 FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK—DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

### The World in View from a Believer's Perspective

For those of you who were not able to attend our summer ice-cream socials, it was there that I began sharing with the larger community of Holy Cross the idea of the *Stabat Mater Adoration Chapel & Outreach Center*. 'Stabat Mater' is the first line of the ancient hymn traditionally sung during Stations of the Cross:

*Stabat mater dolorosa  
juxta Crucem lacrimosa,  
dum pendébat Filius.*

*At the Cross her station keeping,  
stood the mournful Mother weeping,  
close to her Son to the last.*

This idea was born of prayer and the possibilities of spiritual renewal for our Parish Community. Adoration, as we all know, is a Eucharistic devotion whereby members of a parish take hours of adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament solemnly exposed in a monstrance day and night throughout the week.

The typical benefits for a parish having perpetual adoration amount to this: an increase in Mass attendance and the reception of sacraments, a return of fallen-away Catholics and an increase in the number of conversions, the young find out and accept that they have religious vocations to the priesthood and religious life, a renewal of Catholic family life, and finally, but not least, parishioners experience greater desire and courage to spread the 'Good News' about Jesus with others. As for the parish as a whole, Jesus becomes more eagerly sought out in His Real Presence, i.e., the Blessed Sacrament.

Is this something we want to experience within the confines of our property at 1244 S. Power Rd? The upcoming surveys for the *Together Let Us Go Forth* Campaign which, I will be forwarding you shortly, will greatly help me and my closest collaborators discern if we should take this direction.

If you want to see more detailed plans of *Stabat Mater*, today, you'll find them on display, within the glass cases at the north of the Church, the north wall of Anderson Hall, and next to the door of the main office.

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Larry



SCHEMATIC  
SOUTH ELEVATION

NEW CHAPEL FOR  
HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH



**Stabat Mater's spirituality:** A place of adoration and solitude where adorers of our community offer prayers specifically for the return of the fallen away and the conversion of sinners. Adoration would be held throughout the week until 3:00pm on Friday and then reposed to commemorate our Lord's passing and to help the adorer understand what the world is without its Savior present. This helps the adorer better grasp the peril of so many souls who are far from God. Adoration would resume on Sunday after the first mass. A niche on the façade of *Stabat Mater* holds a statue of our Blessed Mother whose hopeful gaze meets the cross on the bell tower of our Church. The Blessed Mother who was present at his passing already knew then that He would soon return to prove his triumph over sin and death. She is the model we need when dealing with those we love who may be far from God. The chapel is designed with six stained glass windows dedicated to saints who were notorious sinners before their own conversions.

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Holy Cross Catholic Church

1244 South Power Road • Mesa, Arizona 85206  
Parish Office.....(480)981-2021  
RE Office .....(480)325-5375  
Fax.....(480)981-6844  
Website ..... www.holycrossmesa.org

## Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday ..... 8:30 am–5:00 pm  
(closed 12:00-1:00 pm)  
Friday.....8:30 am–12:00 pm  
Saturday & Sunday..... Closed

**Parish Secretary, Laura Shirling**..... ext. 201  
E-mail..... lshirling@holycrossmesa.org

## Priests

**Pastor, Fr. Lawrence Merta**..... ext. 208  
E-mail..... flmerta@holycrossmesa.org  
**Parochial Vicar, Fr. James Aboyi, VC**..... ext. 202  
E-mail..... fraboyi@holycrossmesa.org  
**Parochial Vicar Care Ministry, Fr. Simon Osuchukwu**  
E-mail..... frsimon@holycrossmesa.org

## Pastoral Ministry

**Pastoral Associate, Bridgette Cosentino**..... ext. 206  
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## Parish Administration

**Parish Manager, Kathy Knapp**..... ext. 205  
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## Religious Education

**Coord. of RE & Evangelization, Cynthia Benzing**..... ext. 214  
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**Coord. of Youth Faith Formation Patti Phillips**..... ext. 213  
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## Music

**Director of Music, Jaime Cortez**..... ext. 215  
E-mail..... jcortez@holycrossmesa.org

## Liturgy

**Coord. of Liturgical Ministries, Chris Haubrock**..... ext. 216  
E-mail..... chaubrock@holycrossmesa.org

## Confession Times

Monday through Saturday After the 8:30am Mass  
Also Wednesday from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m.  
Anytime by appointment

## Infant Baptism

Parents requesting that their child be baptized must be registered parishioners who are actively participating in the life of Holy Cross Church. Baptism preparation classes are required. Please call the parish office for additional information.

## Marriage, Marriage Preparation and Annulments

Couples seeking the sacrament of marriage must be registered parishioners who are actively participating in the life of Holy Cross Church. 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 to the Sick

If you or someone you know is sick, hospitalized or homebound, please call for the assistance of a Minister of Care. Ministers of Care bring communion to those who cannot come to mass. Please call the parish office to arrange a scheduled Minister of Care visit.

## Emergency Anointing of the Sick

If you or someone you know is in critical condition or near death, call (480)981-2021. After 5:00 pm and weekends, Press 4 when instructed to do so. Leave a detailed message, including a contact name and telephone number, that will be heard by the priest on call.  
**Please do not use this service for any other reason.**

## Federal Privacy Regulation

HIPAA (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 the poor and needy. Located at the north end of the grounds, their hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00-11:00 am. Their direct number is (480)985-4259. Call to make an appointment.



**“Don’t forget to check out our parish website at [www.holycrossmesa.org](http://www.holycrossmesa.org)”**

**Monday, January 1st**

**Parish Office Closed**

8:00 am Morning Prayer Rm. D  
8:30 am Mass/Confessions to follow Church

**Tuesday, January 2nd**

8:00 am Morning Prayer Rm. D  
8:30 am Mass/Confessions to follow Church

**Wednesday, January 3rd**

8:00 am Morning Prayer Rm. D  
8:30 am Mass/Confessions to follow Church  
10:30 am Grief Support Rm. D  
12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration Church  
**5:30 pm Confessions Church**  
7:00 pm Mass Church

**Thursday, January 4th**

8:00 am Morning Prayer Rm. D  
8:30 am Mass/Confessions to follow Church

**Friday, January 5th**


8:00 am Morning Prayer Rm. D  
8:30 am Mass/Confessions to follow Church

**Saturday, January 6th**

See Mass Schedule


**Sunday, January 7th**

1:20 pm 1st Sunday Children's Rosary Church



**Pray the Rosary**

Come join us each morning  
in the Church at 7:50am  
to pray the Rosary



**Readings for the Week of December 31**

Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/  
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or  
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Heb 11:8, 11-12,  
17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40  
or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/  
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/  
Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/  
Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/  
Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/  
Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20  
[12a]/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23,  
31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
[cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

LITURGY



**First Friday Adoration**

Come join us this **Friday, January 5th** for Adoration, from 9:00am to 11:30am. Benediction will be at 11:30am. We encourage everyone who is free to come and spend a half-hour of quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Litany**

Please join us in reciting the Litany to the Sacred Heart on First Friday and the Litany to the Blessed Virgin on First Saturday before the Rosary.





# Celebrants

## Week of January 1st-7th

Schedule		Priest
Mon:	8:30 am	Fr. Larry Merta
Tues:	8:30 am	Fr. James Aboyi
Wed:	8:30 am	Fr. Domenico Pinti
	7:00 pm	Fr. James Aboyi
Thurs:	8:30 am	Fr. Domenico Pinti
Fri:	8:30 am	Fr. James Aboyi
Sat:	8:30 am	Fr. Simon Osuchukwu
	4:00 pm	Fr. Larry Merta
Sun:	6:30 am	Fr. Simon Osuchukwu
	8:00 am	Fr. Pierre Hissey
	10:00 am	Fr. Pierre Hissey
	12:00 pm	Fr. Larry Merta
	2:00 pm	(Spanish) Fr. Larry Merta
	4:00 pm	(Youth) Fr. James Aboyi
<b>Anderson Hall</b>		
Sat	4:00 pm	Fr. James Aboyi
Sun	10:00 am	Fr. Larry Merta

*\*Celebrants scheduled are subject to change*



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Week of  
January 1st-7th**

Mon:	8:30 am	†	Manuel Caraveo
Tues:	8:30 am	†	Faber Hood
Wed:	8:30 am	†	Salvatore & Margaret Baudo
	7:00 pm	†	Fred Abernathy
Thurs:	8:30 am	†	Timothy Tarulli
Fri:	8:30 am	†	Frank Lamia
Sat:	8:30 am	†	Jesse Ibarra
	4:00 pm	†	Ruth Ann Walsh
Sun:	6:30 am		Pro Populo (SI)
	8:00 am	†	Emilia Andaverde
	10:00 am	†	Eugene Santellanes
	12:00 pm	†	Alwin & Irene Altendorf
	2:00 pm	†	Jesse Ibarra
	4:00 pm	†	Frank Jenó
<b>Anderson Hall</b>			
Sat:	4:00 pm	†	Jim Paulson
Sun:	10:00 am	†	Paul Cooper



# THE TRINITY OF STEWARDSHIP



The Holy Cross Stewardship Committee fosters the mission of Holy Cross Catholic Church by **INFORMING** the parish of ministries taking place, by **INVITING** people into new and existing ministries, by **SUPPORTING** people in their ministries, by **PROVIDING** information regarding the financial situation of the parish and to **INCREASE** financial support of the parish.

## Sewing/Embroidery Ministry

The Sowers would like the help of someone with a serger to serge the necks of the baptism bibs. This is a great ministry you can do on your own schedule and in the comfort of your own home!

Call Mary Johnson at (480) 756-0184 or email [johnm@gmail.com](mailto:johnm@gmail.com) for more information.



## Society for Justice and Peace for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants

### Adrian's Story

When Adrian arrived at the Kino Border Initiative *comedor* in Sonora in May 2016 after living in the U.S. for 17 years – just deported, knowing no one, and with his sons, ages 2 and 3, held in state custody after his arrest – both his situation and his prospects for reuniting with his sons seemed hopeless. Working with the staff, within three weeks, Adrian, who had custody of his children previously, had lined up a job at a *maquiladora*, gotten an apartment, and obtained the necessary documents to proceed with getting his children back. He took parenting classes and set up his home to accommodate the toddlers.

During the 15 months that Adrian and his boys were separated, they had three joyful, supervised visits in Sonora. Finally, in August this year, through a new KBI legal services program, in spite of the formidable paperwork, administrative details, and several hearings, everything was approved for reunification of Adrian's family. A happy ending. Without representation by an attorney, 93% of migrants detained lose their case.

**Imagine for a moment that was you. Or someone you love.** The Kino Border Initiative would give you compassion and support, and advocate for your rights, including humane treatment. The staff would listen to your story, believe in you, and offer you **hope**. This, the staff does 365 days a year, while meeting basic needs. Last year they served hot meals to 8,367 individuals, and sheltered 380 women and children. The men sleep on the street or at a cemetery.

Father Sean Carroll, S.J., and the Sisters of the Eucharist are grateful to Holy Cross Parishioners for your continuing prayers and generous humanitarian aid.

**Most needed now: Men's pants, waist 28 to 34, Men's tennis shoes, 8 - 9 1/2, and travel size toiletries.**

**Please bring your donations to the courtyard before the Sunday Masses only on January 13-14.**

*Thank you and have a Peace-filled New Year.*



## Saint Vincent de Paul Holy Cross Conference 480-985-4259

May the comfort and sustenance you bring to others through your donations bring to you and your families peace and joy. During the New Year may our parishioners and their families be enriched by grace and have the favor of God upon them. In His divine providence may He bestow upon you health, peace, and the promise of hope.

Lord, we welcome you into our lives and our hearts for you alone can set us free.  
Amen.

## Parish Stewardship of Treasure For the weekend of December 23rd & 24th

*Due to the Christmas Holiday, the bulletin deadline was prior to the collection counting for the weekend of December 23rd & 24th.*

*The Stewardship report for that weekend will be posted in the next bulletin.*

## For the weekend of December 16th & 17th Plate Collections

Envelope Contributions.....	\$10,319
Loose Cash/Checks .....	\$12,439
<b>Total Plate.....</b>	<b>\$22,758</b>

## Special Collections - Parish

Candle Revenue .....	\$114
All Saints .....	\$26
Immaculate Conception .....	\$131
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$10
Our Lady Of Guadalupe.....	\$949
First Offering.....	\$1,023
Christmas Offering .....	\$15
Christmas Flowers.....	\$226
Electronic Sign.....	\$343
<b>Total Special Collections - Parish.....</b>	<b>\$2,989</b>

## Special Collections - Diocese

Retirement fund for Religious .....	\$211
<b>Total Special Collections - Diocese.....</b>	<b>\$211</b>

## Offering Giving Summary

Year-to-Date Giving 7/1 - 12/17/17.....	\$669,249
Prior Year-to-Date Giving 7/1 - 12/18/16.....	\$661,661
To Date Digital Church Sign Collection .....	\$32,880

*Please remember Holy Cross parish in your estate planning and thank you for your continued support of Holy Cross Catholic Church.*

6 **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:  
ELEMENTARY AND YOUTH  
FORMATION**

**First Sunday Children's Rosary**

**When:** Sunday, January 7th  
**Time:** 1:20 p.m.  
**Where:** Holy Cross Catholic Church. We will meet at the statue of Blessed Virgin Mary inside the church.  
**Who:** All ages are welcome to join the children.  
 For more information (English or Spanish) contact: Carmen Pacheco at 602-502-3839



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:  
ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND  
SPIRITUALITY**



**Next Adult Sacrament Class  
Begins Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

We are currently accepting registrations for the Spring Adult Sacrament Class. This session is for adults baptized in another Christian denomination and adults who are baptized Catholic but have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation.

For more information contact Cindy Benzing, coordinator of Religious Education, at 480-981-2021 x 214 or [cbenzing@holycrossmesa.org](mailto:cbenzing@holycrossmesa.org).

**Clases Sacramentales Para Adultos  
El Domingo 14 De Enero**

*También estamos aceptando inscripciones para las nuevas clases de preparación sacramental que comienzan el domingo 14 de enero.*

*Estas clases son para adultos que han sido bautizados en la Iglesia católica pero que no han recibido los Sacramentos de Confirmación o Eucaristía, o para aquellos que han sido bautizados en otra denominación Cristiana.*

*Por favor comuníquense con Cindy para programar una cita al número telefónico 480-325-5375 o por correo electrónico [cbenzing@holycrossmesa.org](mailto:cbenzing@holycrossmesa.org).*



**"Don't forget to check out our parish website at [www.holycrossmesa.org](http://www.holycrossmesa.org)"**

Religious Education office 480-325-5375.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:  
ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND  
SPIRITUALITY**

**Winter / Lent  
Adult Faith  
Formation Program**

**WHO AM I TO  
JUDGE?**



Responding to Relativism  
with Logic and Love

Join us in  
Wellen's Hall from  
9:15 - 11 am on the  
following Wednesdays:  
Jan 17, 24, 31  
Feb 7, 21, 28  
Mar 7, 14

**What is "right" and "wrong"?**

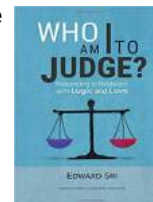
- ◆ Is what's right for you right for me?
- ◆ Is there a right and wrong for everyone, all the time?

These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality—that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. Many of us have been affected by the relativistic outlook that pervades the modern world. Maybe some of us wonder whether there really is an absolute right and wrong for everyone. Or maybe we accept that there is a moral standard for all, but we don't know how to explain our moral convictions in a convincing way. Maybe some of us are afraid of saying something is immoral because we're afraid of offending others or of being labeled intolerant. How do we talk about morality in a relativistic world? Join us for an 8 week Adult Faith Formation study program featuring renown theologian, author, and national speaker, Dr. Edward Sri. We'll explore the classical view of morality and find that it's not merely a set of guiding principles for theoretical situations—it is an entire way of life.



At each gathering we will review a video featuring **Dr. Edward Sri** and then enter into group discussion and reflection. Further study can be done using the book.

Books can be purchased from the Parish Office for \$5 (\$14.40 on Amazon).



Participant study guides will be provided at all sessions. Donations to cover the cost of materials is greatly appreciated.

The videos and participant guides can be found on FORMED.org (Parish Code BR4Z9E) for those who cannot attend or who have to make up a session.

**Please bring a brunch item to share.**

For more information contact **Bridgette Cosentino** at [bcosentino@holycross.mesa.org](mailto:bcosentino@holycross.mesa.org) or (480) 981-2021 x-206.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUALITY



2nd annual *St. Valentine's Date Night*

**Friday, February 9th, 2018**  
**6:30-9:30pm in Anderson Hall**  
 Holy Cross Catholic Church Mesa

*Food, Spirits, Music and more!*



An evening for couples of all ages and stages in life.  
 There will be an inspirational talk, renewal of wedding vows, and of course dancing..  
 This is one date you don't want to miss!

**\$50** per couple

Tickets are on sale in the parish office. Stop by or call in your credit card number.  
 Bridgette Cosentino at (480) 981-2021 x-206 or email [bcosentino@holycrossmesa.org](mailto:bcosentino@holycrossmesa.org)

## Mentor Couples Through Marriage Preparation

Have you ever thought about using your beautiful marriage witness to help prepare couples for marriage in the Church? If you have a strong and faith-filled marriage, you are living in communion with the Catholic Church, and you would like to mentor couples through marriage preparation, please contact Bridgette Cosentino at [bcosentino@holycrossmesa.org](mailto:bcosentino@holycrossmesa.org) or call (480) 981-2021 x-206 for more information. Not only will you be strengthening the future marriages of our engaged couples, but your marriage will reap the fruits of this labor as well. This ministry would be served in your own home, typically in the evenings to accommodate work schedules.

# PARISH & COMMUNITY <sup>7</sup> EVENTS



## Neighborhood Faith Building Groups

Get more connected to your faith. Join other Holy Cross parishioners at one of these twice monthly groups of thirsty Catholics, hungry for more. Whether you would like join one or start your own group, we welcome you to call the office at 480-981-2021 or contact Fr James for more details.

HOLY CROSS 2018 NEIGHBORHOOD FAITH BUILDING GROUPS	NFBG 2wc MONTHLY MEETING TIMES
Broadway east of Power, Fountain of the Sun New Group	Meet times pending - 1st meeting in January to meet twice a month
Main and Val Vista New Group	Proposing twice a month, weekday afternoons or Sat am's - 1st meeting in January
Signal Butte and Elliot New Group	Proposing twice a month, weekday evening, or Sat am or Sunday afternoon (no Wed)
Recker and Brown New Group	Proposing twice a month, Sat mornings
Sossaman and Broadway New Group	Meet times pending - 1st meeting in January to meet twice a month
Leisure World New Group	Meet times pending - 1st meeting in January to meet twice a month
Women's Group	Meeting dates vary
Broadway and Higley Charismatic prayer group	6:30 - 8:30pm Thursdays
Recker and Guadalupe	1st and 3rd WED 6:30pm

## Casino Trips

Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Join us on **Monday January 8th**. We will make stops at Lone Butte and Wild Horse Pass. Bingo is at Lone Butte and both casinos have lots of slot machines. Also from Wild Horse Pass it is short walk or free shuttle ride to the Premium Outlet shops. Cost \$10, which you receive back on arrival at the casino. The bus will leave St. George's Church at **9:00 AM** and Holy Cross Church at **9:15 AM** Reserve your seat today by calling: **Susan Mone 480-969-0447 or Linda Maguire 480-924-1746**. **If you have a slot card for Gila River please have your number ready when calling. Please call by Wednesday January 3rd to reserve your seat.** Not a Holy Cross Sponsored event

**1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY  
EACH MONTH  
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Room "D"  
Religious Education Building**

# PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

## On the Caregiving Journey...

Are you exhausted from the holidays? Are you thinking how great it would be to take a little time off from your caregiving duties but wondering how you can afford the luxury? If you are overqualified for free respite care programs and not able to afford to pay private professional caregivers, then you need to check out the Arizona Caregiver Coalition Lifespan Respite Voucher program. To qualify for a \$300 quarter-year respite voucher, you must be a full-time family caregiver living with your care receiver. To obtain more information and an application form, call the Caregiver Resource Line at **1-888-737-7494**. As a dedicated caregiver, you deserve to take a break to renew and refresh your energy.

Many caregivers share that they feel refreshed and revitalized after attending a caregiver support group meeting. Come join us and check it out for yourself at our two January meetings: **Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at 2:30 p.m. in classrooms 1-2 at Mountain Vista Medical Center** (1301 S. Crismon Road, Mesa) and **Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in classroom J at Holy Cross**. For questions about caregiving, call parishioner and support group facilitator, Evelyn Sanchez, at 602-882-5197.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The next caregiver educational session on self-care for caregivers presented by FSL is scheduled for SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018 at 10:00 am in Classroom D at Holy Cross.** Call Evelyn Sanchez at 602-882-5197 to pre-register.



**Mark Your Calendar**

UPCOMING EVENTS



Holy Cross Council No. 7904

### Donuts will be back on Jan 7!

Wishing all Parishioners a Happy and prosperous New Year!

Take away from us our iniquities, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of Holies, through Christ our Lord, Amen.



**Holy Cross Knights of Columbus Council #7904 and Ladies would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all Holy Cross**

**Parishioners for their support of the "Knights of Columbus Ladies Christmas Bake Sale". Your generous support to this worthwhile cause is truly appreciated.**

### Join the Knights

Become a Holy Cross Council 7904 Knight!

Learn More About the Knights at

<http://www.kofc7904.org/home.html>

and call Jim Pergo at (480) 310-6226 to join.

Council 7904 has created a Facebook page of the activities our Knights enjoy!

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/kofc7904/photos>

Online Knights of Columbus Membership:

Designed to introduce men to our Order in a way that will help them to grow as a Catholic man and a Knight.

Go to: <http://www.kofc.org/un/newjoin/en/index.html>



## Parish Office Closed

The Holy Cross Parish Office will be closed **Monday January 1st** for the New Years Holiday.

## Annual Card Party

January 18th, 2018



The Knights of Columbus and Ladies would like to invite you to join them for an evening of fun & fellowship!  
**Bring the whole family!!**

**Time:** 6:00 pm — 8:30 pm

**Ticket price:** \$5.00 per person  
Tickets available at the door; price includes door prizes and refreshments. Limited seating available.



**Where:** Anderson Hall

**What to bring:** Games & Cards (limited amount of playing cards & pinochle cards provided)

**Raffle tickets:** \$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.00

Play Board Games

Silent Auction

Play Cards

Win Exciting Door Prizes

Play 50/50

Buy Raffle Tickets & Win Great Prizes

## Will you be the voice?



### SATURDAY • JANUARY 20, 2018 DOWNTOWN PHOENIX

Join pro-lifers of all nationalities and faith backgrounds from around the state in downtown Phoenix for the Arizona for Life March and Rally, an event celebrating and advocating for the beauty and dignity of every human life.

Gather at 11 AM. March begins at 11:30 AM at Cesar Chavez Memorial Plaza (2nd Ave. & Washington). Rally at Wesley Bolin Memorial Park from 12:30-2 PM. This will be a family-friendly event with live music, entertainment, food available at the march launch site, and inspiring speakers, including international pro-life advocates Pam Tebow and Stephanie Gray. For more information [azliferally.org](http://azliferally.org)



# COMUNIDAD LATINA/HISPANA

## Sociedad por la Justicia y la Paz para Refugiados, Inmigrantes y Migrantes

### La historia de Adrián

Cuando Adrián llegó al comedor de la Iniciativa Kino Border en Sonora en mayo de 2016, después de vivir en los Estados Unidos por 17 años – recién deportado, sin conocer a nadie, y con sus hijos, de 2 y 3 años detenidos en custodia del estado después que él fue arrestado – tanto su situación como sus posibilidades de reunirse con sus hijos parecían sin esperanza.

Al trabajar con el personal, en un plazo de tres semanas, Adrián, quien tenía custodia de sus niños anteriormente, ya había conseguido un trabajo en una maquiladora, había rentado un apartamento, y obtenido los documentos necesarios para proseguir con los esfuerzos de recuperar a sus hijos. Tomó clases de paternidad y arregló su vivienda para acomodar a los niños pequeños.

Durante los 15 meses que Adrián y sus hijos estuvieron separados, ellos tuvieron tres visitas supervisadas llenas de alegría en Sonora. Finalmente, en agosto de este año, por medio de un nuevo programa de servicios legales de la Iniciativa Kino Border, a pesar de la increíble cantidad de papeleo, de los mil detalles administrativos, y de varias audiencias, todo fue aprobado para la reunificación de la familia de Adrián. Un final feliz. Sin la representación de un abogado, el 93% de los migrantes detenidos pierden sus casos.

### Imaginen por un momento que esa persona fuera uno de ustedes. O alguien a quien ustedes aman.

La Iniciativa Kino Border les daría compasión y apoyo, y abogaría por sus derechos, incluyendo un tratamiento humano. El personal escucharía su historia, creería en ustedes, y les ofrecería **esperanza**. El personal hace esto los 365 días del año, a la vez que cubren necesidades básicas. El año pasado sirvieron comidas calientes a 8,367 personas, albergaron a 380 mujeres y niños. Los hombres duermen en la calle o en un cementerio.

El Padre Sean Carroll, S.J. y las Hermanas de la Eucaristía están agradecidos con los feligreses de la Santa Cruz por sus continuas oraciones y por la generosa ayuda humanitaria que les han brindado.

**Lo que más se necesita ahora: Pantalones para hombre, de 28 a 34 pulgadas de cintura; Zapatos tenis para hombre, en tamaño 8 al 9 y medio, y cosméticos en tamaño de viaje. Por favor traigan sus donativos al patio de la iglesia solamente antes de las Misas del fin de semana, el 13 y 14 de enero de 2018. Solamente esos dos días.**

*Muchísimas gracias y que tengan un Año Nuevo lleno de Paz*



Si tienen un niño menor de 7 años que quieren bautizar, daremos una sesión de orientación el **21 de enero**. Por favor marquen su calendario. La sesión será solamente para los padres de familia.

### Las lecturas de la semana del 31 de diciembre

**Domingo:** Gn 15, 1-6; 21, 1-3 o Eclo 3, 2-6. 12-14/Sal 105, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9. [7. 8] o Sal 128, 1-2. 3. 4-5 [cfr. 1]/ Heb 11, 8. 11-12. 17-19 o Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17/ Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22. 39-40

**Lunes:** Nm 6, 22-27/Sal 67, 2-3. 5. 6. 8 [2]/Gal 4, 4-7/ Lc 2, 16-21

**Martes:** 1 Jn 2, 22-28/Sal 98, 1. 2-3. 3-4 [3]/Jn 1, 19-28

**Miércoles:** 1 Jn 2, 29-3, 6/Sal 98, 1. 3-4. 5-6 [3]/Jn 1, 29-34

**Jueves:** 1 Jn 3, 7-10/Sal 98, 1. 7-8. 9 [3]/Jn 1, 35-42

**Viernes:** 1 Jn 3, 11-21/Sal 100, 1-2. 3. 4. 5 [2]/Jn 1, 43-51

**Sábado:** 1 Jn 5, 5-13/Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20 [12]/ Mc 1, 7-11 o Lc 3, 23-38 o 3, 23. 31-34. 36. 38

**Domingo siguiente:** Is 60, 1-6/Sal 72, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 [cfr. 11]/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12

## El Mundo que se ve desde la perspectiva de un creyente

Para aquellos de ustedes que no pudieron asistir a nuestras reuniones de verano en las que servimos helado, fue allí que yo comencé a compartir con toda la comunidad de la Santa Cruz la idea de la Capilla de Adoración & Centro de Proyección hacia la Comunidad *Stabat Mater*. '*Stabat Mater*' es la primera línea en latín del antiguo himno que se canta tradicionalmente durante el Viacrucis:

*Stabat mater dolorosa  
juxta Crucem lacrimosa,  
dum pendébat Filius.*

*Estaba la Madre dolorosa  
Junto a la Cruz llorosa  
En que pendía su Hijo.*

Esta idea nació de la oración y de las posibilidades de renovación espiritual para la comunidad de nuestra parroquia. Como todos sabemos, la Adoración es una devoción eucarística en la cual los miembros de una parroquia se turnan en horas de adoración ante el Santísimo Sacramento expuesto solemnemente en una custodia, día y noche, a lo largo de la semana.

Los beneficios típicos de que una parroquia tenga adoración perpetua son: un aumento en la asistencia a Misa y en la recepción de sacramentos; un retorno de católicos que se han alejado y un aumento en el número de conversiones; los jóvenes se enteran y aceptan que ellos tienen vocaciones religiosas para el sacerdocio y la vida religiosa; una renovación de la vida familiar católica; y, finalmente, aunque no menos importante, los feligreses sienten un mayor deseo y más valentía para diseminar la 'Buena Nueva' acerca de Jesús con otras personas. En cuanto a la parroquia en general, hay una búsqueda más ansiosa de Jesús en Su Presencia Real, como es el Santísimo Sacramento.

¿Es esto algo que nosotros quisiéramos experimentar dentro de los confines de nuestra propiedad en el 1244 S. de Power Road? Las próximas encuestas para la campaña *Juntos Sigamos Adelante*, las cuales les estaré enviando dentro de poco, me ayudarán a mí y a mis colaboradores cercanos a discernir si esa es la dirección que deberíamos tomar.

Si ustedes quieren ver planes más detallados de *Stabat Mater*, hoy los podrán encontrar en exhibición dentro de las cajas de vidrio al norte de la iglesia, sobre la pared norte del Salón Anderson, y al lado de la puerta hacia la oficina principal.

Su Pastor, Padre Lorenzo



### Espiritualidad de Stabat Mater:

Un lugar de adoración y soledad donde los adoradores de nuestra comunidad ofrecen oraciones específicamente por el regreso de los que se han alejado de la iglesia y por la conversión de los pecadores. La adoración

sería durante la semana hasta las 3:00 pm los viernes y luego se pondría en reposo el Santísimo para conmemorar la muerte de nuestro Señor y para ayudar a los adoradores a entender lo que sería el mundo sin la presencia de su Salvador. Esto ayuda al adorador a comprender mejor el peligro de tantas almas que están lejos de Dios. La Adoración se reanuda el domingo después de la primera misa. Un nicho en la fachada de la capilla *Stabat Mater* tiene una estatua de nuestra Santísima Madre, cuya mirada llena de esperanza se dirige a la cruz que está en la torre del campanario de nuestra iglesia. La Santísima Madre que estuvo presente durante la muerte de su hijo, ya sabía desde entonces que Él regresaría pronto para comprobar su triunfo sobre el pecado y la muerte. Ella es el modelo que necesitamos cuando tratamos con nuestros seres queridos que puedan haberse alejado de Dios. La capilla está diseñada con seis ventanas de vidrio de colores dedicadas a santos que fueron pecadores notorios antes de su conversión.