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Third Sunday of Advent December 16, 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.

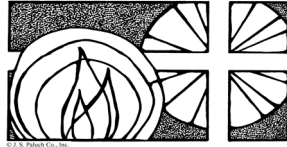
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- Patricia Calderon...612 Spring Road..529-0720
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**Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018**

The King of Israel, the LORD,
is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.

— *Zephaniah 3:15b*



REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called “Gaudete Sunday.” The Latin tag is derived from Paul’s appeal in the second reading to “rejoice always in the Lord,” and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God’s work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is “the season of joy.” Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

Second Reading — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Question of the Week

For Adults:

What might John the Baptist challenge you to do differently in your life?

For Children:

Do you have extras that you can share with others this week?

**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-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>

**Regional Bishop’s Tuition Assistance Fund
Santa Barbara Pastoral Region**

Purpose:

The fund is to increase enrollment in a Catholic school, either elementary or secondary, in the Santa Barbara Pastoral Region.

Who is eligible to apply:

Financial assistance is awarded to families not currently enrolled in a Catholic School.

Selection of a student and amount:

Awards are determined and granted by the Regional Bishop with the assistance of the regions 4 deans.

SEE PASTOR FOR APPLICATION

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 dnmikekromm@holycross-moorpark.org, to set an appointment.

The Parish Administration Office will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, as well as New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day.



Pray for ...

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| Tara Barajas | Manuel Gonzalez | Armando Perez |
| David Barnes | Richard Gonzalez | John Perez |
| Tim Beaulieu | Regina Hepp | Kendra Perez |
| Jamie Belch | Katelin Hernandez | Marie Perez |
| Drew Boxley | Margaret Jimenez | Joe Perez, Jr. |
| Kylie Boxley | Sue Karas | Breanna Pflaumer |
| Ed Brown | Lou Kelly | Robin Reggano |
| Joan Bukovszky | Tom Kelly | Ramon Ricafort |
| Mela Cano | Sienna Ly | Mark Scharler |
| Madison Choate | Candice Maher | Jacob Schreier |
| Terri Cipriano | Cyndi Mariuta | Carl Strub |
| Guadalupe Contreras | Elaine McGovern | Kristine Strub |
| Carlos Cooper | Angela McKervey | Minnie Stuehrmann |
| 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 |
| Lupe Gonzalez | Christina Morelli | Janet Yandle |
| | Ramona Patterson | |

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Louie Bankowski**. May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen

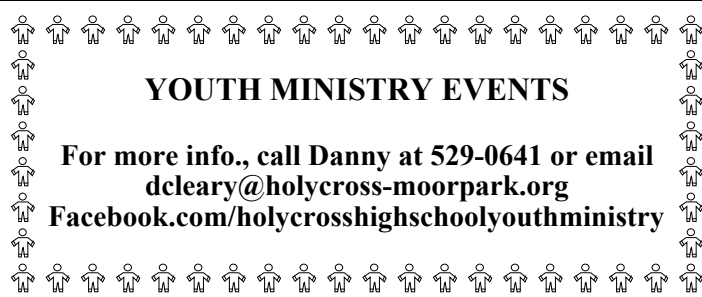
RELIGIOUS GIFT STORE

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

Religious give thanks. "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

Join in the **5th Annual Sisters of Notre Dame Nun Run 5K, 1 Mile and Community Service Fair on Saturday, February 2, 2019** at La Reina High School & Middle School in Thousand Oaks. The event will feature 5K chip timing, team awards, finishers medals, and a pancake breakfast! Local non-profit service organizations will 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 & Ministry Fund, providing spiritual, educational and social outreach locally around the world.

For sign up, pricing details and race start times, please visit our website at: nun.run. For additional questions, please contact Jen Coito at: jcoito@sndca.org



YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

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



ADORATION
of the Blessed Sacrament

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Third Thursday of each Month
 December 20 at 7:30 p.m.
 Please come join us for prayer and meditation as we glorify our gracious Lord.

Advent Penance Service
 Our Parish Advent Penance Service will take place on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Many priests from our neighboring parishes as well as St. John's Seminary will be present to assist with confessions. A good confession is one way that we can prepare to celebrate Christmas so please join us for this important liturgy.



Holy Cross Church
Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24, 2018
Christmas Eve

Christmas Children's Mass 4:30 p.m.
 Christmas Family Mass 7:30 p.m.
 Christmas Vigil Mass 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25, 2013
Christmas Day

Christmas Day Mass 10:30 a.m.
 Misa del día de Navidad en Español 12:15 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE
 The Annual One Life LA/Walk for Life will be held on Saturday January 19th in downtown Los Angeles. This is a celebration of the beauty of every human life from conception to natural death. Thanks to Pegasus Transit, Inc. the Knights of Columbus has been able to secure bus transportation from our Parish to the event. We will meet in the Parish parking lot at 9:30 AM and return at approximately 5:00 PM. If you are interested in joining us please contact Dave Gressman of the Knights @ gressman4@gmail.com. The Knights will also be conducting signups in the Vestibule of the Church after all the Masses beginning the weekend of December 29th & 30th. Additional information will be coming in the next few weeks. We hope as many Parishioners as possible will be able to join us for this fun and worthwhile experience."

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. |

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 19th – We’re moving the rosary from December 26th to December 19th. Please set in your calendar to join us on Wednesday evening, December 19th, 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

One Life LA Walk for Life, January 19, 2019 – The Knights of Columbus Holy Cross Council 9969 will be sponsoring bus transportation to the "One Life LA Walk for Life" on Saturday January 19th. Signups will be taken in the vestibule after all the Masses beginning either next weekend (December 22nd and 23rd) or the following weekend (December 29th and 30th). Additional information will be forthcoming in the following weeks.

New Brother Knights – On Tuesday, December 4th, we held a 1st Degree at the Chapel and would like to welcome four new brothers into our council: Eduardo Corona, Ken Hill, Will Gutierrez, and Roland Gallego. They are now Brothers of Knights of Columbus Holy Cross Council 9969.

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).**

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 Christ-Mass 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,

Msgr. Joseph Hernandez

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

Parishioners of Holy Cross,

On Thursday November 22, 2018, Thanksgiving Day, the Nation paused to give thanks for this land with its many resources, a people with skills, talents and the resolve to establish a “more perfect union.” We are fortunate to have a *Constitution* that is designed to provide a stable government. In our personal circle of people, we can count loving family members and friends.

Grace from a Providential God has given us the vision to see these blessings, a spirit to enjoy them, along with a heart so we may be a blessing to others. Each time we gather for Mass and celebrate the Eucharist (*Giving of Thanks*), we are mindful of all this.

Yet it has not been a year without serious challenges. Many fires, locally and in the State, have challenged our hope in God, ourselves and neighbor. Anger and hatred attempt to threaten our trust in the goodness in people, and in ourselves. Financial security whispering caution creates fear in some.

Nonetheless, the light we carry, our Faith, has not allowed darkness to overcome our duty to love God and our neighbor. One example is in Holy Cross’ response to the needs outlined in the 2018 Campaign for Together in Mission. During these past months, as we have responded to new calls for help, parishioners have not neglected our promise to the struggling parishes and parish schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. We have met our goal of \$70,228.00. In fact, this year through your generosity we have surpassed it.

May the Lord Jesus continue to bless the work of our hands.

Msgr. Joseph Hernandez, Pastor

**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

Mons. Joseph Hernandez
church@holycross-moorpark.org [Línea del asunto: Msgr. Hernandez - foto]

Los religiosos expresan su gratitud. “Este dinero es un don completo”, escribe una religiosa acerca de lo que el Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos hace posible. “Nos permite seguir cuidando a nuestras hermanas ancianas”. Su donativo a la campaña de la semana pasada ayuda a cientos de comunidades religiosas a satisfacer las necesidades apremiantes de jubilación mientras que siguen sirviendo al Pueblo de Dios. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

**Tercer Domingo de Adviento
16 de diciembre de 2018**
El Señor será el rey de Israel en medio de ti y ya no temerás ningún mal.
— Sofonías 3:15b



¡REGOCIJATE!
El día de hoy se le ha llamado tradicionalmente “Domingo Gaudete” o de la “Alegría”. El nombre latino se deriva de la petición de Pedro en la segunda lectura de “alégrense siempre en el Señor”, y del texto de la Misa en latín en el que está basada esta lectura. La ironía y paradoja de esta alegría cristiana se manifiesta en el hecho que Pablo escribió esas palabras en la prisión. Pero desde allí podía ver el progreso de la obra de Dios.
¿Nos parece obvio a nosotros? Sentimos que este no es un tiempo para la alegría cuando hay tanto sufrimiento e inmoralidad. Es interesante, entonces, que la primera lectura sea del profeta Sofonías, que está casi exclusivamente preocupado con sombrías visiones del Día del Juicio. Hoy la Iglesia selecciona la única parte optimista de Sofonías, donde el profeta es tocado por el espíritu del gozo.
Esta es, se nos asegura en todas partes, “la temporada de la alegría”. Recuperemos ese espíritu de alegría en nuestra vida y que se refleje en los que no tienen ese gozo.
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Feligreses de Holy Cross,

El jueves 22 de noviembre del 2018, Día de Acción de Gracias, la Nación hace una pausa para dar gracias por esta tierra de numerosos recursos, y de personas con habilidades, talentos y determinación para establecer una “unión más perfecta”. Somos afortunados de tener una Constitución diseñada para proveer un gobierno estable. En nuestro círculo personal, contamos con queridos miembros de la familia y amistades.
La Gracia de un Dios Providencial nos ha dado la visión de reconocer estas bendiciones, un espíritu para disfrutarlas, junto con un corazón compasivo para poder ser una bendición para los demás. Cada vez que nos reunimos en Misa y celebramos la Eucaristía (Para Dar Gracias), estamos conscientes de todo esto.
Aun así, no ha sido un año sin serios retos. Muchos incendios, locales y estatales, han desafiado nuestra esperanza en Dios, en nosotros mismos y en nuestro prójimo. La furia y el odio han intentado amenazar nuestra confianza en bondad de la gente y de nosotros mismos. La Seguridad financiera ha susurrado precaución creando temor en algunos.
No obstante, la luz que llevamos, nuestra Fe, no ha permitido que la obscuridad supere nuestro deber de amar a Dios y a nuestro prójimo. Un buen ejemplo está en la respuesta de Holy Cross a las necesidades descritas para la Campaña Juntos en la Misión del 2018. Durante estos últimos meses, se ha visto como hemos respondido a las nuevas solicitudes de ayuda, los feligreses no han descuidado nuestra promesa a las parroquias y escuelas parroquiales de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles que enfrentan dificultades. Hemos cumplido nuestra meta de \$70,228.00. De hecho, este año y través de su generosidad lo hemos sobrepasado.
Que el Señor Jesús continúe bendiciendo el trabajo de nuestras manos.

Monseñor José Hernández, Pastor