



*The
virgin
shall
conceive
and
bear a
son*

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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2019

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)

Thursdays: 5:30-6:30 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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They shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

— *Matthew 1:23*



TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to "tempt the LORD" in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord's enduring protection of God's chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew's reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: **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]

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]

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

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

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23


Holy Cross Church
Christmas Mass Schedule
Tuesday, 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.
Wednesday, December 25, 2013
Christmas Day
 Christmas Day Mass 10:30 a.m.
 Misa del día de Navidad en Español
 12:15 p.m.

Help Needed

**The Liturgy Design Committee can use
 your help to decorate the Church for
 Christmas.**

**This will take place today December 22
 at 1:30 p.m. Any amount of time is
 appreciated.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are experiencing the darkest, longest nights of the year. For centuries, people in the Northern Hemisphere have kindled fires against the dying of the light, turning away the dark of the winter solstice, and leading the imagination to hope and new beginnings. It is thus easy to understand why these solstice celebrations of non-Christian Europe attracted the annual remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

In time the solstice migrated away from December 25, but the Christmas feast remained in place. From this day, a whole season of celebration developed, stretching from Advent through the days of Christmas, and even beyond to the February 2 blessing of the candles, and beyond that to March 25, the Annunciation, nine months before the next Christmas. Centuries ago, this was New Year's Day, and many reasoned that it was the date of Adam and Eve's fall, and the date of the Crucifixion. The message is clear: don't let your Christmas be over too soon. Keep the lights blazing into January, and savor the meaning of the feast!

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Pray for ...

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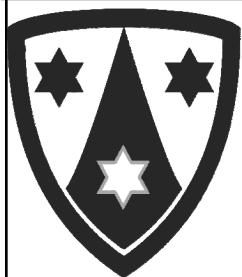
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RELIGIOUS GIFT STORE

Our Religious Gift Store will be open the first and third weekend of each month. 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.

Altar Server Training

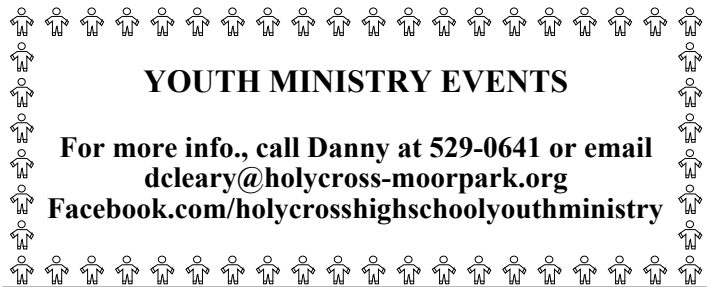
The Parish is offering Altar Server training for those interested. The criterion is from ages 10 to 13 and in the fifth through eighth grades. Interested parents should contact Deacon Michael Kromm via email at dnmikekromm@holycross-moorpark.org, to set an appointment.



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“Don’t miss out on your opportunity to prepare for the upcoming high school placement test, get a great review with test strategies and prepare to do your best for your entrance exam! Class is open to boys and girls! Register today while space is available. Class runs December 26-28, with practice exam Monday December 30. Visit www.crespi.org and visit admissions site for more details!”



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)

Administration Office Hours

for Christmas and New Year’s

Tuesday, December 24 Office closed

Wednesday, December 25 Office closed

Tuesday, December 31 Office closed

Wednesday, January 1 Office closed

St. Peter Claver Adult Faith Formation
“The Word of the Lord”

January 13, 2020

Frequently Asked Questions about Sacred Scripture

Did _____ really happen?

What did Jesus mean when He said...?

How should we understand controversial and puzzling passages in the Bible?

Live presentation by

Fr. Patrick Mullen

*Pastor, Padre Serra Parish, Camarillo; Prof. of Sacred Scripture, St. John’s Seminary
Author, Professor and Popular Speaker on Sacred Scripture*

Join us for this informative, uplifting, interactive session.

Monday, January 13, 2020

7:00 – 8:30 pm.

SPC Parish Center, West Hall.

Refreshments and free-will offering

For additional information, or to help with refreshments,

Call the Office of Faith Formation, (805) 526-0680.
adultfaithformation@saintpeterclaver.org

BULLETIN BOARD

**Moorpark Pantry Plus Priority Items**

We will accept and appreciate all food donations

Pasta Sauce	Canned Tuna
Jelly	Breakfast Cereal
Canned Corn	Peanut Butter
Canned Green Beans	

DidYouKnow

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

Keep an eye on those Christmas candles

Twelve percent of home fires caused by candles will occur in December — the combination of increased candle use and flammable decorations isn't a good one, especially if candles aren't used safely. Never leave candles burning in a room you are not in, or while you're sleeping. Clear the area before lighting a candle, making sure that the flame will be contained, that there's nothing flammable nearby, and that the candle is safely out of reach for children. If you have plans for a fire in your fireplace, check your chimney to make sure it's clean. For more tips, visit <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/winter/holiday>.

El doce por ciento de los incendios en el hogar causados por velas ocurrirán en diciembre. La combinación de un mayor uso de velas y decoraciones inflamables no es buena, especialmente si las velas no se usan de manera segura. Nunca deje velas encendidas en una habitación en la que no esté alguien o mientras esté durmiendo. Limpie el área antes de encender una vela, asegurándose de que la llama esté contenida, de que no haya nada inflamable cerca y de que la vela esté fuera del alcance de los niños. Si tiene planes de encender su chimenea, revise su chimenea para asegurarse de que esté limpia. Para obtener más consejos, visite <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/winter/>



**Holy Cross Church
Council 9969
(FAITH IN ACTION)
A Legacy of Faith & Service**

With the beginning of December brings in Advent, "Coming" of Jesus. Advent is intended to be the season of preparation for His arrival. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate. The color purple associated with Advent is also the color of penance. The faithful should fast during the first two weeks in particular and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The color of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This color symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration. Knights, let us Celebrate the Birth of Jesus and joy of our family.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 5th – Emergency Preparedness Expo at Cosgrove Center from 2:45pm to 5pm. Hear from the Experts and get answers to your questions. (Contact Gene Hatton @moorparkbb@yahoo.com)

January 18th –ONE LIFE LA –join us on the bus to LA (Donation of \$10) from 9:30am to 5pm to march and pray for sanctity of Life. Need to sign up in the vestibule of Holy Cross Church to get on the bus. The signups will be on December 29, January 5th and January 12. Sign up now don't wait. (Contact Kenny Rodriguez @ (805-298-2219 email gabrielkenneth@gmail.com & Mike Mars 805-529-2722 email mmars70359@aol.com)

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 (PGK) @ 805-298-2219 (gabrielkenneth@gmail.com) or our Grand Knight (contact info below).

For more information contact our Grand Knight, Larnoe Dungca @ 626-841-1421(larnoe@gmail.com) or Membership Director Jose Zavala @ 805-210-0831 (jnz3@icloud.com) & MATT Stuhr @ 805-208-1476 (MATTHEW.STUHR.138@MY.CSUN.EDU)

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:

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:

Bautismos en Español

Misas de Quince Años:

Por favor llame a la oficina cinco meses antes 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

Esta semana celebramos el nacimiento de Jesús, comenzando con la Misa de Gallo. A esta Misa se le añade la tradición popular que ha comenzado en el hogar con pesebres, comidas y regalos. Se nos haría difícil imaginar terminar el año sin la Navidad. Pero el calendario cristiano sólo la ha festejado algunos 1800 años. Los primeros cristianos únicamente celebraban la Pascua de Resurrección, siguiendo lo que todos los evangelios nos relatan de los eventos de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. Sólo Mateo y Lucas mencionan su nacimiento.

Alrededor del año 200 d.C., los egipcios empezaron a conmemorar el nacimiento de Jesús el 20 de marzo que era el noveno mes de su calendario. Con el tiempo, la idea de festejar el nacimiento del Mesías se extendió a otras comunidades cristianas, pero con diversas fechas como el 19 de abril, el 6 de enero, el 28 de marzo y otras. Fue hasta el siglo cuarto que se fijó la fecha para el 25 de diciembre, gracias a Juan Crisóstomo y al Papa Julio I. Otras fuentes señalan que en el año 366 los cristianos comenzaron a celebrar el nacimiento de Cristo, sol de justicia, precisamente el 25 de diciembre.

En realidad no sabemos cuándo nació Jesús, pero sí sabemos que hay que celebrar el hecho que Dios se hizo uno de nosotros.

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

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento 22 de diciembre de 2019

A quien pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel, que quiere decir Dios-con-nosotros.
— Mateo 1:23



CONFIANZA EN DIOS

En este último domingo de Adviento las lecturas se enfocan en el nacimiento histórico de Jesús: el hijo de David e Hijo de Dios, niño y rey, Jesús y Emmanuel.

El profeta Isaías le suplica a Ajaz que pida una señal, para permitir a Dios que le asegure la sobrevivencia de la dinastía de David. El rey hipócrita rehúsa “tentar al SEÑOR” de esa manera (Isaías 7:12), pero el profeta predice el nacimiento de un hijo, un heredero al trono, quien probará la duradera protección divina del linaje elegido del trono de David. El niño será llamado Emmanuel.

Mateo se refiere a esta historia en su descripción de los puntos principales del nacimiento de Jesús que contrasta a Ajaz quien rehúsa confiar por falta de fe, y la completa confianza en Dios que María y José demostraron al cooperar con el nacimiento de Jesucristo.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La señal es que la virgen estará embarazada y dará a luz un hijo varón (Isaías 7:10-14).
Salmo — Va a entrar el Señor: él es el Rey de la Gloria (Salmo 24 [23]).

Segunda lectura — Jesús, descendiente de David biológicamente, fue establecido el Hijo de Dios en poder (Romanos 1:1-7).

Evangelio — María quedó embarazada por obra del Espíritu Santo (Mateo 1:18-24).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66

Martes: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79

Miércoles: 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]

Jueves: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

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

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

Domingo: Eclo 3:2-6, 12-14; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23