

# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

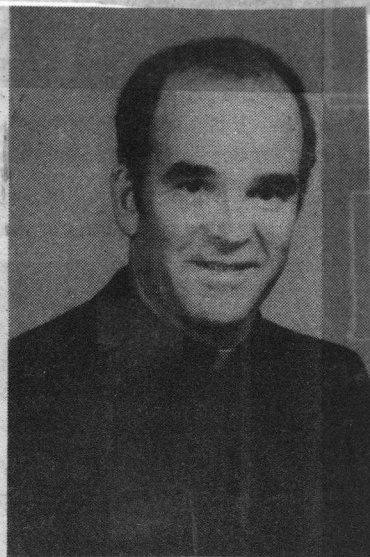
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Santa Cruz, California

## Holy Cross Church Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Father James P. Henry was born in Sligo, Ireland and later attended All Hallows Seminary in Dublin, Ireland. He was ordained for the Diocese of Monterey in 1971. Before being named Pastor of Holy Cross in September 1981, he served as Associate Pastor in Salinas, Seaside, Watsonville and Monterey.

Father Jim comes from a family whose priest members have served in the Diocese of Monterey since the mid-nineteenth century, including his uncle, Monsignor James Marron who served at Holy Cross in the late 1940's.



From its dedication in September of 1889 to its 100th Anniversary in 1989, Holy Cross Church has been a proud Santa Cruz landmark visited by locals and tourists alike. We are proud to present this Centennial Celebration Publication and introduce you to many facets of our Parish Community. As you will learn, we are an Historical Community whose early days were an integral part of Santa

Cruz history. We are a Teaching Community and pride ourselves on our Catholic School and our religious education programs. We are a Sharing Community and strive to serve all members of the community from preschoolers to high school students to seniors. Finally, we are a Diverse Community made up of many smaller organizations and we are proud to introduce these organizations to you.

After months of preparations, the Centennial Committee is proud to let the festivities begin. Holy Cross invites you to join with us in a week long celebration of faith and community. Please read on to learn who we are, and to discover the complete listing of scheduled activities for our Centennial Celebration.

### Message From Father Jim Henry:

Centennial celebrations will always have historical significance but the truly special meaning of the Holy Cross Centennial lies in the Spiritual and Social Community that has unfolded over the past 6 months. It has been a great joy to watch the many Parish organizations and ethnic groups work together to prepare for this event and I sincerely thank all who are participating.

Together we celebrate an appreciation of our rich History as we look forward to the next 100 years of Holy Cross Parish. As pastor, I am proud and honored to welcome the community of Santa Cruz to join us in this very special historical celebration.

### HOLY CROSS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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## DIOCESE of MONTEREY PASTORAL OFFICE —

*Beloved Brothers and Sisters of Holy Cross Parish,*

A century in the life of a human being is a long time. That same span of years in the history of the world is rather brief. Whether it is to be long or brief, it is worthwhile to celebrate a 100 year anniversary. You are celebrating 100 years of Holy Cross Church; it began as a mission, but it grew to a parish. In those 100 years, the graces and blessings of God have come into the lives of people who are remembered and who are forgotten; but always loved by God.

On the occasion of this historical celebration, I send to you my personal congratulations and I also pledge my prayers asking God to continue His bountiful blessings upon the people of Holy Cross Parish and the people of Santa Cruz as well.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Thaddeus Shubsda*  
Most Reverend Thaddeus Shubsda, D.D.  
Bishop of Monterey

## *Holy Cross: A Historical Community*

In September, one hundred years ago, the community of Santa Cruz looked towards Mission Hill to see the completion of a new gothic church. It stood tall and imposing and seemed almost out of place among the remains of the mission era buildings. The mission had been founded almost one hundred years before and now this new building, replacing a frame church that had been built in 1857 when the mission church had been destroyed in an earthquake, stood as a reminder of the continuing life and vitality of the Catholic Community. For the Parishioners of Holy Cross it was a place of worship, but for the large community of Santa Cruz, it was the "big church with the tall steeple" that gave its name to the city of Santa Cruz.

Now, one hundred years later, we are planning to celebrate the abiding presence of the same building in our midst. It is the same tall imposing building but it has changed somewhat since the people of Santa Cruz first saw it. The red brick exterior of 1889 is now white, having been painted some forty years ago to prevent water damage. The interior of the church has been recently renovated and restored in a way that blends historical authenticity with current liturgical requirements.

It is now almost two hundred years since the founding of Mission Santa Cruz, but for the parishioners of Holy Cross the church building is not a museum or an ancient reminder of something that no longer exists. It is the center of our faith celebrations. For many people, Holy Cross Church is a place where the special events in their lives or those of their families have been celebrated.

We hope that our beautiful church will continue beyond our time to be a welcoming sign in our community, standing tall on Mission Hill, a reminder of the special presence of God in our midst.



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# *Holy Cross: A Teaching Community*

## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Originally established in 1862 by the Daughters of Charity as an orphanage, Holy Cross School gradually evolved into a resident facility for needy students and a day School for Catholic girls. In 1926, a parish school was built to accommodate a co-educational day school for Grades 1-12.

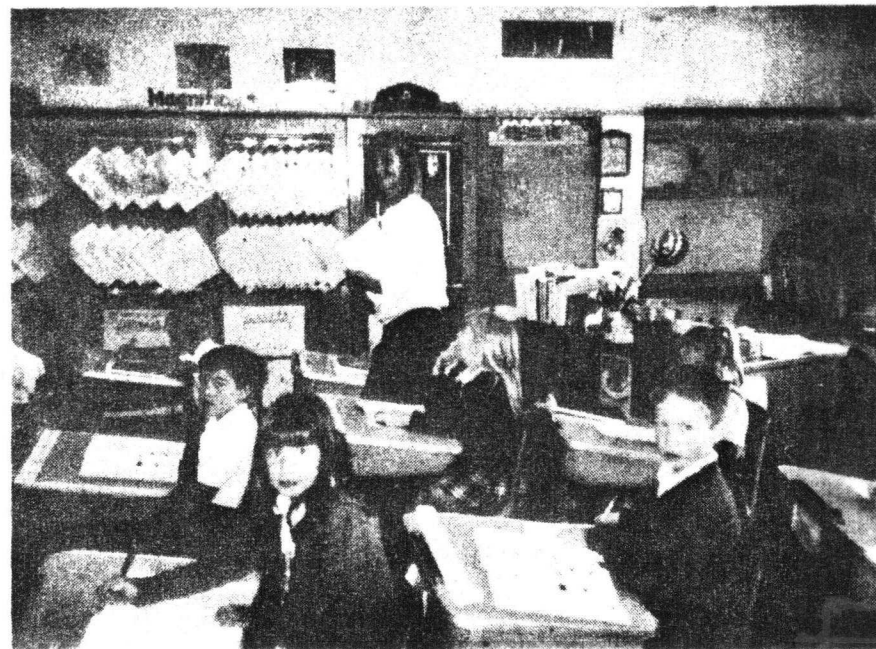
The Adrian Dominican Sisters replaced the Daughters of Charity in 1944. The present building on Emmet Street was constructed in 1958, and accommodated Grades 1-5 as well as the religious education program for the parish; Grades 6-8 continued to utilize the high school building. At the request of the diocesan officials, Grades 9-12 were discontinued in 1970.

Today, Holy Cross School accommodates Grades K-8, and the parish religious education program.

There have been many changes over the past 126 years in the school. The long white habits of the Adrian Dominican Sisters are now gone as the current sisters are dressed in contemporary clothing. Holy Cross School has a lay principal, and the staff includes both Adrian Dominican Sisters and lay teachers.

The curriculum is still composed of the three "R's" and religion with computers and science now a part of the academic program. We are proud of the sequential physical education program for all grades, and the competitive sports program which is part of our school program. Vocal music classes are held weekly, and the students present an annual Christmas and Spring program using their musical talents.

Our philosophy has remained the same throughout the past 126 years in that we endeavor to cultivate spiritually vigorous Catholic citizens for our American democratic society and for the world to come.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Holy Cross Parish has a strong religious education program which serves the needs of many different groups. Classes are provided for children and teens from 1st grade to high school seniors. In addition the community members who are not baptized but are interested in investigating the Catholic faith may do so through the parish office of Sister Mary Kelley and the R.C.I.A.

## ***Holy Cross: A Singing Community***

On any given Sunday of the year, beautiful strains can be heard floating from the large white church on the hill. Holy Cross is proud of its four fine choirs. The Choirs span all ages and music types from the smallest angels of the Holy Cross School Junior choir through the Folk ensemble and Hispanic choir to the talented harmonies of the Senior choir. On September 17th, all four choirs will join voices in celebration of the Centennial.

### **FELGEMAKER FINDS A HOME**

As a part of the recent renovation to Holy Cross acquired a 100 year old pipe organ through the Organ Clearing House, a group of musicians dedicated to the preservation of fine examples of 19th century American organ builders. Originally built for a Presbyterian Church, the organ was later purchased by a Baptist Congregation in Columbus, Ohio. Now in its third church home, this beautiful organ has been professionally and lovingly rebuilt and restored by Stewart Goodwin and Company. The pipe organ project at Holy Cross was made possible through the individual donations of over four hundred parishioners and citizens of Santa Cruz.

## ***Holy Cross: A Sharing Community***

Holy Cross Parish is a Community of loving, caring folks. Many small organizations within the church exist to serve the needs of others. *Martha's Helpers* is a group of parishioners who formed a group to reach out to those who are suffering the loss of a loved one. By preparing meals and lending support to those in need, this volunteer organization demonstrates that we truly are a caring community. Anyone wishing to take part in this outreach may contact Sister Mary Margaret at the Parish office.

Another outreach group within our parish is the *Legion of Mary*. This organization ministers to those members of the Parish who are sick, house bound and to those in nursing and retirement homes. The *Legion of Mary* brings

the Holy Eucharist to those who cannot attend Mass, or simply visit with a smile or a friendly chat.

Holy Cross Parishioners have the opportunity to participate fully in The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Eucharistic ministers, help distribute Holy Communion during the Mass and are an integral part of our celebrations.

Lectors are those who proclaim the word of God during the liturgy and are vital to the celebrations as they serve to tell the stories of our faith. Anyone interested in either of these areas may contact Sylvia Deck or Bill McDaniel.

The *Intercessory Prayer Group* lends spiritual support and prayers to anyone in need. Organized through a

telephone tree, this group ministers to anyone in need of prayer and is available to lend prayerful support immediately. Rita Mockus may be contacted by those interested in this ministry.

If you've ever visited Holy Cross at any weekend Masses, you were probably greeted with a smile and a handshake. The *Hospitality Committee* provides both ushers and greeters at all of the Masses to help create a spirit of friendship to set the tone for the celebration of Liturgy. If you would like to become involved in the parish, serving on this committee is a great way to meet people. Lil Pinherio is in charge of the volunteers and welcomes participants.



## **APOSTLES OF YOUTH GROUP**

The Apostles of Youth (AOY) are youth group students of high school age under the direction of Patricia Shubeck, Youth Minister of Holy Cross Church. AOY is under the leadership of college students and extends to adolescents from, San Lorenzo Valley, Harbor, and Santa Cruz High Schools.

The primary purpose of this organization is to support young adults. It offers teens a chance to unite and support or be supported by other youths with similar values and beliefs.

The 45 members of this group also give to those in need. They have sponsored a Hunger Walk to earn money for St. Francis Catholic Kitchen, have donated food to shelters, and very importantly, have extended their arms to the elderly of the community. During Lent the AOY has visited nursing homes and formed relationships with elderly. Known as I.O.U. venture, these friendships tend to develop into bonded friendships.

According to Patricia Shubeck, "For once the teens have a chance to get together, share feelings, and be themselves." At the same time, they learn how to reach out to peers and to the community."

## **THE ORDER OF ST. FRANCES**

The Third Order of St. Francis is headed this year by President Jack Chiorini. The local fraternity is one of approximately 1,200 in the United States and meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month.

Before each meeting which are generally spiritual in nature, Mass is celebrated. Discussions vary, and may involve Bible studies, prayer readings or general rules of the 3rd Order.

Anyone interested in more information on the Third Order of St. Francis, may call the parish office or contact Jack Chiorini.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Santa Cruz Council 971 of the Knights of Columbus was started February 26, 1905. Since then this council has had a long and distinguished history. Barely a year after receiving its charter, the 1906 Earthquake hit the city of San Francisco. Council 971 replied to the great call for help, both financially and physically, providing relief to the victims.

According to Rudy A. Quijance, Grand Knight of Council 971, "this Council takes pride in the contributions it has made in religious, civic, and educational activities in the community." It has reached youth via Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Little League, and provided scholarships to high school graduates.

Recently, they have given financial aid to Project Scout (a senior citizen outreach program), Saint Claire's Retreat House, Hospice, and the California Grey Bears, among of her organizations. Presently, the club is also contributing to a seminary in the Phillippines. Adds Mr. Quijance, "Religious projects and activities are top priority in this Council. Knights of Columbus are also very active in lay ministry within their parishes."

# ***Holy Cross: A Diverse Community***

## **GLI ITALIO AMERICAN CONSERVONO LA LORO CULTURA**

La Federazione Italiana Cattolica i Figli d'Italia, ed il Club Marconi sono tre organizzazioni internazionali che si trovano anche a Santa Cruz. Mentr mantengono la loro cultura di origine Italiana, si dedicano pure ad aiutare la chiesa e la community locale.

## **ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION**

For over sixty years, the ICF has played an active religious and cultural role in the Santa Cruz area. Formed at Holy Cross in 1929, the Santa Cruz branch was the first federation in the diocese (Which at the time included the present dioceses of Fresno and Monterey). In 1930, the Santa Cruz branch hosted for the statewide convention.

The ICF was founded in 1924 to bring Italian-Americans back into the church. Today it's primary purpose is to conduct apostolic work for those who need help. According to Russel Manor, president of Branch 21 (Holy Cross Chapter), the ICF gives to the Heart Fund, Cooley's Anemia, St. Vincent dePaul, and Catholic foundations. Through parish listings, the organization also donates food and clothing to the needy.

ICF plays an even larger part in the community by organizing trips each month to nursing homes. They celebrate birthdays and holidays with convalescents, bring gifts and flowers to those without families, but most of all, give of their time and love to those who are alone.

## **THE MARCONI CLUB**

The Marconi Club, named for Guglielmo Marconi, the celebrated Italian inventor, started in our community in 1936. Its primary purpose was to help Italian immigrants achieve American citizenship, further, it encouraged new citizens to become active in local political issues.

Fred Moro, Marconi Club President off and on for the last seventeen years, has led the club's 200 members to perform various acts of charity for the needy in Santa Cruz County. Through fund raising events, Marconi Club has donated scholarship funds, donated to the Boys' Club, Special Olympics, and Cancer Society, among others. The Club also sponsors a Sister City in Sestre Levante, Italy.

## **SONS OF ITALY**

This organization was formed in Santa Cruz in 1949. Though most members are of Italian decent, this is no longer a stipulation. Sons of Italy is a purely social club, which through its fund raisers, performs charitable works. Not only do they give college scholarships to local high school graduates, they donate time and funds to community charities.

## **Y.L.I.**

The Young Ladies Institute is a Catholic Women's Organization which was founded in 1888. Located today throughout five western states, this organization was originally founded "to help other ladies in need." Today its local membership is comprised of women from Holy Cross and surrounding Catholic parishes. Business meetings are held once a month on the second Thursday of the month to plan spiritual, social and community project activity.

## **HISPANIC CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION**

The Hispanic Catholic Association was established with the primary purpose of bringing together the Hispanic Community. The Hispanic Catholic Association helps those in need of food, clothing, burials and finding work.

The HCA has 88 members, most of whom are Holy Cross Church parishioners. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month.

The Hispanic Catholic Association provides support and assistance to a very large group of Hispanics and Hispanic American children attending Religious Education. The Hispanic Religious Education program at Holy Cross was established in 1981 by Father Raul Carvajal, native of Quito, Ecuador and Sister Mary Kelly. Classes are held on Saturday mornings at Holy Cross Elementary School.

In addition to supporting the activities in the Santa Cruz area, economic help has been given to convents in Mexico. The Hispanic Catholic Association cordially welcomes everyone.

## **FILIPINO AMERICAN CATHOLIC CONFEDERATION**

The Filipino American Catholic Federation is a California organization founded in 1952 by Father Calii, a Filipino priest from New York. The Santa Cruz unit has 42 active members, many of whom are Holy Cross parishioners. Meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month and incorporate Spiritual development and project support into a social setting.

Bible study and a deeper reading of the gospels helps members to strengthen their commitment to the church and to their Catholic Faith. In addition to supporting activities here in Santa Cruz, funds raised by the Filipino American Catholic Federation are used to encourage religious development in various sister churches in the Phillipine Islands. The Filipino American Catholic Federation is proud to be a part of the Holy Cross Parish Community and welcomes new members, for more information, contact Amando Ramos.



## **ALTAR SOCIETY**

The Altar Society led by president Betty Lanigan is a service organization which meets every month. The women in this organization insure that all aspects and areas of the altar are maintained from providing candles and fresh flowers, to laundering the linens. Social and spiritual gatherings are also a part of their agenda. New members are always welcome.