



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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August 25, 2024**

Eucharistic Liturgy Schedule (Mass)

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.
Sundays: 7:30, 10:00 a.m.,
12:00p.m. (Spanish)

Weekdays:
Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Thursday- 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Thursdays: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Other times: By appointment only

Marriages:
Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

Baptisms:
Required pre-baptismal classes for parents and godparents. Please call the office two months prior to anticipated baptism date.
Sponsors (Godparents) must be practicing Catholics.

Matrimonios:
Los arreglos deben hacerse con seis meses de antelación.

Bautismos:
Se requiere clases pre-bautismales para padres y padrinos. Por favor llame a la oficina dos meses antes de la fecha prevista para el bautismo.
Los padrinos (padrinos) deben ser católicos practicantes.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS**First Reading:**

"Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." (Jos 24:18)

Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

This is a great mystery,
but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.
(Eph 5:32)

Gospel:

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life." (Jn 6:68)

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Readings for the week of August 25, 2024

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Knights of Columbus Council 9969 for the weekend of 8/24-8/25**

All are invited to join the Holy Cross Knights of Columbus Council 9969 as we recite our Scriptural Rosary on Wednesday, August 28th at 7:30PM at the Chapel. If you wish to attend the Scriptural Rosary via Zoom, please contact Leonard Cruz at (805) 889-1620 or E-mail leonardcruz386@yahoo.com.

Why not join your Brother Knights for the September General Business Meeting on Thursday, September 12th at 730PM at the Chapel? There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved with the many charitable efforts your council supports. We need your help!

Please consider joining the 9969 Foundation (a 501 (c)3 organization) GEM program. Signing up through your bank's auto bill-pay service is simple and easy and offers a host of benefits to both you and the Foundation. You can choose a monthly amount that's comfortable, and every dollar donated above your annual dues amount is tax deductible and benefits local Moorpark charities. And since the 9969 Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization, your donations may be eligible for matching funds if your employer offers that benefit.

Calling all volunteer Catechists! We have a robust enrollment of children from Kindergarten through Grade 6 who are growing in their faith and need loving adults to mentor them. All teachers welcome, but no experience as a teacher necessary, we will assist you along the journey! Please contact **Marylee Nambu via email at mnambu@holycross-moorpark.org** if you feel called to this rewarding and fun ministry.

Attention Holy Cross Parishioners

We are having an issue with scammers sending texts and emails pretending to be Monsignor asking for money or favors. Please ignore any request for money or any request to purchase gift cards. If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to call the office at 805-529-1397.

Thank you

Pray for ...

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Moorpark Pantry Plus Priority Items

We will accept and appreciate all food donations

Small jar of peanut butter	Pasta Sauce
Jelly / jam	Bagged beans 16oz.
Canned mixed vegetables	Jell-O
Canned fruit	Mac n Cheese
Pasta	

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Upon entering the Promised Land and remembering the Exodus from Egypt, both Joshua and all twelve tribes of Israel pledged their faithful to God alone. What has God done in your life that you can acknowledge and celebrate?

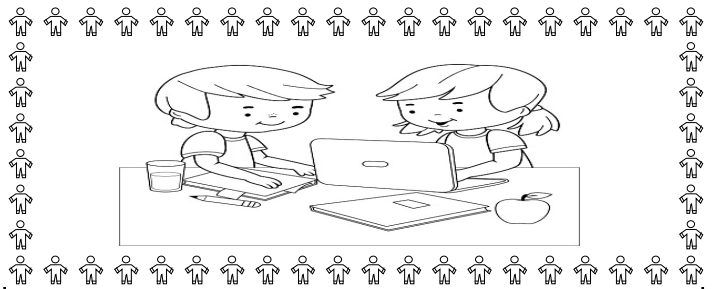
Second Reading:

Toward the end of his letter to the Ephesians, Paul takes up the topic of husbands and wives. He speaks of the importance of mutual respect and love. What do you add as key parts for a successful marriage?

Gospel:

John tells us that many of Jesus's disciples stopped following him because they found some of his teachings too hard to accept. What keeps you following Jesus?

Our Religious Gift Store is open after each Mass on the first and third Sundays of each month and for Special Sacraments.



Did You Know? AUGUST 24-25

Teach children to evaluate sources

Your children will likely spend a significant amount of time online. All sources are not created equal, so teaching them to evaluate the information online is critical. Using concepts appropriate for their age, teach your children to consider the expertise, motive, and relevance of the information they consume. Being able to separate fact from fiction, and to evaluate the quality of the information received, will help your children assess truth. For more tips, read the VIRTUS® article “Keeping Kids Safe Online By Teaching Them to Evaluate Sources” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

Enseñe a los niños a evaluar las fuentes

Es probable que sus hijos pasen una cantidad significativa de tiempo en línea. No todas las fuentes son iguales, por lo que enseñarles a evaluar la información en línea es fundamental. Utilizando conceptos apropiados para su edad, enseñe a sus hijos a considerar la experiencia del autor, el motivo y la relevancia de la información que consumen. Ser capaz de separar los hechos de la ficción y evaluar la calidad de la información recibida ayudará a sus hijos a evaluar la verdad. Para obtener más consejos, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “Keeping Kids Safe Online By Teaching Them to Evaluate Sources” (Manteniendo a los niños seguros en línea enseñándoles a evaluar las fuentes) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

August 25, 2024
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The famous Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky said, “Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing.” In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus does something harsh and dreadful — he watches his own disciples abandon him. What could possibly be loving about that?

Well, we notice the context is Jesus’ teaching about eating and drinking his body and blood. His followers hear this and say, “**This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?**” (John 6:60). We shouldn’t imagine we’d do anything different, because not even the ones who stay, like Peter, seem to understand what Jesus is saying. Then we hear this devastating line, “**Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him**” (John 6:66). Besides the night of the Last Supper, only now do Jesus’ disciples abandon him. And, painfully, Jesus just lets them go.

The best way to make sense out of this is love. Jesus is God’s love in action. He wants to become one with those whom He loves. He wants to love them as His own body. Yes, the oneness manifested in the Eucharist sounds harsh and dreadful because it is rooted in love which is willing to risk abandonment and separation to attain its goal: to be one body with the beloved. It is both terrifying and wonderful that Jesus will risk losing us in order to be one with us. Our response? Lord, we cannot grasp a love so great, but please help us never to abandon it, either.

— Father John Muir

BECOMING CATHOLIC AND ADULT FAITH FORMATION THE OCIA PROCESS

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, receiving sacraments or just learning more about the Catholic faith? Then read on for more information.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a journey through different spiritual phases of increasing maturity by which one prepares to commit oneself to Jesus Christ and His Church through the search for the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.)

The OCIA is for:

Any unbaptized person who seeks to follow Christ in his Church as preparation for Christian discipleship through Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

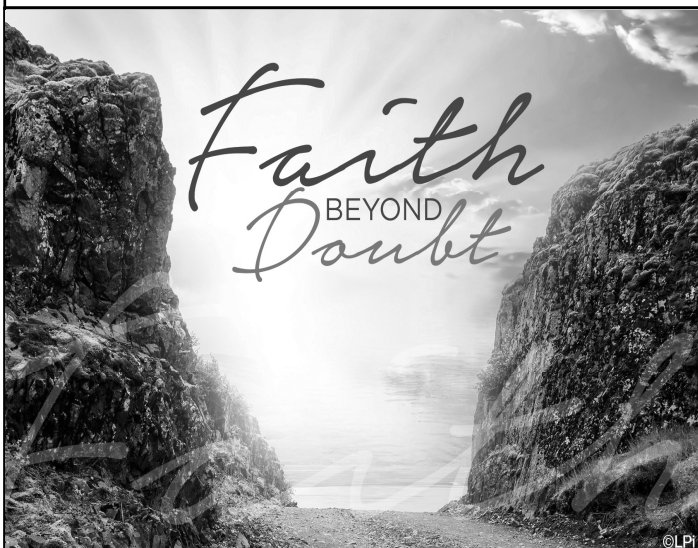
Anyone baptized from another Christian community seeking to be Catholic through preparation for Confirmation and the Eucharist.

Any baptized Catholic who seeks to increase his devotion as a disciple of Jesus Christ through the realization of the other sacraments of initiation such as Confirmation and the Eucharist.

Any Catholic who wishes to develop a stronger understanding of his or her faith and grow closer to our Lord.

Our OCIA team creates a welcoming environment where the teachings of the Catholic Church are presented and discussed. Exploring and understanding our Catholic faith is a joyous experience, and we are blessed and privileged to be companions on your journey of faith.

This year’s classes, held in English, will begin Tuesday, September 10, 2024. We will meet Tuesday nights from 7-9 pm in the dining room of the administration building. If you are interested in attending or have any questions concerning the process, please contact either Duane Morningred or Rick Mouwen at OCIA@holycross-moorpark.org.



MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO**25 de agosto de 2024****21er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Algunos de los seguidores de Jesús no pudieron creer lo que les dijo. Era demasiado para ellos: “Mi carne es verdadera comida y mi sangre es verdadera bebida” (Juan 6:55). A pesar de que Jesús lo explicaba de muchas maneras, algunos decidieron abandonarlo. Él no hizo nada por detenerlos, los dejó libres respetando su decisión. Después de esos acontecimientos de abandono, Jesús pregunta directamente a los doce: “¿Quieren marcharse también ustedes? Pedro le contestó: Señor, ¿a quién iríamos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna. Nosotros creemos y sabemos que tú eres el Santo de Dios” (Juan 6:67-69). Ahora, en la realidad que vivimos tan llena de ruido y modernidad, ¿sabemos a dónde vamos, a quién dirigirnos? Pedro, lo supo y el deseo de la Iglesia es que sepamos que solo Jesús tiene palabras de vida eterna. Y que su Pan de Vida se nos da gratuitamente en la Eucaristía.

“La Eucaristía y la cruz son piedras de tropiezo. Es el mismo misterio, y no cesa de ser ocasión de división. ¿Quieren marcharse también ustedes? (Juan 6:67): esta pregunta del Señor resuena a través de las edades, como invitación de su amor a descubrir que sólo Él tiene palabras de vida eterna (Juan 6:68), y que acoger en la fe el don de su Eucaristía es acogerlo a Él mismo”. (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, numeral 1335). Hagamos la prueba y veremos qué bueno es el Señor, como nos dice el Salmo de la liturgia de este domingo.

**LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO****Primera lectura:**

“Por tanto, también nosotros serviremos al SEÑOR, porque él es nuestro Dios”. (Josué 24:18)

Salmo:

Prueben y vean la bondad del Señor. (Sal 34)

Segunda lectura:

Este es un gran misterio, pero hablo en referencia a Cristo y la iglesia. (Efesios 5:32)

Evangelio:

Simón Pedro le respondió: “Maestro, ¿a quién iremos?”

Tu tienes las palabras de la vida eterna.” (Juan 6:68)

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Las lecturas de la semana del 25 de agosto de 2024

- Domingo:** Jos 24, 1-2. 15-17. 18/Sal 33, 2-3. 16-17. 18-19. 20-21. 22-23 (9)/ Ef 5, 21-32 o 5, 2. 25-32/Jn 6, 60-69
- Lunes:** 2 Tes 1, 1-5. 11-12/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5/Mt 23, 13-22
- Martes:** 2 Tes 2, 1-3. 14-17/Sal 95, 10. 11-12. 13/Mt 23, 23-26
- Miércoles:** 2 Tes 3, 6-10. 16-18/Sal 127, 1-2. 4-5/Mt 23, 27-32
- Jueves:** 1 Cor 1, 1-9/Sal 144, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Mc 6, 17-29
- Viernes:** 1 Cor 1, 17-25/Sal 32, 1-2. 4-5. 10-11/Mt 25, 1-13
- Sábado:** 1 Cor 1, 26-31/Sal 32, 12-13. 18-19. 20-21/Mt 25, 14-30
- Domingo siguiente:** Dt 4, 1-2. 6-8/Sal 14, 2-3. 3-4. 4-5 1/Sant 2, 1-5/Sant 1, 17-18. 21-22. 27/Mc 7, 1-8. 14-15. 21-23

Faith Formation

Confirmation

Orientation Meeting for Confirmation Year 1 candidates is this Sunday August 25 at 7PM in the hall. All registered Year 1 candidates must attend with at least one parent.

SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka’I | May 10

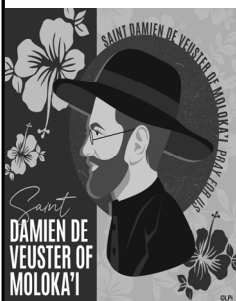
Short Bio

St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka’I’ (1840–1889) cared for the physical, medical, and spiritual needs of those exiled to the leper colony on the Hawaiian island of Moloka’I. His life of service shed light on the effects of this devastating disease and allowed people to see those afflicted with it with more compassion and love.

San Damien de Veuster de Moloka’I | 10 de mayo

Biografía Abreviada

San Damien de Veuster de Moloka’I’ (1840-1889) se ocupó de las necesidades físicas, médicas y espirituales de los exiliados a la colonia de leproso en la isla hawaiana de Moloka’I. Su vida de servicio arroja luz sobre los efectos de esta devastadora enfermedad y permite a la gente ver a los afligidos con ella con más compasión y amor.



Holy Cross Parishioners!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is offered the First Friday of every month. Adoration begins after the 8:00 am mass & continues until 6:00pm. From 6:00pm -7:00pm , there is a Holy Hour in Spanish with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We are currently in need of volunteers to commit to an hour of time with Our Lord. If you are available please contact: Kathy Johnston at 805-402-7856

Thank you !

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PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera Lectura:

Al entrar en la Tierra Prometida y recordar el Éxodo de Egipto, tanto Josué como las doce tribus de Israel juraron fidelidad únicamente a Dios. ¿Qué ha hecho Dios en tu vida que puedas reconocer y celebrar?

Segunda Lectura:

Hacia el final de su carta a los efesios, Pablo aborda el tema de los maridos y las esposas. Habla de la importancia del respeto y el amor mutuo. ¿Qué añades como partes clave para un matrimonio exitoso?

Evangelio:

Juan nos dice que muchos de los discípulos de Jesús dejaron de seguirlo porque encontraron algunas de sus enseñanzas demasiado difíciles de aceptar. ¿Qué te mantiene siguiendo a Jesús?



Feligreses de la Santa Cruz!

La Exposición de El Santísimo Sacramento es ofrecida el primer viernes de cada mes. La Adoración comienza después de la misa de las 8:00am y continúa asta las 6:00pm. De las 6:00pm - 7:00pm, hay una Hora Santa en español con La Exposición de El Santísimo Sacramento. Estamos necesitando voluntarios que se comprometan y enlisten para acompañar por una hora a Nuestro Señor. Si tú estás disponible y deseas hacerlo por favor contacta a: Guadalupe Quin (805) 336-2220

We always welcome new members to our Ministries

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Mass Intentions for the week 8/25

Sunday 7:30 am For Parishioners
10:00 am John O'Green (RIP)
12:00 pm Esperanza Arellano & Rodolfo Rodriguez (RIP)

Monday 8:00 am Al Restivo (RIP)

Tuesday 8:00 am Tim Geisbauer (RIP)

Wednesday 8:00 am Benediktas Kenton (RIP)

Thursday 8:00 am Consuelo, Rene & Eric Santiago (RIP)

Friday 8:00 am Ruben & Primrose Joaquin (Wedding Anniversary)

Saturday 4:00 pm Esther Carranza (RIP)

Prayer Request