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Letter From The Editor

Greetings again my fellow readers! We meet again on the path of the Gauntlet. As they say, "the third time's the charm!" This November, we encourage you to move forward! There are new columns, more reviews, and even food recipes; there is enough here to blow your gourd! I'll cut the puns; I don't want to run the wisk of losing you. Until next time,

-The Editor

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Events

- The season of Advent will begin on November 27th.
- Cheer will be going to the TAPPS Cheer State Competition on December 6th
- Lets pray for our Seniors retreat from December 7th 9th
- There will be Mass on December 8th.

Sports

- Nov 29, Boy's Varsity basketball vs. Burbank, home game at 6:30 p.m.
- Dec 2, Girl's Varsity basketball vs. San Juan Diego, there at 5 p.m.
- Dec 2, JV basketball vs. FEAST, home game at 6 p.m.
- Dec 6, Varsity basketball vs. Jefferson, home game at 6:30 p.m.
- Dec 9, Varsity soccer vs. Robert G. Cole HS, home Game at 6 p.m.
- Dec 10, Varsity soccer vs. San Juan Diego, home game at 5 p.m.
- Dec 13, Varsity soccer vs. Geneva, home game at 7 p.m.
- Dec 16th, soccer vs. San Juan Diego, home game at 7 p.m.



- If you like ice skating you can buy tickets to the rotary ice rink at Travis Park from now through January 2023.
- To go to the river walk and enjoy the lights is free and will be going on from dusk to dawn nightly through January 9th.

Spiritual Corner



The book of Habakkuk goes to show that even when we are suffering as we carry our cross like Christ, our Heavenly Father knows and will be with us.

Micah

In the book of Micah, we see in chapter 1 that those in Samaria and Jerusalem are the concern of the vision. We see Heavenly Father decide to destroy Samaria and likely Jerusalem due to their sins.

However, we see a prophecy concerning the Messiah in this book, which is later referred to by the chief priests and the scribes of the people to

by: Will Lebrun

Hello, and welcome to the Spiritual Corner! Last month, we covered some more of the minor prophets, including Jonah, Nahum, and Joel. Today, we will cover three more of the minor prophets, those of Habakkuk, Micah, and Zechariah. We will explore how each of these minor prophets gives us prophecy relating to the Messiah.

Habakkuk

Habakkuk shows us an example of how we will often struggle while we are on the earth. In this book, the prophet Habakkuk cries out to the Lord for justice, to which the Lord tells him that the righteous will live by faith. Habakkuk 2:4 states, "Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith."



Herod concerning Jesus of Nazareth's birth. This verse is Micah 5:2: "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

In this prophecy, we see the Messiah, by whom we could be redeemed by faith, coming from Bethlehem, a prophecy later fulfilled by Jesus of Nazareth. We can also see hints of Jesus of Nazareth's divinity.



Zechariah

In Zechariah, we are given many prophecies, some of which may be symbolic, including those of Joshua the high priest being redeemed, the two witnesses or lamp stands, as well as four artisans or craftsmen who break the four horns of the gentiles.

However, the prophecy we will be focusing on is Zechariah 9:9: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon [a donkey*, and upon a colt the foal of [a donkey."

In this prophecy, we see a King coming unto Jerusalem humbly. This prophecy is later fulfilled by Jesus the Messiah when he enters on Palm Sunday into Jerusalem, soon to be afflicted for the sins of many, as shown in Isaiah 53: 1-12.



Saints by: Michelle Crockford

St. Charles Borromeo

- Feast day: Nov. 4
- Patron Saint of bishops, catechists, cardinals, seminarians, and spiritual leaders.
- St. Charles Borromeo was the Archbishop of Milan (1564-1584) who devoted himself in service in the church from the age of 12. He was a count's son and suffered from a speech impediment, but despite this he worked hard and impressed his teachers with his performance. Charles was later made a cardinal by his uncle, Pope Pius IV. Among other duties, used his position to open a literary school.



St. Martin de Porres

- Feast day: Nov. 3
- Patron Saint of Mixed Race, Barbers, Public Health Workers, and Innkeepers.
- St. Martin de Porres, abandoned at a young age, learned the trades of a barber and surgeon. Martin prayed often and wanted nothing more than to join the Dominican order. Because of his mixed race, this was denied to him, but after years volunteering at the brother's monastery (starting at the age of 15), he was allowed to join the Dominican's third order.

St. Leo the Great

- Feast day: Nov. 10
- Patron Saint of popes and confessors.
- There are only 3 popes titled, "The Great". Pope Leo was recognized as great because of his constant teaching against many heretical practices and beliefs during his time. He worked tirelessly in the church before he became pope and worked even harder afterwards.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

- Feast day: Nov. 17
- Patron Saint of bakers, beggars, brides, charities, and children that have passed.
- St. Elizabeth was the daughter of the Hungarian King Andrew II and married to Ludwig IV of Thuringia. She lived a life of full prayer and service to the church and poor.

Bl. Miguel Pro

- Feast day: Nov. 23
- Born 1891 in Guadalupe, Mexico, Bl. Miguel was a jokester and mischievous. He recognized his call to priesthood when his younger sister became a nun. He gave up everything that he had or had the potential to have to become a priest. During a spiritual persecution, Fr. Pro was executed, proclaiming, "Viva Cristo Rey," and, "Long live Christ, Our King."



St. Andrew

- Feast day: Nov. 30
- Patron Saint of Fishermen, singers, Scotland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine and Patras.
- St. Andrew was one of the twelve apostles, older brother to St. Peter, and one of the disciples called to become fishers of men. Before following Jesus, Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist. He was martyred by crucifixion on an x-shaped cross.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

- Feast day: Nov. 13
- Patron Saint of hospital administrators, immigrants, and impossible causes.
- St. Frances Cabrini was the first American saint to be canonized. In 1877, she took her vows to become a nun and immigrated to New York City from Italy, intending to open an orphanage. In 35 years, Frances Cabrini founded 67 institutions for the care of the poor, abandoned, uneducated, and sick.



Entertainment Sports



World Series 2022 by: Anthony Moreno

What a season it's been! After six long months of the MLB season, it was finally here. The World Series! Would the Houston Astros be able to prove their doubters wrong following their 2017 cheating scandal? Or would the Philadelphia Phillies escape with their 3rd World Series title?

Well, lucky for you don't have to wait nor do you have to search it on the internet. I have a short recap of the series as well as the stats, results, and more for Game 6.

Following Game One loss at home in a thrilling 6-5 extra-inning battle, Houston struck back the next night, with a 2-5 victory in Game 2. However, Philadelphia was not about to give up, and they silenced the Astros in a 7-0 shutout in Game 3. A total of five home runs were hit by the Phillies throughout the entire game, including home runs from Bryce Harper, Alec Bohm, Brandon Marsh, Kyle Schwarber, and Rhys Hoskins.

Heading into Game 4, the Phillies were hoping to hold onto and take a 3-1 lead on their home turf. However, the Astros had other historical plans and shut down their hopes with a 5-0 no-hitter shutout. Astros pitchers Cristian Javier, Bryan Abreu, Rafael Montero, and Ryan Pressly combined to strike out 14 Phillie players and only allowed three total base-runners. Those four pitchers along with Yankees pitcher Don Larsen are the only players in World Series history to throw a no-hitter! Talk about history!

As we returned to the City of Brotherly Love for Game 5, the series was tied as both teams were in desperate need of a victory. The end result was a classic with multiple outs in the early innings and back-and-forth scoring in the late innings. The Astros were able to escape Philadelphia with a 3-2 victory thanks in part to one RBI from rookie Jeremy Pena





at the top of the first inning, as well as a home run at the top of the 4th by Pena and another RBI from the designated hitter and left fielder Yordan Alvarez at the of the 8th. The Phillies attempted to fight back following Kvle Schwarber's home run at the bottom of the first inning. However, they wouldn't score until the eighth, but by then it was too late. As we approached the end of the game two crucial plays were made by Houston. The first was a crucial diving catch by first baseman Trey Mancini in the eighth inning and the other more memorable catch was made by center fielder Chas McCormick in the ninth inning, which sealed the deal for the Astros.

With the Astros now leading the series 3-2, the stars aligned in H-Town as they returned to their home turf, hoping to close out the series.

Add a little bit of tension on the other side, the Phillies were hoping to force the dreaded game seven. Although Astros star Justin Verlander struggled during games 1 and 5, his absence was somewhat surprising to many. In his place was pitcher Framber Valdez. However, Valdez proved why he deserved to start as he averaged 9 strikeouts, and only allowed one home run and two walks.

The game progressed with some close calls throughout the first few innings. However, as we entered the 6th inning the Phillies managed to draw first blood thanks to a home run from Kyle Schwarber. At the bottom of the sixth, with second basemen Jose Altuve on first base, rookie Jermey Pena hit a grounder that sent Altuve past second onto third. As José Alvarado replaced main pitcher Zack Wheeler for the Phillies, Astro left fielder Yordan Alvarez came up to the plate and hit a three-run homer which put the Astros up 3-1. As the bottom of the 6th rolled on another pitching change was made for the Phillies as Seranthony Dominguez came in.



In the midst of a 2 out 2 strike situation, the Astros were still at bat when catcher Christian Vázquez hit a base hit, sending third basemen Alex Bregman home to put them ahead 4-1. As the Phillies attempted to get back in the game in the seventh and the eighth inning, they were met with multiple outs. As the final inning began, the Astros only needed three outs to win their second World Series, which luckily was granted thanks to a catch from Kyle Tucker. Following Kyle Schwarber's base hit to first, A popup was hit by Bryce Harper toward left field, but it was caught by Yordan Alvarez. With only one out left, a chance of a comeback for the Phillies was pretty much gone. With a man on first, Nick Castellanos hit a fly ball that was caught by Kyle Tucker, and the game was over! The Houston Astros were World Series Champions!

"What's next? Party!" -Dusty Baker



The Astros did it for Dusty! In 2017, they were infamous for their cheating scandal, but this time they finished the job. As they lifted the coveted trophy, the night wasn't over yet for one Jermey Pena, as he won the 2022 MVP Award. He averaged .400, posted a 1.023 on-base percentage, and led all hitters with 10 hits and 15 total

bases. He had one home run, two doubles, five runs scored, and three RBIs.



Photos by: Gaby Ruiz

Music



Dirt - Album Review by: Anthony Moreno

In the early 1990s, the Grunge movement was in full swing. Grunge rock was taking over the music industry and youth culture frontmen such as Kurt Cobain, Layne Staley, Eddie Vedder, and Chris Cornell were becoming the voices of a generation.

The grunge movement was credited with k ending hair metal with albums such as *Nirvana's Nevermind*, Mudhoney's *Superfuzz Bigmuff*, *Pearl Jam's "Ten", Soundgarden's "Badmotofinger"*, and of course, Alice in Chains' *"Dirt".*

Formed in 1987 in Seattle, A.I.C consisted of vocalist Layne Staley, guitarist/vocalist Jerry Cantrell, bassist Mike Starr, and drummer Sean Kinney. Following the success of their EP *Jar of Flies* and their debut album *Facelift*, the group was looking to do something a little darker than their previous album.

Songs such as "Sickman", "Godsmack", and "Junkhead" focus more on addiction, while other songs like their single "Them Bones" and "Dam That River" are about fights with other band members and Cantrell's fear of dying. As for the other singles on the album, "Would?" was written as a tribute to Jerry Cantrell's friend Andrew Wood of Mother Love Bone, who died in 1990. Cantrell said the song was also "aimed at people who pass judgment." The other single in the album, "Rooster", was written by Cantrell for his father, who served in the Vietnam War and whose childhood nickname was ironically "Rooster."

"It was the start of the healing process between my Dad and I from all the damage Vietnam caused." -Jerry Cantrell

The next single, "Angry Chair," is a song that can be hard to understand. Some say it's about vocalist Layne Staley's childhood, as his father would put him in timeout by sitting him in a chair in front of a mirror. However, some say its lyrics have been interpreted as a look into the mind of an addict and his struggles.

The final single off the album was "Down In A Hole," and despite what most people interpret about the song being about depression, it was actually written for Jerry Cantrell's girlfriend Courtney Clarke.

Overall, this album is legendary and definitely worth a listen. It's my favorite Alice in Chains album of all time. Dirt deserves to be a 10/10



Puccini's Pizza - Music Review by: Isabella Davila

Containing only two members, Panucci's Pizza was a math rock/emo band hailing from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Following a love of Futurama, Emo music, and especially Pizza, Matt Diamond and Brock Benzel formed these music sensations that became a crowd favorite among the indie and emo genres. They have at least 5 albums out, all having odd titles that never match the previous one. The only simliarity is having a signature of their name in a blank corner of the design.

Their trademark feature seems to be exceedingly long song titles such as, "Pokemon cards and an Empty Bottle of Grape Juice" and "Nicholas Cajun (Stole the Declaration of Pizza Pendence)". Although most songs have titles so long it feels impossible to remember even a partial few, the lyrical uniqueness is what gets you hooked. Their music tends to include subjects and lyrics not befitting for a rating under that of PG - 13. Warning to listeners of young ages.

There is not much regarding the backgrounds of the members or what they did after breaking apart. Since their split in 2015, the duo has not released any other albums together. However, three single collections, all displayed with the band's former name, do happen to exist. Their most famous album is *All the Toppings* with a lead song named "Aesthetic?" with a listening streak of 12,593,399.

The perplexing display of emotions in each song keeps an addictive aspect in the audience. A favorite song of mine, "Obligatory Folk Punk Song", has a bubbly feeling of dread for an upbeat melody despite the disheartening topic of being stepped on in society and wanting to be seen as more than an instrument to others. It is accommodated by a gentle message spoken by Robin Williams from the movie Good Will Hunting. Lead singer Benzel's vocals pull at the heartstrings with lines to assist in a numb sort of happiness.

The notes, the lyrics, the melodies, are all perfect. At least I personally believe the music they make is. As I said before, they are not the most popular amongst all teens, but they have a fair share of approval from those who do listen and enjoy it. 10/10





One on One With Christ McConnell by: Anthony Moreno

Hey, what's up? I'm Anthony Moreno and this time I'm doing something new! I'm going to be interviewing up and coming artist, Christ McConnell. He's an alternative artist with a unique and interesting style of music. He's a perfect example of someone whose simply working to better their craft and do what brings them joy. I will be asking him questions I have for him and his answers will be the text in bold.

So first, go ahead and introduce yourself.

What's good? I'm Christ McConnell, like the bassist from Nirvana, they

call me Cruel Buddhist, but I'm a man of many names.

So, how did you start out as a musician?

I started playing guitar when I was twelve. I wanted to play the bass but my parents didn't want me to because they didn't want to hear that "boom boom" all the time, which I could respect. They're lucky I didn't want to play the drums. I've played a lot of different instruments in a couple of different types of bands, so It's evolved over time.

Who were your biggest influences? I know you said Deftones was one of them?

I always say I come from rock music. That's kind of what got me into wanting to be a musician. Bands like Linkin Park, Nine Inch Nails, and some heavier bands like Unearth and Nevermore influenced me. Back when I was first playing guitar, I definitely thought I was way better than I was, for sure, but I remember watching Headbangers Ball. Those bands really stuck out to me and were unbelievable shredders, and it humbled me and put me in my place, but also made me a fan of them and made me go deep down the rabbit hole of heavier music.

To the causal listener, how would you describe your style? It's difficult to describe. I always say I embody the sound of mischief. I like anything that has an angle of mischief or a little bit of the history of the trickster, you know? Whether it's from a storytelling standpoint or from a sound standpoint, a lot of staccato-type stuff to me sounds mischievous and fun. Stories like that are what I embody.

This wasn't originally a question, but how long are your sets?

Whenever I book shows, there are always a couple of types of sets. If I jump in on a show, they are usually twenty-five to thirty minutes, which is a bummer because I like to play a lot of instruments. I like to take people around the world if I can. To me, a sweet spot is forty-five minutes because it leaves people wanting more. However, if I'm headlining, I usually play for like an hour. I've even played three-hour shows.



To the casual listener, what's the first song they should listen to from Christ McConnell?

The old Christ McConnell discography, huh? I recommend something quick like "Put Them Shades On". I've done more stuff that's tailored more to social media.

I was listening to your song Rabbit Hole earlier. Is there any meaning behind that song?

In my opinion, art is for you to interpret.

Where can our readers find you?

Pretty much any social media. I have Spotify, as well as a strong following on Instagram. YouTube is great too, but anywhere you get your entertainment. Just type in Christ McConnell and I should come up. Plenty of jams and so much more coming up!

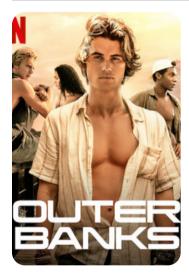
I can't wait to hear those! Thank you so much for doing this man. Of course, man. You were great. It was an honor doing this!

Books

If you like this movie/show you should read this book! by: Emily Ruiz

Of course, everyone enjoys watching movies and shows on Netflix. Majority of the teens in our generation would rather watch a movie or show during their free time than read a book. What if I told you that there are some books out there that have similar plots and tones as some of the shows and movies you enjoy watching!? Grab a snack and get comfortable because here are some popular books that you should read if you enjoy watching these well-liked movies and shows among our generation.

The Outer Banks



If you like the Netflix series *The Outer Banks*, you should read *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart, a New York Times bestselling author! The setting of the show *The Outer Banks* mainly takes place on the island the characters live on. The main characters of the show are two girls and three boys, all teenagers in highschool. The show follows this outgoing group of friends as they travel throughout the island on a mission to find the group's ringleader, John B's, missing father. Similarly, the novel *We Were Liars* takes place at a beach-like setting with a group of friends working together to solve a mystery.

Gilmore Girls

If you enjoyed watching the show *Gilmore Girls*, you should read the novel *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* by New York Times Bestselling author, Jenny Han. The show *Gilmore Girls* follows a mother, Lorali, and her teenage daughter, Rory, throughout their life together, mainly their romantic life and the drama along the way. In the novel *To All the Boys I've Loved Before*, the readers follow the main character, Lara Jean, as she navigates highschool and the different love obstacles she goes through as a teenager.



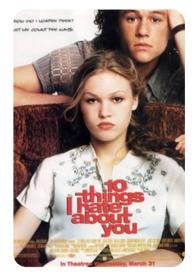
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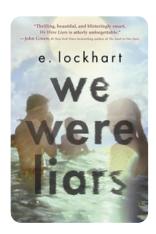
If you liked the Netflix show *On My Block*, you should read *One Of Us Is Lying* by Karen M. McManus. Both plots follow a group of teenage friends as they attempt to solve a murder mystery. Although the novel and show have their own twists to the mystery and their own unique personalities to each character, both share the humor and suspense as the readers and viewers unfold the mystery along with the characters.

10 Things I Hate About You

If you enjoyed watching the 90s movie *10 Things I Hate About You*, you should read the novel *Love At First Fight* by Mary Jayne Baker. The movie *10 Things I Hate About You* allows the viewers into two sisters, Kat Stratford and Bianca Stratford, love lives in highschool. However, Bianca is not allowed to date until Kat does, so Bianca along with her friend, Cameron, creates a scheme to pay a guy, Patrick, to date Kat. Kat doesn't fall for their trick. At first, she even hated Patrick. Eventually, Kat and Patrick both slowly find themselves falling for each other. Almost like the movie, the novel *Love At First Fight* shows the haters to lovers storyline similar to Patrick and Kat's situation in the movie.



Those are some of my favorite books and movies/shows. I hope you found some new books to read or maybe even new shows and movies to binge!



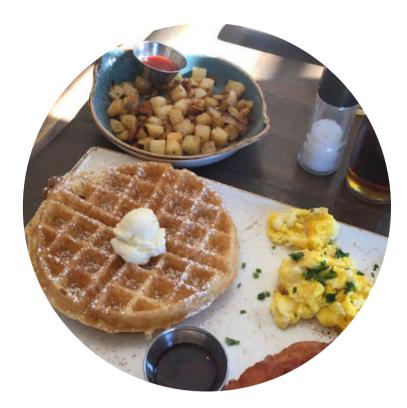
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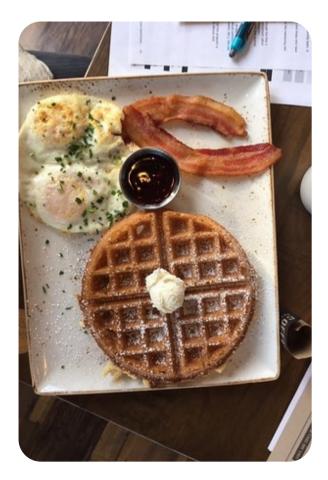


On another not, I'm 100% a chicken tenders and fries with a sweet tea girl, but my second favorite type of food is definitely breakfast, for lunch or dinner. Yes, everyone has had Ihop and their nearby mexican restaurant tacos, but FIRST WATCH was so yummy.

I went with my sister after work this weekend. It was a solid 12/10 for me! I ordered waffles (way better than pancakes by the way). They were so soft and beautifully topped with powdered sugar. I got it with bacon, eggs, a side of potatoes, and of course my little orange juice. Everything was perfect, and it was so nice and cozy there. It's also finally a nice Christmasy weather for it. Definitely go try First Watch!!

First Watch - Food Review by: Michelle Martinez

Food to me is literally happiness, I LOVE to just have a good meal before school, after school, after a good soccer game, with my friends, and the best time, after working for 8 hours. The 10,000 calories don't count against you if you just down some water and balance it out with some fruit. ;) I'm definitely a sweets person, which is one of the main reasons I work at Starbucks! After every meal, I feel there's a need to have something sweet, even if it's a little candy or a huge piece of cake.



Crafts by: Michelle Crockford

Leafy Lantern

NEED:

- Leaves (I recommend thin ones)
- Decoupage or Elmer's glue
- Glass jar(s)
- Twine or paper string
- Real or Artificial Candle
- Flat paint brush



- 1. Pour some glue into a small separate bowl or tupperware. Add twice as much water and mix until smooth
- 2. Use the paintbrush to spread some glue on the jar.
- 3. Press a leaf on the glue spot.
- 4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until the jar is covered. (Overlapping at points gives a varied look!)
- 5. Let it dry.
- 6. Cut 12 inches of paper string or twine and wrap and tie it around the top of the jar in a bow or a knot.
- 7. Viola! Place a candle inside the jar and set somewhere to be seen!



Pinecones!! - "Gobble" Edition

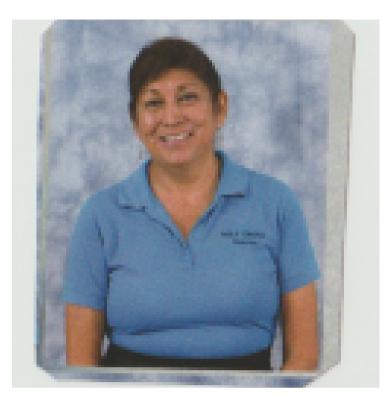
NEED:

- Pine cone
- Googly Eyes (2)
- Brown, yellow, red, and orange construction paper
- Scissors
- Hot glue
- 1. Cut out at least two feathers of each color.
- 2. Cut a small yellow triangle and a red oval shape.
- 3. Draw a simple turkey head and body and cut it out from the

brown construction paper.

- 4. Hot glue the eyes, triangle and oval to the body's head to make the face.
- 5.Glue the feathers in a pattern at the wider end of the pine cone.
- 6.Glue the brown body to the thinner end of the pine cone (opposite of the feathers.)

Holy Cross Spotlight!



Dolores Torres by: Staff Writer

It's often that I walk the halls at Holy Cross and notice, despite the age of the buildings, that our school is wellmaintained and very clean. The floors show no scuff marks or gum stains, and there is no dust on the lockers or ledges. The primary reason for this cleanliness is Dolores Torres.

If you are a student, maybe you have seen her, maybe not. She is quiet and modest in nature, and she purposely doesn't bring a lot of attention to herself. If you are on staff, you certainly know Mrs. Torres. She is sweet and kind, always, stoping by each classroom at the end of the day or when she is standing by her cart in the morning, sipping her one cup of coffee.

She is a permanent fixture both here at Holy Cross and in the local community. She has been working here eleven years and has lived in the neighborhood her entire life. She went to Kennedy High School and comes from a large family, consisting of four sisters and five brothers. She walks often at Woodlawn park. She and her husband of forty-eight years, Daniel, raised their three children not far from the school. They are all "grown-up and married", she says, and she now has thirteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren. "Family is everything to me," she shares.

When it comes to Holy Cross, she speaks with genuine affection. She

states, "I love my work. I love working here." She takes pride in what she does, knowing that her service to the Holy Cross community is vital and necessary. When asked what she believes is so important for you young people to remember, she shares, "Respect each other. Be there for each other." She continues and indicates what she believes is lacking in the world: "Love, hope and compassion."

Speaking with Dolores it is easy to see that she has incredible depth, and she is right. More love, hope, and compassion are needed, especially now as we enter the holiday season. This also happens to be her favorite time of the year, a time she enjoys spending with her large family. Her family is certainly blessed to have her as their matriarch, and we here at Holy Cross are equally fortunate to have her as a part of our family.

Holy Cross Focus!



The Grotto by: Rene Gonzales

When you first come to Holy Cross here in San Antonio, one of the things that might catch your attention is a big boulder. It's called a grotto, a small natural or artificial cave used as a catholic shrine in gardens. You'll see them in some catholic schools and colleges as well, decorated with candles, lights, and a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe. They are decorated during the holidays.