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Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2018

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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 God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.

—*Baruch 5:7*



AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalms — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Practice situational awareness as part of your holiday travel plans

At Christmastime, families come together to spend this blessed season surrounded by their loved ones, and for many families, this involves some travel. Parents with young children who are hitting the roads or the airways should be practicing situational awareness to ensure their children's safety. Situational awareness means staying alert and knowing what is going on around you. Keep an eye out for suspicious activity, and know where your family members are at all times. Do not allow yourself to become distracted by your phone or other electronics—it only takes a minute

¿SABÍA USTED?

Practique el conocimiento situacional como parte de sus planes de viaje de vacaciones. En Navidad, las familias se reúnen para pasar esta temporada bendecidas rodeadas de sus seres queridos, y para muchas familias, esto implica un viaje. Los padres de familia con niños pequeños que van a ir por las carreteras o los aeropuertos deben estar preparados para cualquier situación y así garantizar la seguridad de sus hijos. Estar conscientes de toda situación posible, significa mantenerse alerta y saber lo que sucede a su alrededor. Esté atento a las actividades sospechosas y conozca dónde están los miembros de su familia en todo momento. No se permita distraerse con tu teléfono u otros aparatos electrónicos, pues sólo le toma un minuto a un niño para desaparecer de tu vista. Para obtener más consejos de viajes de vacaciones, visite <http://www.catholic.org/travel/story.php?id=65521>.



Pray for ...

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Louie Bankowski	Lupe Gonzalez	Ramona Patterson
Tara Barajas	Manuel Gonzalez	Armando Perez
David Barnes	Richard Gonzalez	John Perez
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Jamie Belch	Katelin Hernandez	Marie Perez
Drew Boxley	Margaret Jimenez	Joe Perez, Jr.
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Rachel Crawford	Patricia Mead	Steven Swanson
Arlene Delnero	Erika Miller	Maria Guadalupe Vargas
Yves Fournier	John Montante	Justin Warn
Juan Gonzalez	Ritchie Moore	Lori Wesdell
	Christina Morelli	Janet Yandle

RELIGIOUS GIFT STORE

The gift store is open this weekend and every weekend until Christmas—Nov25 through December 16.

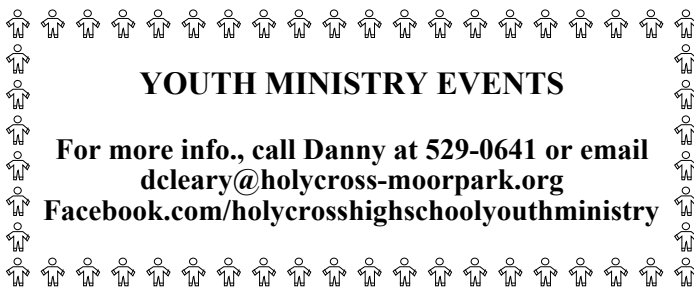
Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

Question of the Week

For Adults: In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?	For Children: What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?
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Altar Server Training

The Parish is offering Altar Server training for those interested. The criterion is from ages 10 to 13 and in the fifth through eighth grades. Interested parents should contact Deacon Michael Kromm via email at dnmikrokromm@holycross-moorpark.org, to set an appointment.



YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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RICHES

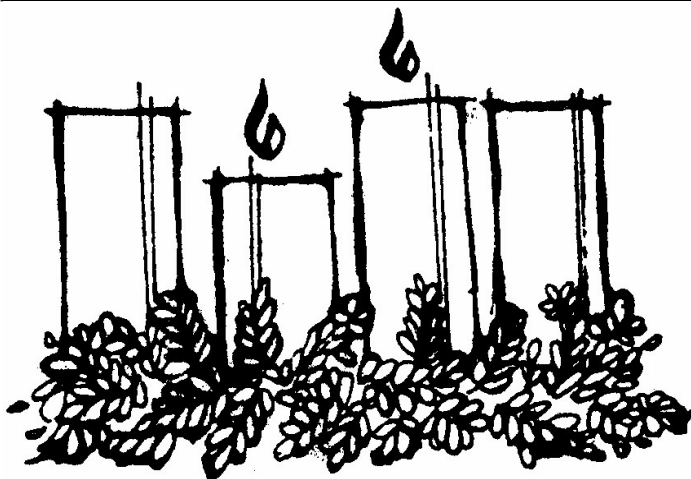
Riches are the instrument of all vices, because they render us capable of putting even our worst desires into execution.

—St. Ambrose

YET TO DO

One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done.

—Marie Curie



BULLETIN BOARD

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

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| 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. |

CENTERING PRAYER AND LECTIO DIVINA will continue on **TUESDAY DECEMBER 11, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Place: Notre Dame Center 1776 Hendrix Ave., Thousand Oaks, 91360. Please RSVP to Sister Marie Paul Grech, SND at mgrech@sndca.org if you plan to attend. ♦♦♦♦♦

♦♦♦♦♦ **TAIZE PRAYER** will continue on **WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Place: Notre Dame Center 1776 Hendrix Ave., Thousand Oaks, 91360. Please RSVP to Sister Marie Paul Grech, SND at mgrech@sndca.org if you plan to attend.

Members of Holy Cross Parish,

Before the Summer months, we had a project of putting together a photo directory of parishioners of Holy Cross Parish. In September, the parish photo directory was passed out to those who pose for a portrait. My copy sits on my desk, inviting me to spend time going over the pictures. In a number of ways, this directory has been a great help.

Although a number of people are recorded in this book, still a vast majority are missing.

Please forgive my boldness in asking you for a ChristMass present. I would like to have a picture of as many members of this parish family. This collection would be Volume II. If you are not in this new Photo Directory may I have a family picture? (It may be emailed, mailed, delivered or if you pass by the office, it can be scanned.) With this picture, please provide names.

In my ministry, this project will assist me. It will also be a valuable reference for our parish history.

Thank you for your consideration.

In Christ Jesus,

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 [Subject line: **Msgr. Hernandez – picture**]

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER You have been given the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in your marriage. Are you using these gifts to show the world the importance of your Sacrament of Marriage? Come and learn how to share your gifts. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Week-ends** are Feb 8-10, 2019 in Lancaster and April 26-28, 2019 in Simi Valley. Early registration is highly recommended. 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.



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 and programs include the following:

December 12th – Knights of Columbus Council 9969 will be assisting with the parking control for “Our Lady of Guadalupe” celebration and Mass on Wednesday, December 12th. Please allow us to guide you to your parking spot safely. Brother Knights wishing to volunteer, we will meet around 5:00 PM in front of the Cosgrove Center.

December 14th – There will be a Special Olympics event at the Reagan Library. Brother Time Harrington (KofC Council 9969) is a Member of the Board of Directors of Special Olympics. This key group is supported by our Order. If you are interested in attending, go to https://www.sosc.org/inspirethefire for all the information.

December 26th – Please set in your calendar to join us on Wednesday evening, December 26th, as the “Friends of St. Raphael” KofC Ministry will be hosting the “**Evening Rosary**” at the Holy Cross Chapel located on the corner of Magnolia and Everett Streets in downtown Moorpark. The event is open to **ALL PARISHONERS** for a meaningful evening of prayer and fellowship. We would like to invite everyone to participate in the Rosary.

“The Rosary is my favorite prayer. A marvelous prayer! Marvelous in its simplicity and its depth. In the prayer we repeat many times the words that the Virgin Mary heard from the Archangel, and from her kinswoman Elizabeth.” St. Pope John Paul II

Do not hesitate to call upon “**The Friends of St. Raphael.**” This Knights of Columbus Ministry is available for **ALL** our fellow Parishioners who are ill and would like a visit from one or more of our Brother Knights. 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).**

For more information contact our Grand Knight, Dave Gressman @ 805-208-9029 (gressman4@gmail.com) or **Membership Director Andy Willrodt @ 805-298-2999** (Awillrodt@fuscoe.com) or any member of the Knights.

**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.

Miembros de la parroquia de la santa cruz,

Antes de los meses de verano, teníamos un proyecto para armar un directorio fotográfico de feligreses de Holy Cross Parish. En septiembre, el directorio de fotos de la parroquia se distribuyó a aquellos que posan para un retrato. Mi copia se encuentra en mi escritorio, invitándome a pasar el tiempo revisando las fotos. De varias maneras, este directorio ha sido de gran ayuda.

A pesar de que varias personas están registradas en este libro, todavía falta una gran mayoría.

Por favor, perdona mi audacia al pedirte un regalo de Christ-Mass. Me gustaría tener una foto de la mayor cantidad de miembros de esta familia parroquial. Esta colección sería el volumen II. Si no está en este nuevo directorio de fotos, ¿puedo tener una foto de familia? (Puede ser enviado por correo electrónico, por correo, entregado o si pasa por la oficina, puede ser escaneado). Con esta imagen, proporcione los nombres.

En mi ministerio, este proyecto me ayudará. También será una valiosa referencia para la historia de nuestra parroquia.

Gracias por su consideración.

En Cristo Jesús

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**Segundo Domingo de Adviento
9 de diciembre de 2018**



Dios ha ordenado que se abajen todas las montañas y todas las colinas, que se rellenen todos los valles hasta aplanar la tierra.
— Baruc 5:7

A LA ESPERA DE LA SALVACIÓN DE DIOS

El mundo no parece tan grande como para contener el alborozo que causa la primera lectura. En la lectura del Evangelio, el Imperio Romano tampoco es lo suficientemente grande. Los grandes poderes de Roma se designan y se hacen esperar por la salvación de Dios. Y encontramos a Pablo que medita gozosamente en lo que importa, en lo que realmente cuenta.

De acuerdo con Baruc, la ciudad de Jerusalén es como una persona que en puntillas espera la salvación de Dios, que viene del Este. Los que fueron llevados a pie, con la cabeza gacha, regresan ahora orgullosos. Todo el camino está pavimentado. Al lado del camino hay árboles fragantes y frondosos.

No puede haber algo mejor que eso, ¿no es así? Bueno, sí puede haber algo mejor. Porque una voz grita en el desierto. Aquí comienza la salvación de Dios.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Sube a la altura, Jerusalén; contempla a tus hijos gozosos porque Dios se acordó de ellos (Baruc 5:1-9).

Salmo — Grandes cosas has hecho por nosotros, Señor (Salmo 126 [125]).

Segunda Lectura — Que su amor siga creciendo más y más y se traduzca en un mayor conocimiento y discernimiento (Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11).

Evangelio — Juan proclama un bautismo de arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados (Lucas 3:1-6).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Lc 5:17-26
Martes: Is 40:1-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Miércoles: Zac 2:14-17 o Apo 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-3 o Lc 1:39-47, o cualquier lectura del Común de la Santísima Virgen María, nos. 707-712

Jueves: Is 41:13-20; Sal 145 (144):1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Sábado: Eclo 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79): 2ac, 3b, 15-16, Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Domingo: Sof 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Fil 4:4-7; Lc 3:10-18

Los religiosos ancianos necesitan su ayuda. Hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes católicos de órdenes religiosos de edad avanzada laboraron durante muchos años con poco o ningún pago. Sus sacrificios ahora dejan a sus comunidades religiosas sin ahorros suficientes para su jubilación. Su donativo a la segunda colecta de hoy al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos proporciona fondos vitales para medicamentos, enfermeros y más, para cientos de miles de religiosos ancianos. Sean generosos.