

HOLY CROSS PARISH

Established 1909



Holy Cross Church



Sacred Heart Mission Church

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Second Sunday of Advent December 04, 2022

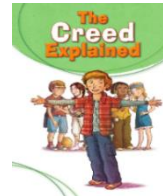
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8th Article of the CREED: *'... I believe in the Holy Spirit*
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The Symbols ...

Exactly because it is difficult to understand who the Holy Spirit is, it can be helpful to think about some of the symbols of the Holy Spirit in the Bible. By means of these “images” we can get an idea of some of the Holy Spirit’s characteristics and **better understand his action in** our lives.



Fire is a symbol of the power that transforms, purifies, and gives light and warmth. In the Old Testament, we come across fire in the burning bush (when God reveals himself for the first time to Moses), on Mount Sinai (when God gives Moses the stone tablets of the Law), and in many of the visions of the prophets. In the Christian faith, fire is an image of **God’s Love** and of the Holy Spirit. In the New Testament, flames or “tongues” of fire descended on the Apostles, Mary, and those gathered in the Upper Room on Pentecost. The **Holy Spirit** transforms our lives. He gives us God’s grace and strength; he brings light to our choices and provides us with the courage we need to follow the teachings of Jesus.

In the Bible **water** is present at the very beginning of creation. In the New Testament water is present at the baptisms which John the Baptist did in the Jordan River, and later at those done by the Apostles on Pentecost and beyond. In the Christian faith water is a sign of the Holy Spirit’s action in Baptism and of **new birth**. Before a person’s Baptism takes place, the priest or deacon asks the Holy Spirit to come upon the water. Just as a new human life develops in the “water” of a mother’s womb, so the beginning of the Christian life occurs in the “water of the Spirit” in the “womb” of the Church. The **Holy Spirit renews us** and gives every one of us the possibility of new life.

Oil, usually from olives, is the symbol of the Spirit of God and of the spiritual strength that come from him. In the Jewish faith recorded in the Bible, men chosen by God for a particular service or mission were anointed with oil. These included the prophets, priests, and kings of Israel. The Holy Spirit makes us strong so that we can undertake without fear the mission that God calls us to do.

In Christian art the **dove** is the most common symbol of the Holy Spirit. This comes from the passages of the Gospels that tell about Jesus’ Baptism in the Jordan River. As Jesus came up from the water, John the Baptist saw the Holy Spirit descend over him “like a dove.” This meek, and gentle bird reminds us that the Holy Spirit **gives us the gentleness** of Jesus and the peace that comes from doing the will of God.

Source of Content: “The Creed Explained”, Silvia Vecchini

Parish Mission: Guided by the diocesan thrust of Stewardship of the Gospel, Holy Cross Parish of Kalaheo commits to developing Lay Leaders, expanding our Youth and Young Adult Ministry, enriching Family Life and strengthening our Faith Formation.

Parish Vision: We, the parishioners of Holy Cross, envision a community of Christian stewards imbued with zest and dynamism as evangelizers of the local church who are working to transform society into a God-loving, Pro-life and Pro-environment community.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Danilo C. Galang, MS
 Deacon: Averiet Soto

Church Office Staff:

Jacqueline Muños, *Secretary*
 Corinne Rosa, *Bookkeeper*

MASS SCHEDULE:

Holy Cross Church:

Daily Mass: 7 AM, Mon.-Fri.
 Saturday: 5:00 PM
 Sunday: 6:45 AM & 9:45 AM

Sacred Heart Mission Church:

Sunday: 8:15 AM

CONFESSION:

Every Saturday at 4:30 PM,
 Holy Cross or by
 appointment

INFORMATION:

Call the Church Office, 808-332-8011, for information about Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals, & Sacramental Preparation for children and adults.

Called to *Serve*

Put your faith in action,

contact the parish office, 808-332-8011, or email: holycrosschurch@hawaii.rr.com to leave your contact information. Our ministries & organizations welcome new members.

JOIN US, the Noblemen of Holy Cross Church, in fellowship & service to the parish. If you are interested, please speak with any of the Noblemen members, or contact Neil at 406-890-1655.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Parish Advent Penance Service** 6 PM on Dec. 6th.
- **Holyday of Obligation:** The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Mass at 7 AM and 6 PM on Dec. 8th at Holy Cross Church.
- **Parish Advent Recollection:** 6 PM, on Dec. 9th.
- **2nd Collection: Dec. 10 & 11:** Retirement Fund for Religious
- **Misa de Gallo Novena Masses:** Dec. 16-24, 5 AM each morning, Holy Cross Church

The Christmas Nativity Scene Home Blessing

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.

When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member. All make the sign of the cross as the leader says: "Our help is in the name of the Lord."

R/. Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 2:1(lines 1-8) or Isaiah 7:10 (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel). **Reader:** The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined: "God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love."

"Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever."

R/. Amen

Stewards of the Treasury

Parish Total: 11.26-27.2022	AMOUNT
OFFERTORY	\$ 3,693.75
MASS INTENTIONS	107.00
CANDLES	32.75
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	1,478.00
OTHER COLLECTIONS	
All Souls:	50.00
Catholic Campaign HD:	115.00
Thanksgiving:	2,087.00
World Mission:	5.00
Christmas Flowers:	10.00



May God bless you wonderfully for your generosity and support.

PARISH CALENDAR

DATE, TIME, PLACE	EVENT
Sundays, 8:30 AM,	CCD classes in classrooms, Dec. 4, 8:30 AM
First AND Third Sundays, 5-6:30 PM	Youth Ministry sessions, hall Dec. 4, BRING a FRIEND!
Mondays, 6-7:30 PM, classroom	EDGE sessions, Dec. 5, 6-7:30 PM
Wednesdays, 5:30 PM	Rosary
Dec. 4, 11 AM, hall	FCC Membership Meeting
Dec. 6, 6 PM, church	Parish Advent Penance Service
Dec. 8, 7 AM & 6 PM, church	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Dec. 9, 6 PM, hall	Parish Advent Recollection
Dec. 10 -11, All Masses	2 nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious
Dec.16-24, 5 AM, church	Misa de Gallo Novena Mass

