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**3rd Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023**

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:**

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10)

Psalm:

My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b)

Second Reading:

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)

Gospel:

"I baptize with water;
but there is one among you whom you do not
recognize,
the one who is coming after me,
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." (Jn
1:23)

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Readings for the week of December 17, 2023

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50,
53-54 (Is 61:10b)/
1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt
1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk
1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3,
11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,
8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10
and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3,
4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk
1:26-38



**Knights of Columbus Council
9969 for the weekend of 12/16-
12/17**

All are invited to join the Holy
Cross Knights of Columbus
Council 9969 as we recite our
Scriptural Rosary on Wednesday,
December 27th 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 start your new year off on the right foot and
join your Brother Knights for the January General
Business Meeting on Thursday, January 11th at
730PM at the Chapel? It's a great opportunity to get
involved with the many charitable efforts your
council supports. We could use your help!

**PARISH PENANCE SERVICE**

Monday, December 18, 2023

7:00 p.m.

SERVICIO DE PENITENCIA PARROQUIAL

lunes, 18 de diciembre de 2023

7:00 pm.

Prayer for Advent 3

Dear Lord,
Give us boldness as we move
through the motions of the holiday season,
to reflect and remind those around us
of Your deep and abiding love for them.

Pray for ...

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Jamie Belch	Ramon Godinez	Vanda Glaspey
Ed Brown	David Bowden	Shannon
Mela Cano	Maria Hinojosa	Noel Lisenbery
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Karen Withers	Peggy Eastham	
Pilar Ramirez	Judy Buckley	



Moorpark Pantry Plus Priority Items

We will accept and appreciate all food donations

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|--------------------|---------------|
| Bagged Beans 16 oz | Sugar |
| Bagged Rice 16 oz | Flour |
| Oil | Peanut butter |
| Canned Chicken | Canned Tuna |
| Canned Soup | Jelly |
| Pasta | |

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

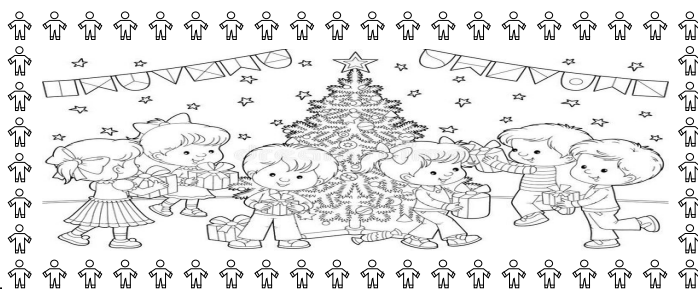
God sends a John the Baptist into every person's life — someone who prepares His way, who calls out His truth. Look for the John the Baptist in your life. Pray you can be this person for someone else.

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

Dios envía un Juan Bautista a la vida de cada persona, alguien que prepara su camino, que proclama su verdad. Busca al Juan Bautista en tu vida. Ora para que puedas ser esta persona para alguien más.

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Did You Know? December 16-17

Keeping children safe in holiday crowds

This Christmas, your family will likely be in a crowd or two — at school functions, visiting Santa at the mall, Christmas Eve Mass. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, over 400,000 children go missing every year in the US. Crowds are a perfect opportunity for a perpetrator to take advantage of chaos and distraction. Before you head out into the holiday frenzy, talk to your children about some ground rules: Stay together and communicate about where you are headed if you change directions or plans. Consider the “two big steps” rule, which tells your child not to be more than two steps away from you at all times. That way, you can easily keep eyes on each other. For more tips visit nationwidechildrens.org.

Mantener a los niños seguros en las multitudes durante las fiestas de fin de año

Esta Navidad, su familia probablemente estará entre una multitud o dos —en las funciones escolares, visitando a Santa en el centro comercial Misa de Nochebuena. Según el Centro Nacional para Niños Desaparecidos y Explotados, más de 400 mil niños desaparecen cada año en Estados Unidos. Las multitudes son una oportunidad perfecta para que un perpetrador aproveche el caos y la distracción. Antes de lanzarse al frenesí navideño, hable con sus hijos sobre algunas reglas básicas: permanezcan juntos y comuniquen hacia dónde se dirigen si cambian de dirección o de planes. Considere la regla de los “dos grandes pasos”, que le dice a su hijo que no debe estar a más de dos pasos de usted en todo momento. De esta manera podrán vigilarse mutuamente con mucha facilidad. Para obtener más consejos, visite nationwidechildrens.org.

If anyone is interested in advertising in our bulletin please call Jaime Arvizu at LPI.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 17, 2023
3rd Sunday of Advent

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: "There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him." The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— Father John Muir

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Isaiah rejoices over God's call in his life and the promise of restoration for all nations. As we continue in the season of Advent, what has brought some joy to you or your family?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be people of prayer and joy, open to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Is there anything recently that has brought you joy?

Gospel:

John presents the religious leaders of Jerusalem as puzzled and uncertain as to who John the Baptist was. How do you approach friends or family in your life who are confused or questioning the faith?

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera Lectura:

Isaías se regocija por el llamado de Dios en su vida y la promesa de restauración para todas las naciones. A medida que continuamos en la temporada de Adviento, ¿qué te ha traído algo de alegría a ti o a tu familia?

Segunda Lectura:

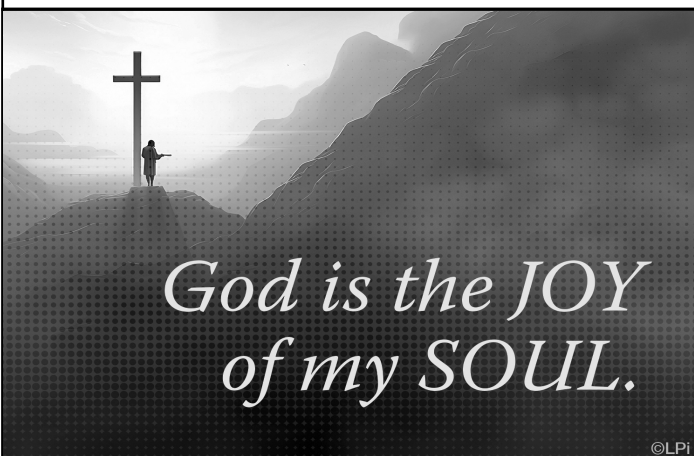
Pablo anima a los tesalonicenses a ser personas de oración y alegría, abiertos a la obra del Espíritu Santo en sus vidas. ¿Hay algo recientemente que te haya traído alegría?

Evangelio:

Juan presenta a los líderes religiosos de Jerusalén desconcertados e inseguros sobre quién era Juan el Bautista. ¿Cómo te acercas a amigos o familiares en tu vida que están confundidos o cuestionan la fe?

Observances for the week of December 17, 2023

- Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Thursday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
- Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve



*God is the JOY
of my SOUL.*

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO

17 de diciembre de 2023
3er Domingo de Adviento

El Tercer Domingo de Adviento es el domingo de “Gaudete”, que en latín quiere decir alégrese o estar alegres. Por este motivo, las lecturas de hoy nos hablan del regocijo de tener al Señor ya casi con nosotros: “Estén siempre alegres en el Señor, les repito, estén alegres.” El Señor está cerca. A esta altura del Adviento, debemos estar ya preparados y listos para recibir a Jesús, especialmente en la familia. Es esencial ayudar a los más pequeños a comprender que el mejor regalo de Navidad es Jesús en nuestro hogar. Danos Señor la alegría del Evangelio y el gozo de María, al esperar a su Hijo amado. Danos el compromiso de Juan Bautista, que anunciaba la luz del que iba a venir, y del cual no era digno de desatarle la correa sus sandalias. Todo eso es lo que nos hace cristianos comprometidos, ayudándonos unos a otros a ir al encuentro de Dios en esta Navidad.

“El camino de la alegría no es fácil, no es un paseo. Se necesita trabajo para estar siempre en la alegría” (Papa Francisco 12-13-2020). ¿Cuándo soy testigo de la alegría que existe en mi por mi bautismo? ¿Cuándo soy testigo de la luz de Cristo? Señor, tú me conoces bien y sabes que muchas veces mi estilo de vida no está al nivel que tu mereces. Sabes que, en lugar de confiar en ti plenamente, cierro las posibilidades de encuentro, de confianza contigo y con mi familia. Deseo ser libre de toda oscuridad, dame tu luz para ver tu verdad. ¡Ven Señor!

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

Me regocijo de todo corazón en el Señor,
 en mi Dios está el gozo de mi alma. (Is 61:10)

Salmo:

Mi alma se regocija en mi Dios. (Is 61:10b)

Segunda lectura:

Que el Dios de la paz os haga perfectamente santos.
 y que tú enteramente, espíritu, alma y cuerpo,
 seamos preservados irreprochables para la venida
 de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. (1 Tes 5:23)

Evangelio:

“Yo bautizo con agua;
 pero hay uno entre vosotros a quien no
 reconocéis,
 el que viene detrás de mí,
 cuyas sandalias no soy digno de desatar”. (Juan
 1:23)

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Las lecturas de la semana del 17 de diciembre de 2023

Domingo: Is 61, 1-2. 10-11/Lc 1, 46-48. 49-50.
 53-54 (Is 61, 10)/1 Tes 5, 16-24/
 Jn 1, 6-8. 19-28

Lunes: Jr 23, 5-8/Sal 71, 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/
 Mt 1, 18-25

Martes: Jue 13, 2-7. 24-25/Sal 70, 3-4. 5-6. 16
 -17/Lc 1, 5-25

Miércoles: Is 7, 10-14/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 1,
 26-38

Jueves: Cant 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18/Sal 32, 2-
 3. 11-12. 20-21/Lc 1, 39-45

Viernes: 1 Sm 1, 24-28/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8/
 Lc 1, 46-56

Sábado: Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24/Sal 24, 4-5. 8-9. 10
 y 14/Lc 1, 57-66

Domingo siguiente: 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal
 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29 (2)/Rom
 16, 25-27/Lc 1, 26-38

Faith Formation

Elementary & JHM

Do something to make the holiday season joyful for someone who is in need, sad, or lonely this year.

Confirmation

Confirmation Year 1 meets this Sunday at 5:30pm. Please remember your donations for our Advent Service Project.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

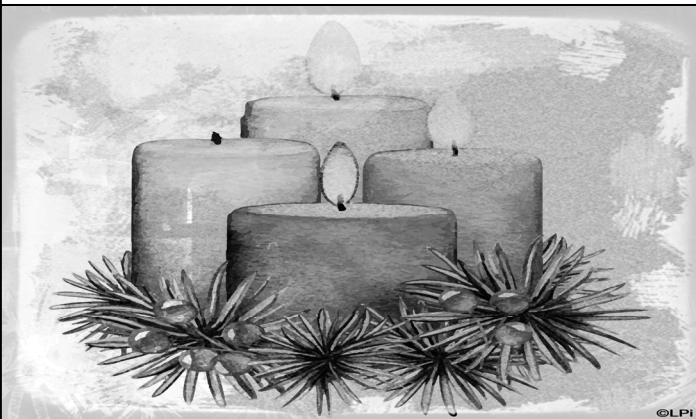
Question: What are the only materials acceptable for use as an altar cloth?

Answer: Hemp or flax

TRIVIA CATÓLICA – SÓLO POR DIVERSIÓN

Pregunta: ¿Cuáles son los únicos materiales aceptables para usar como mantel de altar?

Respuesta: cáñamo o lino



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 !



Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 17 de diciembre de 2023

- Domingo: 3er Domingo de Adviento
- Jueves: San Pedro Canisio, presbítero y doctor de la Iglesia
- Sábado: San Juan de Kety, presbítero
- Domingo siguiente: 4º Domingo de Adviento; Nochebuena

Oración por el Adviento 3

Querido Señor,
Danos audacia mientras nos movemos a través de los movimientos de la temporada navideña, para reflexionar y recordar a los que nos rodean de Tu profundo y permanente amor por ellos. Permíteles encontrar Tu amor, a través de nosotros. 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 12/17

Sunday 7:30 am Parishioners
10:00 am Gary & Verna Hoelker (RIP)
12:00 pm Ricardo Camacho
(Special Intention)

Monday 8:00 am Patrick Jehlar (RIP)

Tuesday 8:00 am Vincent Tao Van Nguyen (RIP)

Wednesday 8:00 am Reuben Hernandez (Birthday)

Thursday 8:00 am Louie Angelo Lopez (RIP)
7:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am Natalie Myers (RIP)

Saturday 4:00 pm Edward Santoro (RIP)

Prayer Request