



Holy Cross Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2017

Eucharistic Liturgy Schedule (Mass)

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m.
 Sundays: 7:45, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.,
 12:15p.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.

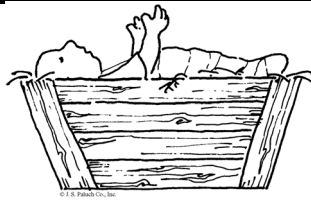
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The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

—*Luke 1:35*



GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalms — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; 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 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 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 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

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

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

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

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Educational video resources

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, through its initiative Kid Smartz, provides age-appropriate videos for children on how to put safety rules into action. This video series teaches children to always "check first" with a parent, guardian, or other trusted adult before going anywhere, helping anyone, accepting anything, or getting into a car. Visit <http://www.kidsmartz.org/Videos> to view the video.

¿SABÍA USTED?

Recursos educativos de video

El Centro Nacional para Menores Desaparecidos y Explotados, a través de su iniciativa Kid Smartz, ofrece videos adecuados para la edad de los niños sobre cómo poner en práctica las reglas de seguridad. Esta serie de videos les enseña a los niños a "verificar primero" con un padre de familia, guardián u otro adulto de confianza antes de ir a cualquier parte, ayudar a cualquier persona, aceptar cualquier cosa o subirse a un automóvil. Visite <http://www.kidsmartz.org/Videos> para ver el video.

Acceptance of God's Will 4th Sunday of Advent

1st Reading The Lord's Promises To David
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

2nd Reading Doxology
Romans 16:25-27

Gospel The Annunciation Of The Lord
Luke 1:26-38

Question of the Week

For Adults: How do you open your heart to what God wants for you? How do you follow the pathway that leads to happiness?

For Children: Is there something hard you need to do this week? What might make it easier?



Pray for ...

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RELIGIOUS GIFT STORE

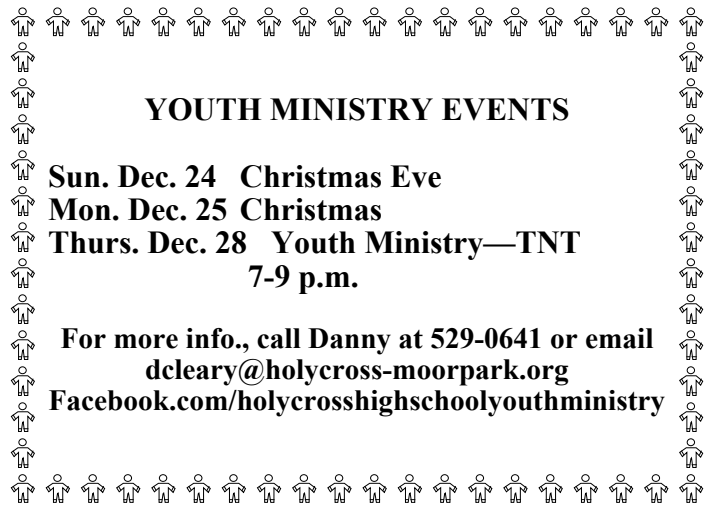
Our Religious Gift Store will be open this weekend. Come in and shop for your gifts! If you do not see what you are looking for our volunteer staff will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your generous support of our retired Religious. Your donations of \$5,593.00 will assist in the care of our retired Religious.

STATEMENT OF DONATIONS

We do not automatically send out yearly statements of donations. If you use your printed donation envelopes, loose checks or supplementary envelopes with name and address, they are recorded to your parish family number.

You may request a statement of your 2017 donations for income tax purposes by calling the parish Office at 529-1397.



YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Sun. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
Mon. Dec. 25 Christmas
Thurs. Dec. 28 Youth Ministry—TNT
 7-9 p.m.

For more info., call Danny at 529-0641 or email dcleary@holycross-moorpark.org
[Facebook.com/holycrosshighschoolyouthministry](https://www.facebook.com/holycrosshighschoolyouthministry)

Administration Office Hours
 for Christmas and New Year's
 Monday, December 25 Office closed
 Monday, January 1 Office closed

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2018



Run with Purpose & Passion!

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5K / 1 Mile

& COMMUNITY SERVICE FAIR

Proceeds support the SND Life & Ministry Fund providing spiritual, educational and social outreach locally & around the world.

WWW.NUN.RUN

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

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:

Tomorrow we celebrate the Birth of our Lord! As we all enjoy the festivities with family and friends, let us not forget all our neighbors whose lives have been affected by the wildfires. Remember everyone in your prayers and look to be of assistance where possible.

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 council would like to recognize our Brother Knights who joined in 2017: Juan Ceja, Andy Yuengert, Christopher Johnson, Bert Wouters, Matthew Stuhr, Steven Tarn, Andres Torres, Mario Tartamella, Gene Hatton, Edgar Vargas, Mike Winters and Vic Pesce.

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Children of the parish are somewhat focused on Santa Claus these days, who is keeping an eye on who's naughty and who's nice. Santa Claus, with his heavenly patron Saint Nicholas, has been more or less in charge of gift-giving to American children for a hundred years or so. In other places, perhaps more attentive to our Christian tradition, there are different gift-bearers. In Greece, Saint Basil delivers the presents on his feast day, December 31, and makes sure everyone is sprinkled with holy water. The Baby Jesus is in charge elsewhere, called the *Christkind* in Austria and Belgium, *El Niño Jesús* in Columbia, and *Le Petit Jesus* in France, where he shares his duties with *Père Noël*. In the Czech Republic almost everyone is atheist, but *Ježíšek*, the infant Jesus, brings gifts to one and all. In Poland the "Star Man" is said to bring the gifts, although often he turns out to be the village priest in disguise. Saint Nicholas, not his Americanized cousin, is the giver in Holland, where he wears a bishop's miter, and in Russia, where he wears a bishop's crown. Soviet Russia tried to dethrone Saint Nicholas and promote Grandfather Frost, but no one was much fooled by this attempt to squeeze religion out of Christ's birth. One country has a saintly woman in charge of the gifts, Saint Lucy, honored in Sweden on December 13, when children serve their parents breakfast in bed, and others awake to news that they have been nominated for a Nobel Prize. Some children have a second round of gifts on Epiphany, when the magi assume the gift-giving duties. In general, the gifts of Christmas are simple pleasures, not great heaps of treasures. Once upon a time, a new pair of socks or an orange was enough for us. No matter what gifts we receive, all of them are to point us to the true gift, and the true giver.

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Office of Family Life: **Separated & Divorced Ministry**

SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

Divorce or separation is troubling and painful to most people. The support group's goal is to become a source of spiritual strength and wisdom to process the grief, to ease the pain, and to give comfort and hope to those recovering from separation and divorce. Please join our ongoing group: Thursdays 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the Pastoral Center. No charge.

Where: Holy Family Catholic Church
501 Fremont Avenue,
South Pasadena, CA 91030
More information: Terri Lynn Doubet (818) 729-0577

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.

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.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

De las muchas tradiciones latinoamericanas para celebrar el Adviento y la Navidad, las Posadas parecen ser lo mejor conocido en EE. UU. Tienen su origen en la última mitad del siglo XVIII cuando las estrepitosas Misas de Aguinaldo dejaron de ser celebradas en México. Para remplazar la festividad de esas Misas, los laicos decidieron celebrar en sus casas tomando lo que habían visto dramatizado en los templos, esto es, el recorrido de José y María mientras buscaban posada en Belén. Como las "Antífonas de la O" de la liturgia oficial cristiana, estas Posadas llegaron a ser celebradas nueve noches consecutivas.

200 años después, muchos latinos continúan celebrando las Posadas en EE. UU. Recuerdo como de niño cantábamos "En el nombre del cielo" recorriendo las calles del barrio hasta llegar a la casa donde nos abrirían con cantos, tamales, galletitas y chocolate. Ese recorrido de José y María lamentablemente sigue todos los días en los pasos temerosos y cansados de tantos inmigrantes en este país. Como la Sagrada Familia, otras familias latinoamericanas continúan buscando hospedaje con la esperanza de dar a luz una nueva vida para sus hijos e hijas.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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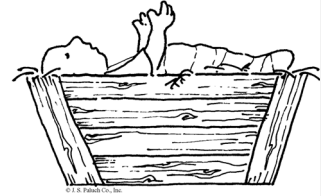
Si tienes demasiadas cosas que hacer, con la ayuda de Dios encontrarás el tiempo para hacerlo todo.

—San Pedro Canisio

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento 24 de diciembre de 2017

El Santo, que va a nacer de ti,
será llamado Hijo de Dios.

—Lucas 1:35



LA PROMESA DE DIOS

El largo pasaje de Samuel expone de manera maravillosa la promesa de Dios a la dinastía de David: que su trono siempre estaría ocupado gloriosamente por sus descendientes. Oculta en el misterio de la profecía está la promesa del Salvador, el Mesías, Hijo de Dios e Hijo de David. El profeta Natán, quien habla en nombre de Dios, desbarata poéticamente el plan de David de construir una casa para Dios y anuncia que el plan de Dios es construir una "casa", una dinastía, para David. De esta dinastía de David provendrá el Mesías, el Cristo, quien no llegará con el esplendor majestuoso con el que reinó David, sino que vendrá como un hombre humilde, que gobernará por los siglos de los siglos. Cuando Dios hace un regalo; lo que recibimos es asombroso: es muy distinto a lo que podríamos haber imaginado.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor promete a David que su casa permanecerá para siempre (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Salmo — Cantaré eternamente las misericordias del Señor (Salmo 89 [88]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo ora para que Dios sea glorificado mediante Jesucristo (Romanos 16:25-27).

Evangelio — El ángel Gabriel anuncia a María que ella concebirá al hijo de Dios (Lucas 1:26-38).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: **Vigilia:** Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Noche: Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14

Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20

Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Martes: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-9; Mt 10:17-22

Miércoles: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Jueves: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Viernes: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35

Sábado: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Sal 96 (95):7-10; Lc 2:36-40

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

Gracias por su generoso apoyo a nuestros religiosos jubilados. Sus donaciones de \$ 5,593.00 ayudarán en el cuidado de nuestros religiosos jubilados.