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The Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2025

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 READINGS**First Reading:**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus
through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

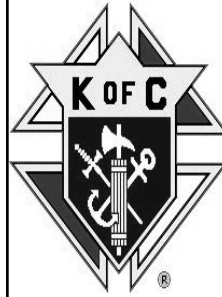
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.” (Mt 2:2)

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Readings for the week of January 5, 2025

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
(see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Knights of Columbus Council 9969 for the weekend of 1/4-1/5**

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, January 18th 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 anyone who wants to 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.

All are invited to join the Holy Cross Knights of Columbus Council 9969 as we recite our Scriptural Rosary on Wednesday, January 29th 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

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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.

Pray for ...

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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
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Moorpark Pantry Plus Priority Items

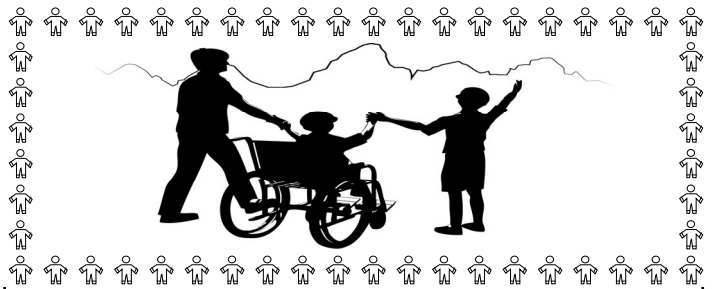
We will accept and appreciate all food donations

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

Office of Marriage Tribunal & Office of Marriage and Family Life: Separated & Divorced Ministry Free Zoom Presentation: Understanding the Process of Declaration of Marriage Nullity. What is the annulment process and how does the process work? Join us to ask your questions. Presenters: Fr. Reynaldo Matunog, JCL, Judicial Vicar, Fr. Paul Velazquez JCL & Sr. Angelica Orozco E.F.M.S.
Monday, January 13, 2025; 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

To register: <https://familylife.lacatholics.org/separated-divorced>
More information contact: Julie Auzenne, jmonell@la-archdiocese.org or 213-637-7249

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? January 4-5

Our mission to protect vulnerable adults

Nearly 1 in 4 U.S. adults report living with some kind of disability, ranging from physical limitations to diminished mental capabilities. Misunderstandings and misconceptions about a person’s individual disabilities can put that person at risk for abuse. By adopting practices that aim to understand a person’s unique circumstances, abilities, and challenges, we can work to protect those who are vulnerable in our communities. Some examples which can help foster safety and community include: asking questions instead of making assumptions, focusing on a person’s abilities and using positive language. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Our Mission to Protect Vulnerable Adults” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Nuestra misión de proteger a los adultos vulnerables

Casi 1 de cada 4 adultos estadounidenses vive con alguna discapacidad – desde las limitaciones físicas hasta la disminución de las capacidades mentales. Los malentendidos e interpretaciones equivocadas sobre las discapacidades de una persona pueden ponerlo en peligro de sufrir abusos. Adoptando prácticas con el propósito de comprender las circunstancias, capacidades y retos únicos de cada persona, podemos trabajar para proteger a las personas vulnerables de nuestras comunidades. Algunos ejemplos de cómo fomentar la seguridad y crear comunidad son hacer preguntas en lugar de hacer suposiciones, centrarse en las capacidades de la persona y utilizar un lenguaje positivo. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “Our Mission to Protect Vulnerable Adults” (Nuestra misión de proteger a los adultos vulnerables) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 5, 2025
The Epiphany of the Lord
Matthew 2:1-12

Have you ever wondered why the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew’s Gospel tells us, “Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their “treasures”? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn’t that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi’s gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with “gold” (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

— Father John Muir



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Gospel Question:

The visit of the magi teaches us about God’s desire for the whole world know about his Son, Jesus. When do you first recall hearing about Jesus?

1st Reading Question:

Isaiah foresees a time when the people of Jerusalem will be overwhelmed with happiness and prosperity. What gift could you receive that would bring you great joy?

2nd Reading Question:

Paul informs the Ephesians that he received a revelation of God’s plan to save all people through Christ Jesus. What do you think makes your friends or relatives open to this idea?

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Pregunta del Evangelio:

La visita de los reyes magos nos enseña sobre el deseo de Dios de que el mundo entero sepa acerca de su Hijo, Jesús. ¿Cuándo recuerdas haber oído hablar de Jesús por primera vez?

Pregunta de la 1ª Lectura:

Isaías prevé un tiempo en el que el pueblo de Jerusalén será abrumado por la felicidad y la prosperidad. ¿Qué regalo podrías recibir que te traería una gran alegría?

Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura:

Pablo informa a los Efesios que recibió una revelación del plan de Dios para salvar a todas las personas por medio de Cristo Jesús. ¿Qué crees que hace que tus amigos o familiares sean abiertos a esta idea?



Virtual Diaconate Information Day

The Baptism of the Lord

Our Vocation as Christians begins with baptism.

A vocation as a deacon flows through baptismal grace in service of others.

Presentaciones también en Español



Sunday, January 12, 2025 | 2 pm–4 pm

The Voice of the Lord is mighty (Ps 29:4)

Let us help discern with you a possible vocation to the diaconate.

Next Sessions: April 6, 2025

To register email Deacon Melecio Zamora at dmz2011@la-archdiocese.org
 Or scan the QR code:



MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO**5 de enero de 2025****La Epifanía del Señor**

Estamos aún en un ambiente navideño, la alegría perdura todavía en nuestro corazón y en el ambiente. El Evangelio nos narra que los Magos, obedeciendo la voz de su conciencia y guiados por una estrella, se ponen en marcha. Deseaban reconocer a Dios para ofrecerle sus regalos de oro, incienso y mirra. Después de investigar y preguntar, se aseguran de continuar el camino. Su esfuerzo no fue en vano, ellos fueron capaces de encontrarlo: “Al entrar a la casa vieron al niño con María, su madre; se arrodillaron y le adoraron” (Mateo 2:11). ¿Cuáles han sido mis esfuerzos en esta Navidad para encontrar a Dios? ¿A quien he preguntado para ser guiado y llegar a Él?

Para ver el misterio de Dios, debemos prepararnos. Esto implica movimiento, bondad, y sencillez. Solo así, experimentaremos la grandeza de Dios y lograremos ver nuestra pequeñez. Callar y percibir el ambiente del Evangelio de esta Liturgia es esencial para una limpieza del corazón. Es tiempo de abandonar la terquedad de nuestra vida, la desconfianza e hipocresía que a veces tenemos guardada como Herodes. “Se dejaron guiar por el impulso de la luz celeste y mientras acompañaban con atenta contemplación la luz que los precedía, eran guiados al conocimiento de la verdad por el esplendor de la gracia” (San León Magno, Primer sermón de la Epifanía). Todos estamos invitados y tenemos derecho de mirar al cielo como los Magos y buscar la estrella que nos guía en el camino: ¡Jesús!



¿QUÉ ESTRELLA NOS GUÍA
EN ESTE MOMENTO?

LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO**Primera lectura:**

¡Levántate, Jerusalén, resplandece! Ha llegado tu luz,
la gloria del Señor brilla sobre ti. (Is 60,1)

Salmo:

Señor, todos los pueblos de la tierra te adorarán. (Sal 72)

Segunda lectura:

No se dio a conocer a los hombres en otras generaciones
como ahora ha sido revelado

a sus santos apóstoles y profetas por el Espíritu:
que los gentiles son coherederos, miembros del mismo cuerpo,
y copartícipes de la promesa en Cristo Jesús por medio del evangelio. (Ef 3,5-6)

Evangelio:

“¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido? Hemos visto su estrella en el oriente y hemos venido a adorarlo”. (Mt 2,2)

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Las lecturas de la semana del 5 de enero de 2025

Domingo: Is 60, 1-6/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 (ver 11)/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12

Lunes: 1 Jn 3, 22—4, 6/Sal 2, 7-8. 10-12/Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25

Martes: 1 Jn 4, 7-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8/Mc 6, 34-44

Miércoles: 1 Jn 4, 11-18/Sal 71, 1-2. 10. 12-13/Mc 6, 45-52

Jueves: 1 Jn 4, 19—5, 4/Sal 71, 1-2. 14 y 15. 17/Lc 4, 14-22

Viernes: 1 Jn 5, 5-13/Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/Lc 5, 12-16

Sábado: 1 Jn 5, 14-21/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5 y 6 y 9/Jn 3, 22-30

Domingo siguiente: Is 40, 1-5. 9-11/Sal 103, 1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30 (1)/Tit 2, 11-14; 3, 4-7/Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22

Faith Formation

Confirmation

Confirmation Year 2 meets this Sunday at 5:30P. Candidates meet in hall and Parents meet in the church.

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! – CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Epiphany Blessing - January 5, 2024

Mini Explanation

The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God’s blessing on your home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart!

¡DEVOCIONES, EXPLICADAS! — CONÉCTATE CON LA TRADICIÓN Y CRECE EN TU FE

Bendición de la Epifanía - 5 de enero de 2024

Mini Explicación

La bendición del hogar de la Epifanía es una práctica antigua en la Iglesia. Esta tradición es una hermosa manera de observar la venida de los reyes magos mientras invocas la bendición de Dios sobre tu hogar y todos los que entran en él. ¡Todo lo que se necesita es tiza y un corazón lleno de oración!



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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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We are looking for willing hands that would like to share their talents of knitting and crochet. We currently meet the first Wednesday of each month in the dining room of the administration building. Join us at 10:00 am to find out how you can use your gifts and talents to bless others! For more information , please call Marie Pierce @ 805-907-8547.

Prayer of Rejoicing

Fill our hearts, Lord, with rejoicing as we seek and discover You. Your ways are full of wonder, glory, surprise, and joy.
Amen.

Oración de Regocijo

Llena nuestros corazones, Señor, de regocijo mientras te buscamos y descubrimos. Tus caminos están llenos de asombro, gloria, sorpresa y gozo.
Amén.

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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We always welcome new members to our Ministries

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Mass Intentions for the week 1/5

Sunday 7:30 am Isabel Cruz (RIP)
10:00 am For Parishioners
12:00 pm Christina & Antonio Alvarez (RIP)

Monday 8:00 am Barbara Blewitt (RIP)

Tuesday 8:00 am Edward & Helen Kondzielski (RIP)

Wednesday 8:00 am Lisa Donley (RIP)

Thursday 8:00 am Marie Jehlar (RIP)
7:00 pm Anita Nova (Special Intention)

Friday 8:00 am Patrick Jehlar (RIP)

Saturday 4:00 pm David Hernandez (RIP)

Prayer Request