



Holy Cross Catholic Church

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4th Sunday of Advent December 24, 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:**

“Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me;

your throne shall stand firm forever.” (2 Sm 28:16)

Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading:

The revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages

but now manifested through the prophetic writings and,

according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 16:25-26)

Gospel:

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,

and you shall name him Jesus.” (Lk 1:31)

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Readings for the week of December 24, 2023

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

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/

Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps

96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/

Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/

Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

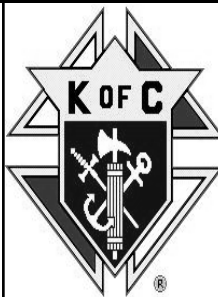
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



**Knights of Columbus Council
9969 for the weekend of 12/23-
12/24**

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!

The Knights of Columbus wish the parishioners of Holy Cross a very Merry Christmas.

Sacred Heart Leadership Retreat

December 28-30, 2023

Young women ages 18-30 are invited to a 3 day Retreat hosted by the Sacred Sisters
Our days will include prayer & renewal, spiritual presentations and small group discussions

www.joyfulapostolate.org

Questions? Text 714-743-4027

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

We hear how God established his covenantal promise with King David to raise up a son after him and ensure that David's house and kingdom will stand firm forever. What promises have you kept with family or friends?

Second Reading:

Paul concludes his letter to the Romans with a hymn of praise to God. As Advent draws to a close, for what can you praise God?

Gospel:

Today's Gospel reading is the annunciation to Mary of the upcoming birth of Jesus. Mary's unconditional acceptance offers us a model to follow. How open are you to God's work in your life?



Pray for ...

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Yves Fournier	Shannon Ferraez	Crystal Gomez
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Christina Morelli	Orlando Delnero	Aileen Choate
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Karen Withers	Peggy Eastham	
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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 | |

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera Lectura:

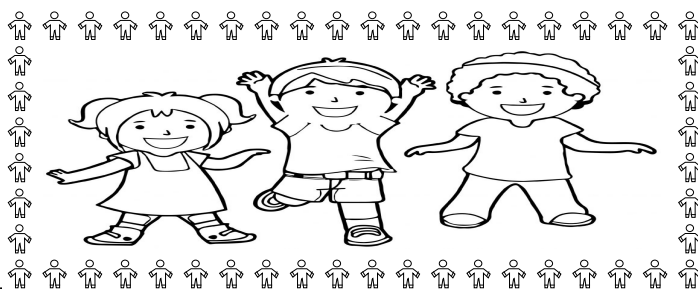
Escuchamos cómo Dios estableció su promesa de pacto con el rey David de levantar un hijo después de él y asegurar que la casa y el reino de David se mantuvieran firmes para siempre. ¿Qué promesas has cumplido con familiares o amigos?

Segunda Lectura:

Pablo concluye su carta a los Romanos con un himno de alabanza a Dios. Ahora que el Adviento llega a su fin, ¿por qué puedes alabar a Dios?

Evangelio:

La lectura del Evangelio de hoy es la anunciación a María del próximo nacimiento de Jesús. La aceptación incondicional de María nos ofrece un modelo a seguir. ¿Qué tan abierto estás a la obra de Dios en tu vida?



Did You Know? December 23-24

What is a trial balloon?

One of the best ways safe adults can help children who are suffering from abuse is to recognize and listen to their disclosures — even if they are done in stages or in subtle ways. A child may float a “trial balloon” disclosure, meaning he may use a single sentence or phrase to see if a safe adult will respond appropriately. Be on the lookout for sudden disclosures like, “I don’t want to go to So-and-so’s house anymore,” and try responding in a way designed to let the child continue to open up: “Do you want to tell me why?” or “Let’s talk about that,” for example. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Test Balloons or Trial Balloons” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

¿Qué es un globo de prueba?

Una de las mejores maneras en que los adultos confiables pueden ayudar a los niños que sufren abuso es reconocer y escuchar sus revelaciones, incluso si se hacen en partes o de manera sutil. Un niño puede revelar un “globo de prueba”, lo que significa que puede usar una sola oración o frase para ver si un adulto confiable responde apropiadamente. Esté atento a revelaciones repentinas como: “Ya no quiero ir a la casa de Fulano de tal” e intente responder de una manera diseñada para permitir que el niño continúe abriéndose: “¿Quieres decirme por qué?” o “Hablemos de eso”, por ejemplo. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “Test Balloons or Trial Balloons”(Globos de prueba) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 24, 2023
4th Sunday of Advent

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, "But she was greatly troubled at what was said." An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her precisely when she is troubled. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, "Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God."

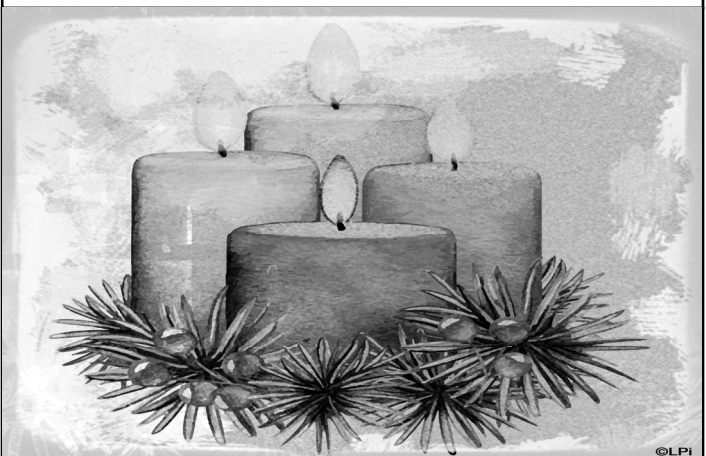
— Father John Muir

Prayer for Advent 4

Dear Lord,
Visit our homes!
Visit our families!
Bring your goodness and light
to every broken heart we've met
on this journey of life.
Your presence brings healing and rebirth.
Come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

Dear members of Holy Cross Parish,
May the greeting of peace and goodwill expressed by the angels come into our hearts and homes on Christmas Day and abide with us always. May we share the gladness of the shepherds by closing the door to hate and opening the door to love. May we imitate the worship of the Wise Men by adding kindness to every greeting. May the Christ Child teach us to be merry with clean hearts on the day of His birth. And as we end the day of Christmas, may gratitude occupy our hearts and minds.
Excited for our union in celebrating Christmas Mass, may the coming new year of 2024 bring us peace, security and joy in our closeness to Jesus and one another.
In Christ Jesus,
Monsignor Joseph Hernandez, Pastor
Deacons and staff

Que la paz y la buena voluntad expresadas por los angeles, llegue a nuestros corazones y hogares en el día de la Navidad; permaneciendo con nosotros siempre. Que podamos compartir la alegría de los pastores cerrando la puerta del odio y abriendo la puerta del amor. Que podamos imitar la adoración de los Reyes Magos agregando amabilidad a cada saludo. Que el Niño Jesús nos enseñe a ser felices con corazones limpios el día de su nacimiento. Y al concluir el día de la Navidad, que la gratitud ocupe nuestros corazones y mentes.
Entusiasmados por nuestra unión en la celebración de la Misa de Navidad, que este año entrante 2020 nos traiga a todos paz, seguridad y alegría en nuestra cercanía con Jesucristo y con los demás.
En Cristo Jesús,
Monseñor Joseph Hernández, Párroco, Diáconos,
Personal y ministros



MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO

24 de diciembre de 2023
4º Domingo de Adviento

Todos en la vida buscamos tener espacio. Espacio en un hogar para vivir en paz, para tener privacidad y, sobre todo, espacio para valorar nuestros encuentros con el otro. Hoy, en la liturgia de este Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, se narra la Anunciación, donde el ángel Gabriel llega a la casa de María buscando un espacio para Dios. María le hace ese espacio con su “Yo soy la servidora del Señor, hágase en mí tal como has dicho” (Lucas 1,38). Esto quiere decir, sí lo acepto, aquí está el espacio de mi ser y de mi corazón, para alojar a Dios con todas sus consecuencias. Alegrémonos con María y vivamos con fe esta Navidad ya entre nosotros.

“«Hágase en mí según tu palabra». Es la última frase de la Virgen en este último domingo de Adviento, y es la invitación a dar un paso concreto hacia la Navidad. Porque si el nacimiento de Jesús no toca nuestra vida—la mía, la tuya, la de todos—, si no toca la vida pasa en vano... Que la Virgen nos ayude a decirlo con nuestra vida, con la actitud de estos últimos días para prepararnos bien a la Navidad” (Papa Francisco 12-20-2020). ¿Qué espacio está listo en tu hogar para recibir a Jesús? ¿Tu corazón está dispuesto a decir hágase en mí como tú lo deseas?

Pidámosle, a María nos ayude a preparar el corazón como una cuna, para que el niño Dios tenga su espacio especial para esta Navidad y que nunca se vaya de ahí.

Oración por el Adviento 4

Querido Señor,
¡Visita nuestros hogares!
¡Visita a nuestras familias!
Trae tu bondad y tu luz
a cada corazón roto que hemos conocido
en este viaje de la vida.
Tu presencia trae sanación y renacimiento.
¡Ven, Señor Jesús!
Amén.

LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

Primera lectura:

“Tu casa y tu reino permanecerán para siempre delante de mí;

tu trono permanecerá firme para siempre.” (2 Sam 28:16)

Salmo:

Por siempre cantaré la bondad del Señor. (Sal 89)

Segunda lectura:

La revelación del misterio mantenido en secreto durante mucho tiempo

pero ahora manifestado a través de los escritos proféticos y,

según el mandato del Dios eterno,

dado a conocer a todas las naciones para lograr la obediencia a la fe. (Romanos 16:25-26)

Evangelio:

"He aquí, concebirás en tu vientre y darás a luz un hijo,

y le pondrás por nombre Jesús”. (Lucas 1:31)

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Las lecturas de la semana del 24 de diciembre de 2023

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

Lunes: Vigilia: Is 62, 1-5/Sal 88, 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29/Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25/

Mt 1, 1-25 o 1, 18-25 Noche: Is 9, 1-6/ Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13/

Tit 2, 11-14/Lc 2, 1-14 Matutina: Is 62, 11-12/Sal 96, 1. 6. 11-12/Tit 3, 4-7/

Lc 2, 15-20 Día: Is 52, 7-10/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6/Heb 1, 1-6/

Jn 1, 1-18 o 1, 1-5. 9-14

Martes: Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-59/Sal 30, 3-4. 6 y 8. 16 y 17/Mt 10, 17-22

Miércoles: 1 Jn 1, 1-4/Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12/Jn 20, 2-8

Jueves: 1 Jn 1, 5—2, 2/Sal 123, 2-3. 4-5. 7-8/Mt 2, 13-18

Viernes: 1 Jn 2, 3-11/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6/Lc 2, 22-35

Sábado: 1 Jn 2, 12-17/Sal 95, 7-8. 8-9. 10/Lc 2, 36-40

Domingo siguiente: Eclo 3, 2-6. 12-14 o Gn 15, 1-6; 21, 1-3/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5 o Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9/Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17 o Heb 11, 8. 11-12. 17-19/ Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22. 39-40

Faith Formation

Elementary & JHM

Read the story of the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and put the baby Jesus in the manger of your nativity set.

Confirmation

There is no Confirmation this Sunday. Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name of the popular Christmas song about a boy playing his drum for Jesus?

Answer: The Little Drummer Boy

TRIVIA CATÓLICA – SÓLO POR DIVERSIÓN

Pregunta: ¿Cómo se llama la popular canción navideña sobre un niño tocando su tambor para Jesús?

Respuesta: El pequeño tamborilero



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 !

MESSENGER OF GOD

“
THE POWER OF THE MOST HIGH WILL OVERSHADOW YOU.
 ”

- ST. GABRIEL

MENSAJERO DE DIOS

“
EL PODER DEL ALTÍSIMO TE CUBRIRÁ CON SU SOMBRA.
 ”

- SAN GABRIEL

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 12/24

Sunday 7:30 am

10:00 am Louisa Yalinkatian
(Special Intention)

12:00 pm

4:30 pm Grace Hernandez (RIP)

10:00 pm Special Intention

Monday 10:00 am Pro Populo

12:00 pm For Parishioners

Tuesday 8:00 am Betty Swan (RIP)

Wednesday 8:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Thursday 8:00 am Nellie Candle (RIP)

7:00 pm

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

Saturday 4:00 pm Vera Regan (RIP)

Prayer Request