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3rd Sunday of Advent December 15, 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:**

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
he will rejoice over you with gladness. (Zep 3:17)

Psalm:

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the
great and Holy One of Israel. (Is 12:6)

Second Reading:

The Lord is near.
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God. (Phil 4:5-6)

Gospel:

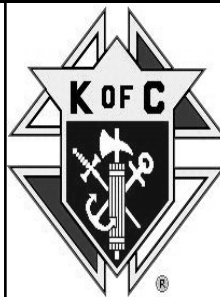
The crowds asked John the Baptist,
"What should we do?" (Lk 3:10)

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Readings for the week of December 15, 2024

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/
Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6
and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8,
17/Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt
1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk
1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3,
11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
(4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

**Knights of Columbus Council 9969
for the weekend of 12/14-12/15**

All are invited to join the Holy Cross
Knights of Columbus Council 9969 as
we recite our Scriptural Rosary on
Wednesday, December 20th 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 January
General Business Meeting on Thursday, January 9th at
the Chapel? We will recite the Rosary @ 6:45PM and our
Worthy Warden will make sure there is a delicious
pre-meeting meal before the 7:30PM start time. Why not
start the new year off on the right foot by volunteering
your time and effort on one (or more!) of the many
charitable efforts your council supports. We need your
help!

Join the OneLifeLA family on Saturday, January 18,
2025, to celebrate the beauty and dignity of every human
life from conception to natural death. The 2025 theme is
"LET US STAND UP TOGETHER." We will walk from
Olvera Street through Downtown Los Angeles to LA
State Historic Park for a family-friendly day of inspiring
speakers, live music, food trucks, and works of mercy.
Bring your friends and family and join us to celebrate,
defend, and embrace life.

The Holy Cross and Simi Valley Knights of Columbus
councils have arranged and paid for a large Pegasus
Transit coach to take pro-lifers to OneLifeLA 2025.
· The bus will depart on Saturday, Jan 18 at 10AM from
St Rose of Lima Church at 1305 Royal Avenue in Simi
Valley, and return about 5 PM.
· There is no cost to any that want go; however, we
request you reserve a seat in advance
· Reservations are on a first-come/first-served basis
Please call or text Michael Mars (805-529-2722) or
Kenny Rodriguez (805-209-9762) to make a reservation
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.

BAKE SALE!!

December 21st and 22nd in the Administration
Dining Room after all the Masses. Donations are
appreciated to help defray the cost of our upcoming
Confirmation retreat weekend.



Pray for ...

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Breanna Pflaumer	Richard Abbott	HarTrevor Perez
Mark Scharler	Erika Miller	Jerry Ault
Ata Bohaei	Peggy Eastham	Patty Perez
Karen Withers	Judy Buckley	Kelly Turner
Pilar Ramirez	Vanda Glaspey	Ramona Perez
Ramon Godinez	Shannon	The Grant Family
David Bowden	Noel Lisenbery	Harold Casten
Maria Hinojosa	Crystal Gomez	Brandon Castille
Shannon Ferraez	Silvia Coccozza	Maria Margolis
Patrick Withers	Joni Vasquez	John Argote
Michael Cosenza	Nina Betancourt	Alvaro Barrera Sr.
Juan Luna	Bill Little	Maria F. Barrera
Orlando Delnero	Mary Ann Valerio	
Perez Family	Cedric Carlin	
Boxley Family	Victor Fazio	
Steve Schuesler	Gail Flatt	



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	

CHRISTMAS MASSES

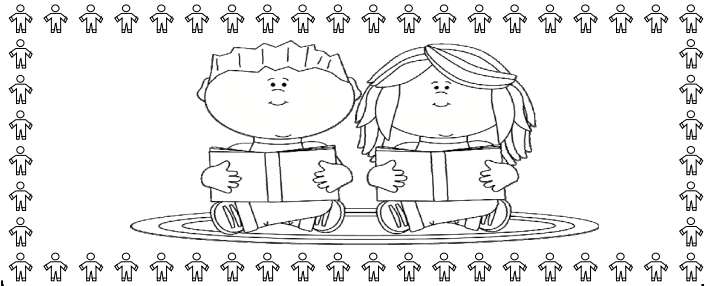
Tuesday, December 24, 2024
Christmas Eve

Christmas Children's Mass 4:30 PM
Christmas Vigil Mass 10:00 PM

Wednesday, December 25, 2024
Christmas Day

Christmas Day Mass 10:00 AM
Christmas Day Mass (Misa en Español) 12:00 PM

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? December 14-15

“No” is a complete sentence.

A critical boundary to learn for yourself and for your children is the word “no.” Saying “no” to something you are uncomfortable with, or that you know is wrong, is sometimes the hardest thing to do, but it is so important. “No” is a complete sentence and should be honored by anyone listening. This is a great way to teach children how to listen to their friends and respect what they hear. This teaches children personal autonomy, which can extend to a child saying “no” to unwanted touches or behavior and potentially protect them from abuse and harm. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “When Boundaries Abound, Our Lives Can Flourish” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

La palabra “no” es una frase completa

Un límite fundamental que debes aprender para ti y para tus hijos es la palabra “no”. Decir “no” a algo con lo que te sientes incómodo, o que sabes que está mal, es a veces lo más difícil de hacer, pero es muy importante. “No” es una frase completa y debe ser respetada por cualquiera que la escuche. Es una forma genial de enseñar a los niños a escuchar a sus amigos y a respetar lo que escuchan. Esto enseña a los niños autonomía personal, que puede extenderse a un niño que dice “no” a tocamientos o comportamientos no deseados y potencialmente protegerlos de abusos y daños. Para saber más lea el artículo en VIRTUS® “Cuando abundan los límites, nuestras vidas pueden florecer” en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

The Advent Penance Services

Holy Cross, Moorpark
Monday, December 16, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Westlake Village
Tuesday, December 17, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 15, 2024
3rd Sunday of Advent

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, “What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?” The Saint responded, “I’d keep hoeing this row of beans.” Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus’ glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize “with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus’ coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It’s so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don’t know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That’s what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: “Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming.” Then make the appropriate changes.

— Father John Muir

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The prophet Zephaniah speaks of a future joyful time of God’s forgiveness and return to his people, Israel. What excites you most as you think about the future?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Christians in Philippi to be a community that rejoices and finds peace with God. What could you celebrate this Advent season with family or friends?

Gospel:

John the Baptist encouraged the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers to live ethically in very practical ways. How could this apply to your life this week?

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera Lectura:

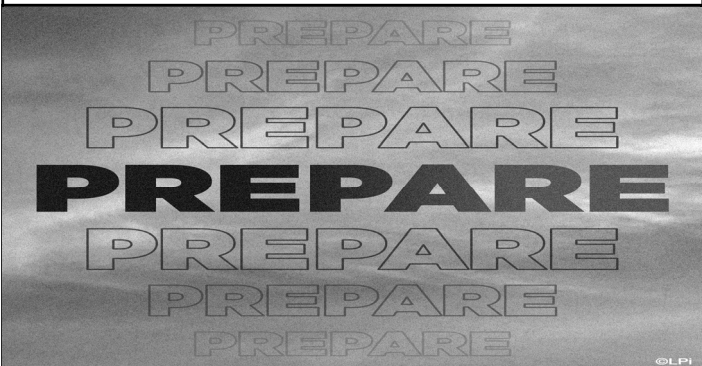
El profeta Sofonías habla de un futuro tiempo gozoso del perdón de Dios y el regreso a su pueblo, Israel. ¿Qué es lo que más te emociona cuando piensas en el futuro?

Segunda Lectura:

Pablo anima a los cristianos de Filipo a ser una comunidad que se regocija y encuentra la paz con Dios. ¿Qué podrías celebrar en esta temporada de Adviento con la familia o los amigos?

Evangelio:

Juan el Bautista animó a las multitudes, a los recaudadores de impuestos y a los soldados a vivir éticamente de maneras muy prácticas. ¿Cómo podría aplicarse esto a tu vida esta semana?



MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO

15 de diciembre de 2024
3er Domingo de Adviento

El tercer domingo de Adviento es conocido como Gaudete, una palabra en latín que significa “gozo”, y se basa en la Carta de San Pablo a los Filipenses: “Estén siempre alegres en el Señor; se lo repito, estén alegres y tengan buen trato con todos” (Filipenses 4:4). Estas palabras resumen prácticamente lo que estamos viviendo cada día que pasa y nos acerca al nacimiento de nuestro Salvador. La alegría aumenta en nuestros corazones y nos impulsa a estar más preparados en dos aspectos importantes. Espiritualmente y en la preparación de la fiesta en casa para el día de Navidad. ¿Qué pensamos hacer? ¿A cuál Eucaristía asistiremos en familia para agradecer a Jesús su bondad y misericordia?

María y Juan Bautista nos muestran el camino. Nos indican que somos llamados a dar testimonio de la luz, a ser valientes, a sabernos retirar a tiempo para señalarle y otros lo vean y lo sigan. “Yo los bautizo con agua, pero está por llegar uno con más poder que yo, y yo no soy digno de desatar las correas de su sandalia. Él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y el fuego. Tiene la pala en sus manos para separar el trigo de la paja. Guardará el trigo en sus graneros, mientras que la paja la quemará en el fuego que no se apaga” (Lucas 3:16-17). Aquí está la clave de hoy, ¿somos trigo o somos paja? ¿Dónde nos colocará el Señor? Pues, la respuesta es solamente tuya. Aún estamos a tiempo de enderezar lo torcido de nuestra vida. Ven, Señor, ¡no tardes en llegar!

LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO**Primera lectura:**

El Señor, tu Dios, está en medio de ti,
 un poderoso salvador;
 se regocijará por ti con alegría. (Sof 3:17)

Salmo:

Gritad de alegría y de júbilo, porque en medio de vosotros está el Grande y el Santo de Israel. (Is 12:6)

Segunda lectura:

El Señor está cerca.

No os preocupéis por nada, sino presentad en toda ocasión vuestras peticiones a Dios con la oración y la súplica, acompañadas de la acción de gracias. (Flp 4:5-6)

Evangelio:

La multitud le preguntó a Juan el Bautista:
 “¿Qué debemos hacer?” (Lc 3:10)

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Las lecturas de la semana del 15 de diciembre de 2024

Domingo: Sof 3, 14-18/Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6 (6)/Flp 4, 4-7/Lc 3, 10-18
Lunes: Nm 24, 2-7. 15-17/Sal 24, 4-5. 6 y 7. 8-9/Mt 21, 23-27
Martes: Gn 49, 2. 8-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8. 17/Mt 1, 1-17
Miércoles: Jr 23, 5-8/Sal 71, 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/Mt 1, 18-25
Jueves: Jue 13, 2-7. 24-25/Sal 70, 3-4. 5-6. 16-17/Lc 1, 5-25
Viernes: Is 7, 10-14/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 1, 26-38
Sábado: Cant 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18/Sal 32, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21/Lc 1, 39-45
Domingo siguiente: Miq 5, 1-4/Sal 79, 2-3. 15-16. 18-19 (4)/Heb 10, 5-10/Lc 1, 39-45



Faith Formation

Confirmation

Confirmation Year 1 meets this Sunday at 5:30P. Please remember your donations for our Advent Service Project and visit our Bake Sale!!

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

There is only one king whose subjects can choose whether or not they will serve him. We choose Christ when we choose the truth. When we serve the truth, we serve Christ the King.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA (Live the Liturgy)

Solo hay un rey cuyos súbditos pueden elegir si le servirán o no. Elegimos a Cristo cuando elegimos la verdad. Cuando servimos a la verdad, servimos a Cristo Rey.

**Prayer for the third week of Advent
Prayer with St. John the Baptist**

Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring Your generosity into our community.
Amen.

**Oración por la Tercera Semana de Adviento
Oración con San Juan Bautista**

Por intercesión de San Juan Bautista, ayúdanos a recordar a los menos afortunados, y cómo el cuidado de ellos comparte en el cuidado del amado niño Jesús. Trae tu generosidad a nuestra comunidad.
Amén.

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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Just scan the QR code and it will take you directly to our electronic giving with Faith Direct. Thank you for your support of Holy Cross Church.**



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What do we call an ornamental canopy above an altar inside a church?

Answer: A Baldacchino or Baldachin.

TRIVIA CATÓLICA – SÓLO POR DIVERSIÓN

Pregunta: ¿Cómo llamamos a un dosel ornamental sobre un altar dentro de una iglesia?

Respuesta: Un baldaquino.



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:
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(805) 336-2220

We always welcome new members to our Ministries

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Mass Intentions for the week 12/15

Sunday 7:30 am For Parishioners
10:00 am Vincent Tao Van Nguyen (RIP)
12:00 pm Jose Camilo Barrera (RIP)

Monday 8:00 am Cecilia Krippendorf (RIP)

Tuesday 8:00 am Betty J. Delisio (RIP)

Wednesday 8:00 am Terry Rearick (RIP)

Thursday 8:00 am Anna Kistner (RIP)

Friday 8:00 am Reuben Hernandez (RIP)

Saturday 4:00 pm Clemon Luna (RIP)

Prayer Request