



**Notes from the Pastor**

What makes a family “holy?” This is Holy Family Sunday and in the tradition of the gospel according to Matthew we find the Holy Family fleeing Bethlehem south to the Gaza and Egypt where they would be safe from King Herod. (I’ve visited the Church of the Holy Family in old Cairo. Unfortunately, it has been burned during the recent riots.) The novel “Out of Egypt” by Anne Rice, imagines the life of the Holy Family and the early education of Jesus during their exile. Nothing is known of their early life in Nazareth except the episode of their travel to visit the Temple in Jerusalem for Passover and Jesus separation from them.

So what can we learn about this typical Jewish family? Read the Book of Sirach (today’s 1st reading) and note the relationship of Father and son and Mother and son. Jesus was obedient to both Mary and Joseph. He learned his prayers from Mary and his craftsmanship skills from Joseph. There would be the regular cycle of Jewish feast days and festivals, times of classes in the Talmud in the synagogue, and family celebrations of birthdays. They were a normal family that trusted very much in God’s special love for them.

Preparing for the New Year 2014 I invite you to gather as a “family” to reflect on the blessings of this past year, to give thanks, to worship on January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and a World Day of Prayer for Peace. Take your new calendars and mark the family birthdays, anniversaries – marriages, deaths and other. And set aside at least a day each month for the family to be together to simply enjoy an outing – the local state parks, mountains, museums, whatever. Just some quality time together.

Please continue to reach out in prayer and personal invitation to those in your family you are not active. Invite them to join you for a class or gathering here with us at Holy Cross. Remember, all of us are called by reason of our Baptism to share our personal commitment to Jesus Christ and to witness to his Good News in words and deeds.

Fr. Alejandro and I and all of our ministry and support staff join in wishing you and all of your loved ones the blessings of peace and good health for the New Year 2014. God bless you all!

*Shalom, Fr. Alejandro*

Please Pray for the members of our parish who are facing illness.

**Oren por los enfermos de nuestra Parroquia**

Merciful Jesus, have compassion on all those who are sick or in pain. Grant them a healing of mind and body and restore their strength and spirit.



*Jesús Misericordioso, ten compasión de todos aquellos que están enfermos o en dolor. Concédeles su curación mental y corporal y renueve su fuerza y espíritu.*

Erlinda Williamson, Eric Roper, Charlotte Sanchez, George M. Adams, Hunter Nolan, Guy Ungaro, Alfredo Baca, Maria Vasquez, John Bianco, Francesca Masini, Dolores Drexler, Diane Smith, David Cordero

**STEWARDSHIP**



**CORRESPONSABILIDAD**

**First Collection**

<b>Needed weekly</b> .....	<b>\$13,750.00</b>
Received this week.....	\$ 23,333.71
<b>Needed for this fiscal year “13-14”</b> .....	<b>\$715,000.00</b>
<b>Budget to date</b> .....	<b>( 50%) .....\$ 357,500.00</b>
Received to date .....	(46.64%) ... \$ 333,466.84
Envelopes Used .....	351
Attendance .....	1,779
<b>Together in Faith &amp; Hope</b> .....	<b>\$2,216.76</b>
Pope John Paul II....	\$695.00
Religious Retirement Fund.....	\$565.00

*“Thank you all for your prayers, time, talent, and generosity.”*

**Happy New Year!**

The Parish office will be closed Wednesday January 1, 2014 in observance of New Year’s Day.



Feliz Ana Nuevo!

La oficina estará cerrada el día miércoles enero 1, 2014 en observación del año nuevo.

**Msgr. Anderson Class will start again**

**Monday January 13, 2014**

**7pm in the Church Gathering Space**



**The Three C’s of Prayer**

**To be Catholic**

**To be Community**

**To be Church**

**All are Welcome!**



**New Years Day Mass Time**

**Tuesday, December 31,2013**

4:30 p.m. Mass ( English)

**Wednesday, January 1, 2014**

8:00 a.m. Mass (English)

10:00 a.m. Mass (English)



### Holy Cross Book Club

The book for January is “ The Dovekeepers”  
by Alice Hoffman

They will meet Tuesday January 21, 2014 at  
6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Meeting Room.

Invite a friend, neighbor, family member, and en-  
joy discussion of our latest read and bring a dish to  
share with all.  
Happy Reading!



Do you have any wheel chairs, walkers, canes that you  
do not use anymore? The elderly and disabled people  
in Juarez are in dire need of these objects as well as  
adult diapers (size small or medium). The staff from The  
Lords Ranch will make sure they get to their destination. My  
granddaughter Rebecca and I have made this one of our mis-  
sions. Can you please help us help the less fortunate? Please  
call me at 575-621-5200 and I will be happy to pick up your  
donations. Or you can bring them to the office and specify  
that they are for the elderly from Juarez. Thank you and God  
bless you.

Deacon Gurrola ,Martha & Rebecca Gurrola



### MISIONERS FOR CHRIST MINISTRY

What if every single Catholic Church took 1  
hour a week, or even a month to go out and  
invite those people who for one reason or another have  
ceased to attend Mass on Sunday or to be active in the  
church? A lot of time all that is needed is a little encour-  
agement and knowing that someone does care in order  
to take that step and return. Well you have the oppor-  
tunity to do just that! A group from Holy Cross has been  
doing this since June. So far over a hundred homes have  
been visited and many have returned to receive sacra-  
ments. It is very rewarding and fun to pair up with  
someone from the parish and do just that. Won't you join  
us? If you are interested in finding more about it please  
call Martha Gurrola at 621-5200 or call the parish office  
and leave a message. There is a one hour ongoing train-  
ing for everyone interested!



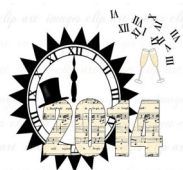
### Join us for Adoration

**Monday - Friday from  
8:00 am to 12 noon  
in the Small Chapel .**

### Check out our Website!!

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

Register for flocknote to stay connected with the latest news!



### New Year's Eve Dance (Must be 21 years or older to attend) “Dance the Night Away”

**Tuesday, December 31, 2013  
25.00 a person or 40.00 a couple**

We will be having dinner and dance in the,  
“Rafaela Lucero Hall”.

6 pm, Spaghetti and wine dinner

7pm -10pm Oldies but Goodies band will play.

At 10 pm we will ring in the New Year with  
dessert and wine as we view the ball dropping from  
New York City

DJ Music will continue from 10:30 –Midnight!

We will have a 50/50 raffle. One dollar a ticket or  
10 tickets for five dollars!

**Tickets available in Parish Office or in  
Gathering Space after Mass.**

### Do you knit, or have interest in learning how to knit?

We are forming a charity knitting group, and all  
levels of knitters are welcome. Meetings are  
tentatively scheduled for the second  
and fourth Thursdays each month, at  
the Parish offices.



**Date: Thursday , January 9 ,2014**

**Time: 10am-12noon**

**Date: Thursday 23, 2014**

**Time: 6 pm-8pm**

Project ideas and yarn will be provided, as well as  
instruction for beginning knitters.

Please call Antoinette Fuentes, 575-993-2280 for  
more information. Yarn donations are welcome,



### First Friday Friends January 3, 2014

**10:00 a.m. Holy Hour in the Chapel**

**11:00 a.m. Luncheon at the Meeting Room**

We invite everyone to come and celebrate the love  
of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and return an hour of your  
time together with other faith-filled people.

**All are welcome to join us any First Friday.**