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Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017

Eucharistic Liturgy Schedule (Mass)

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 7:45, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.,
12:15 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekdays:

Monday and Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturdays: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Eve of Holy Days: 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.

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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Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17



REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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 24:1-4ab, 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, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

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

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

Safeguard the Children Parish Committee Chair Ron Clouse-529-1397

DID YOU KNOW?

Pay attention to signs of neglect

Neglect is a form of child abuse characterized by a failure to meet a child's basic needs for nourishment, shelter, clothing, healthcare, education and so forth. Be on the lookout for signs of neglect in the children you see on a daily basis because if these needs are not met, a child may be suffering physically and emotionally. Some signs of neglect include malnourishment, poor hygiene, and insufficient medical care. For more information, and a copy of the VIRTUS® article "The Oft-Forgotten Type of Abuse: Neglect," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>, or call (213) 637-7508.

¿SABÍA USTED?

Preste atención a los signos de negligencia

La negligencia es una forma de maltrato infantil caracterizada por la falta de satisfacción de las necesidades básicas de alimentación, vivienda, vestimenta, atención médica, educación, entre otros, de un niño. Esté atento a los signos de abandono en los niños que ve a diario porque si no se satisfacen estas necesidades, un niño está sufriendo física y emocionalmente. Algunos signos de negligencia incluyen desnutrición, falta de higiene y atención médica insuficiente. Para más información, y una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® "The Oft-Forgotten Type of Abuse: Neglect" (El tipo de abuso a menudo olvidado: negligencia), visite <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS->

Bringing Joy Through Justice

3rd Sunday of Advent -

Reading I The Mission To The Afflicted
Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Reading II Christian Conduct; Blessing
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel John As Witness To The Light
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Adult: What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?

Child: What could you do for someone this week to make them happy?



Pray for ...

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Jim Baier	Joseph Inserra	Jim Nuciforo
Tara Barajas	Patsy Jimenez	John O'Green
Manuel Barrera	Margaret Jimenez	Ramona Patterson
Tim Beaulieu	Margie Palomino Jimenez	Armando Perez
Ed Brown	Marjorie Johnson	Diana Perez
Joan Bukovszky	Susan Jones	John Perez
Ray Bukovszky	Sue Karas	Marie Perez
Mela Cano	Ryan Kaufman	Vicki Perez
Fernando Chavez	Lou Kelly	Joe Perez, Jr.
Jim Coleman	Tom Kelly	Breanna Pflaumer
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Carlos Cooper	Steven Kinal	Michael Riley
Nancy Cota	Lorraine Kwik	Ruben Rodriguez
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Juan Gonzalez	Elaine McGovern	Patrick Uy
Lupe Gonzalez	Angela McKervey	Maria Guadalupe Vargas
Manuel Gonzalez	Patricia Mead	Justin Warn
Richard Gonzalez	Mary Jane Mitchell	Lori Wesdell
Manuel Gutierrez	Ritchie Moore	Pat Withers
Anne Haff	Julie Mora	Vivian (Dee) Womack
Lori Hatcher	Christina Morelli	Janet Yandle
Regina Hepp	Ryan Morris	

RELIGIOUS GIFT STORE

Our Religious Gift Store will be open this weekend. Come in and shop for your gifts! If you do not see what you are looking for our volunteer staff will be happy to assist you.

Religious give thanks. A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

Run with Purpose & Passion!

Join in the **4th Annual Sisters of Notre Dame Nun Run 5K, 1 Mile and Community Service Fair** on **Saturday February 3, 2018** at the La Reina High School & Middle School campus in Thousand Oaks. The event will feature 5K chip-timing, a pancake breakfast, activities for kids, race day giveaways and other prizes. Local, non-profit service organizations will also be present to share information about their mission, programs and volunteer opportunities. This is a family-friendly event and is open to all ages and fitness levels. Proceeds support the Sisters of Notre Dame Life and Ministry Fund, providing spiritual, educational and social outreach locally and around the world.

Sign up today at: nun.run

Questions? Please contact Jen Coito: jcoito@sndca.org or (805) 917-3730

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Sun. Dec. 17 Youth Mass—10:30 a.m

Tues. Dec. 19 Bible Basics 6:30-8 p.m.

Thurs. Dec. 21 Youth Ministry Christmas Party! 7-9 p.m.

For more info., call Danny at 529-0641 or email dcleary@holycross-moorpark.org

Facebook.com/holycrosshighschoolyouthministry

Penance Services

In preparation for your celebration of ChristMass, the local parishes are hosting Penance Services. Priests from various parishes will be available to hear confessions. In your preparation for the celebration of ChristMass, please consider participating in one of these Penance Services.

En preparación para su celebración de ChristMass, las parroquias locales están organizando servicios de penitencia. Los sacerdotes de varias parroquias estarán disponibles para escuchar confesiones. En su preparación para la celebración de ChristMass, considere participar en uno de estos Servicios Penitenciaros.

Mon. Dec. 18, 2017 Holy Cross*
13955 Peach Hill Road
Moorpark

Wed. Dec. 20, 2017 St. Peter Claver
2380 Stow Street
Simi Valley

***Due to the close proximity of the 4th Sunday of Advent and ChristMass Eve, the scheduled availability for Confession on Saturday, December 23, 2017 has been transferred to the Parish Penance Service on December 18, 2017.**

** Debido a la proximidad del cuarto domingo de Adviento y la víspera de la Misa Crismal, la disponibilidad de las confesiones programada para el sábado 23 de diciembre de 2017 se transfirió al Servicio Penitencial de la Parroquia del 18 de diciembre de 2017.*



Third Thursday of each Month
December 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Please come join us for prayer and meditation as we glorify our gracious Lord.

BULLETIN BOARD

Moorpark Pantry Plus/Catholic Charities
Non-Perishable Donations are desperately needed.
Most Used Items:

Breakfast Cereal 15 oz.	Pinto Beans 2 lb.
Peanut Butter 12 oz.	Ketchup 16 oz.
Jelly 12 oz.	Mayonnaise 32 oz.
Sugar 4 lb.	Diapers Size 4, 5, 6
Cooking Oil 32 oz. or less	Shampoo 15 oz.
Jell-O 5 oz.	Bar Soap
Canned Tuna 7 oz.	Laundry Detergent
Canned Fruit 15 oz.	Toothpaste
Spaghetti Sauce 15 oz.	Toilet Paper
Spaghetti Paste 15 oz.	
Tomato Sauce 15 oz.	All food donations are
White Rice 2 lb.	welcome.



KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS CORNER

Want to be part of the fun? Like the results? Want to become a Knight? The Knights wish to offer any man in Holy Cross Parish who is 18 years of age or older the opportunity to learn how to become a Knight and understand the joy of giving to our Parish, our Community and our Lord. Our Holy Cross council participates in many activities, so there are several ways you can become involved. Upcoming activities include:

With the Holidays upon us the council does not have any specific events scheduled until the New Year. However, we would ask that everyone continue to support the various Holy Cross ministries, especially by selecting an Angel from the Giving Tree and/or through the Adopt-A-Family Program coordinated by Catholic Charities.

Our first event in January will be the annual Free Throw Championship which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday January 13th at the Boys & Girls Club starting at 8:00 AM. More information to come.

Our council is very pleased to introduce a new Ministry called "The Friends of St. Raphael's Roundtable." This Ministry is now available for **ALL** our fellow Parishioners who are ill and would like a visit from or more of our Brother Knights. St. Raphael is a Patron Saint of the sick, hence the name. If you would like additional information or a visit from a Brother Knight, please contact **Leonard Cruz @ 805-889-1620** (leonardcruz386@yahoo.com) or **Kenny Rodriguez @ 805-298-4223** (gabrielkenneth@gmail.com) or our Grand Knight (contact info below).

The Knights of Columbus wishes everyone a very joyous and blessed Holiday Season! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

For more information contact our Grand Knight, Mike LoCollo @ 805-231-6168 (MikeLoCollo@roadrunner.com) or Membership Director Andy Willrodt @ 805-298-2999 (Awillrodt@fuscoe.com) or any member of the Knights.

RECOMMENDATED AGENCIES SUPPORTING THOSE SUFFERING FROM FIRE

"Friends, join me please in praying for our brothers and sisters who are facing devastating fires and high winds. Let us pray for the families and their homes and also for the firefighters and rescue workers. May God keep them all safe and put an end to these fires." – Archbishop José Gomez

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is providing support to the communities affected by the fires through Catholic Charities of Los Angeles and our local parishes and schools. A special fund has been established to help those impacted by the fires.

Donations can be made at www.archla.org/fires.

In-kind items for Ventura County fire victims can be sent to:

Catholic Charities' Ventura Community
Services Center
303 North Ventura Avenue
Ventura CA 93001-1936
(805) 643-4694 (Contact: Rick Raine)

In-kind items for victims of the Sylmar/Santa Clarita fires be sent to:

Catholic Charities' Guadalupe Community
Center
21600 Hart Street
Canoga Park, CA 91303
(213) 251-3549 (Contact: Sandra Yanez)

There are also resources available from city and county agencies for those who are in the evacuation zones. You can find more information regarding where to get help if you are affected by the fires at the following links: <http://vcfd.org/>, <http://www.sbctfire.com/>, <http://www.lafd.org/> www.lacity.org

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Your love as husband and wife is a gift to one another as well as a gift from God. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to receive the tools needed to make the most of this precious gift. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next WWME weekend on Feb 9-11 in Canoga Park. For more information contact Ed and Jo Lara at 818-848-6729 or go online at www.twocanlove.org We help make good marriages better.

LECTORS

Workbooks 2018 for lectors can be picked up in the Administration Office

LECTORES

Los libros de trabajo 2018 para lectores se pueden recoger en la Oficina de Administración

ACTIVIDADES HISPANAS EN HOLY CROSS

Domingos:

12:15 PM - Misa en Español

Lunes, Miércoles y Jueves:

6:00 – 8:30 PM Entrevistas Sacramentales

Tercero Domingo del mes:

1:30 PM - Clases Prebautismales-- en la iglesia

Primer Viernes del mes:

6:00 PM - Hora Santa

7:00 PM - Misa en Español

Primero y Tercer Sábado del mes:

10:00 AM - Bautismos en Español

Misas de Quince Años:

Por favor llame a la oficina al (805) 529-1397

Clases de Formación Continua Para Adultos

Cada primer lunes y tercer lunes del mes.

Información comunicarse al José Martínez (805) 312-1917/Dn. Eduardo (805) 501-1416.

Para solicitar entrevistas o información general en español favor de llamar al 529-1397.

AGENCIAS RECOMENDADAS

APOYANDO A LOS QUE SUFREN DEL FUEGO

"Amigos, únense a mí, por favor, orando por nuestros hermanos y hermanas que enfrentan incendios devastadores y fuertes vientos. Recemos por las familias y sus hogares y también por los bomberos y los trabajadores de rescate. Que Dios los guarde a todos y ponga fin a estos incendios". - Arzobispo José Gomez

La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles brinda apoyo a las comunidades afectadas por los incendios a través de Catholic Charities of Los Angeles y nuestras parroquias y escuelas locales. Se estableció un fondo especial para ayudar a los afectados por los incendios.

Las donaciones se pueden hacer en www.archla.org/fires.

Los artículos en especie para las víctimas de incendios del condado de Ventura se pueden enviar a:
Centro de servicios comunitarios Ventura de Catholic Charities
303 North Ventura Avenue
Ventura CA 93001-1936
(805) 643-4694 (Contacto: Rick Raine)

Los artículos en especie para las víctimas de los incendios de Sylmar / Santa Clarita se enviarán a:
Centro Comunitario Guadalupe de Catholic Charities
21600 Hart Street
Canoga Park, CA 91303
(213) 251-3549 (Contacto: Sandra Yáñez)

También hay recursos disponibles de las agencias de la ciudad y del condado para aquellos que se encuentran en las zonas de evacuación. Puede encontrar más información sobre dónde obtener ayuda si se ve afectado por los incendios en los siguientes enlaces: <http://vcfd.org/>, <http://www.sbcfire.com/>, <http://www.lafd.org/> www.lacity.org

Tercer Domingo de Adviento 17 de diciembre de 2017

Vivan siempre alegres, oren sin cesar.

— 1 Tesalonicenses 5:16

¡Esten Siempre
Alegres!



¡ALÉGRATE!

¡Isaías realmente nos proclama una buena nueva! La venida del Señor no trae tristeza, culpa, miedo, ira ni condena. No, la venida del Señor es fuente de júbilo y consuelo. No basta con decirlo una vez, las lecturas de hoy están llenas de júbilo. El Magníficat de María reemplaza a nuestro salmo hoy y nuestra segunda lectura nos anima a alegrarnos, dar gracia y rendir alabanza. Éste es el significado principal de la palabra griega para eucaristía. Se nos insta a alegrarnos y dar gracias, porque la venida del Señor trae júbilo, curación, libertad, perdón y vindicación. ¡Hace que la tierra eche brotes de vida nueva! ¡Buenas noticias!

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Regocíjense en el Espíritu del Señor que nos trae buenas noticias (Isaías 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Salmo — Se alegra mi espíritu en Dios mi Salvador (Lc 1:46-50, 53-54).

Segunda lectura — ¡Alégrense! Conserven su integridad en el Espíritu y guárdense sin mancha hasta la venida del Señor (1 Tesalonicenses 5:16-24).

Evangelio — Cuando preguntan a Juan Bautista quien es, dice, "Soy la voz que grita en el desierto" (Juan 1:6-8, 19-28).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Martes: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25

Miércoles: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 1:26-38

Jueves: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a; Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45

Viernes: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56

Sábado: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66

Domingo: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lc 1:26-38

Los religiosos les agradecen. Una hermana religiosa escribe "Cuando vemos la respuesta generosa de tantos miles de personas que nos quieren ayudar, a religiosas y religiosos, nos quedamos sin palabras". Las hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas, de edad avanzada, en todo el país, envían sus más sinceros agradecimientos y oraciones por sus donativos a la colecta de la semana pasada para el Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos.