

BRIEF HISTORY OF HOLY CROSS

The dream began in 1956 and became a reality in 1964.

The St. Francis de Sales Mission first worshipped at Tucker High School and later moved to a larger room at Tucker Federal Bank. Finally, in 1964, the Mission became the Church of the Holy Cross. During this period, daily Masses were celebrated at a house on David Road in Chamblee, which was purchased as a residence for the new Pastor, Father Leonard F. Mayhew. Sunday Masses were celebrated at the Carey Reynolds School in Doraville.

A new parish center on Hathaway Court was constructed around a multi-purpose room, used both for liturgical services and large social functions. The original plans included a church, the first Mass was celebrated in our present Parish Hall in 1967 by Father Eusebius J. Beltran.

In 1968, the Holy Cross Community erected a 16-classroom building across from the parish center. Over 1,400 children and 77 lay catechists participated in the religious education program.

The rectory on Hathaway Court was built while Father Beltran was Pastor. Since then it has been home to both diocesan priests and the Dominican Friars of the Southern Province.

In 1988, the construction of the present sanctuary began. On September 9, 1989, Archbishop Eugene Marino dedicated the new church.

Over the years, Holy Cross has remained a spiritual and giving Catholic community. Many parishioners share their time, talent, and treasure in activities including liturgical services, sacramental preparation programs, and prayer groups. Ministries exist for the whole family.

PRIESTS OF HOLY CROSS

Rev. Leonard F. X. Mayhew	1964-1966 (1st Pastor)
Rev. Eusebius J. Beltran	1966-1972 (Pastor)
Rev. Peter Ludden	1968 (Assistant)
Rev. Thomas Kenny	1969 - 1970 (Assistant)
Rev. James A. Fennessy	1969-1971 (Assistant)
Rev. Leo Herbert	1970 (Assistant)
Rev. John S. Adamski	1971-1973 (Assistant)
Rev. Louis Naughton	1972-1975 (Assistant)
Rev. Richard Kiernan	1972 (In residence)
Rev. Michael A. Morris	1972-1973 (Pastor)
Rev. Edward A. O'Connor	1973-1976 (Pastor)
Rev. John A. Lawrence	1974-1976 (Assistant)
Rev. Patrick Bishop	1975 (Assistant)
Rev. Mark Geary, O.P.	1976 (Assistant)
Rev. Mark Geary, O.P.	1977-1982 (Pastor)
Rev. J. Peter Gerhard, O.P.	1977-1981 (Assistant)
Rev. Michael A. Ciccone, O.P.	1977-1979 (Assistant)
Rev. Jeremy Miller, O.P.	1977-1982 (In residence)
Rev. Francis G. Ralph, O.P.	1980 (Assistant)
Rev. Cayet N. Mangiaracina, O.P.	1981-1990; 1993-1995 (Assistant)
Rev. Robert U. Perry, O.P.	1981-1982 (In residence)
Rev. Stephen T. Smithers, O.P.	1982 (Assistant)
Rev. John P. O'Brien, O.P.	1982-1983 (Pastor)
Rev. Alberto Rodriguez, O.P.	1983-1986 (Pastor)
Rev. Stephen K. Smith, O.P.	1986-1989 (Assistant)
Rev. Daniel A. Shanahan, O.P.	1986-1989 (Pastor)
Rev. George R. Boudreau, O.P.	1989 (In residence)
Rev. Edward E. Everitt, O.P.	1990-1995 (Pastor)
Rev. Paul D. Watkins, O.P.	1991-1992 (Assistant); 1993 (In residence)
Rev. Henry B. Groover, O.P.	1991 (in residence)
Rev. James Campbell, O.P.	1991 (in residence)
Rev. Christopher Eggleton, O.P.	1992 (in residence)
Rev. Vicente Peña, O.P.	1992 (in residence); 1993-1995 (Assistant)
Rev. Robert J. Keller, O.P.	1995 (in residence)
Rev. Benedict T. Viviana, O.P.	1995 (in residence)
Rev. Paul Fogarty	1995- (Pastor)
Rev. Larry P. Niese	1995- (Assistant)
Rev. Alvaro D. Avendaño	1995- (Assistant)
Rev. Peter Duc Vu	1996- (Assistant)