



# Joyous Christmas

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 29, 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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**The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
December 29, 2019**

**Over all [other virtues] put on love,  
that is, the bond of perfection.  
— Colossians 3:14**

**SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE**

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

**Gospel** — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;  
Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170)**

**December 29**

To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, "I die the king's good servant, but God's first!" Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the king presumed, could be counted on, if made archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy's rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the king's previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ's sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's church and justice for Christ's sheep.

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**WINTER WILD**

It was winter wild

While the Heav'n-born child

All meanly wrapt in the rude manger lies.

—John Milton, *On the Morning of Christ's Nativity*

**NEW YEAR**

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.

—G. K. Chesterton

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas.

The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer.

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Pray for ...

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Ed Brown	Heather Ledesma	Mark Scharler
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Harry Carbonati	McMullen Family	Suzanne Silbertasch
Madison Choate	Mary Mesick	Minnie Stuehrmann
Terri Cipriano	John Montante	Retha Therrien
Guadalupe Contreras	Christina Morelli	Richard Therrien
Arlene Delnero	Ramona Patterson	Maria Guadalupe Vargas
Yves Fournier	Armando Perez	Jamie Vlach
Juan Gonzalez	Joe Perez, Jr.	Debbie Warn
Lupe Gonzalez	John Perez	Justin Warn
Manuel Gonzalez	Kendra Perez	Lori Wesdell
Katelin Hernandez	Marie Perez	Janet Yandle

**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](mailto:dnmikekromm@holycross-moorpark.org), to set an appointment.



*Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

**FIRST FRIDAY**

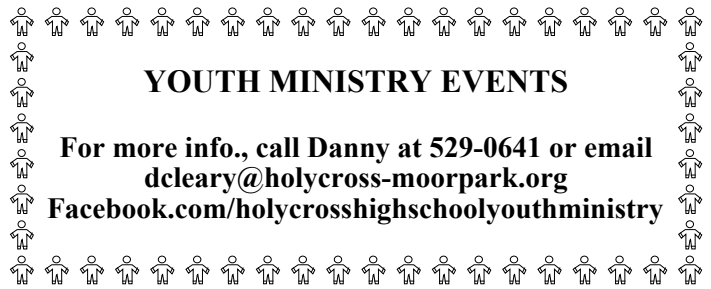
Friday, January 3 is the First Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated in English at 8:00 a.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration continues until recitation of

the Rosary prior to Mass (Spanish) at 7:00 PM. Plan to spend an hour in prayer for vocations before the Blessed Sacrament.

**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 2019 donations for income tax purposes by calling the parish Office at 529-1397.



**YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS**

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

Dear Faithful of Holy Cross Parish,

In the dark and cold morning, I joined a number of people walking slowly to the warmth of the parish church. Inside, those carrying roses and other flowers placed them in the waiting receptacles. At the same time, string and brass instruments were being tuned up and all waited for Holy Mass to begin.

Throughout the day, visitors continued the gesture of bringing flowers to the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. With great devotion, they placed their gifts in the special place below the statue.

The day ended in much the same way. That evening, headlights of cars made a beautiful procession into the church parking lot. The Knights of Columbus directed each vehicle to a parking spot. The Knights helped visitors find their way to the lit church. Filled with excitement and devotion, our parish church was filled with her members. Children dressed as Juan Diego or traditional clothing absorbed the joy of their parents and family.

Holy Mass began. The prayers and songs were familiar to all. This time, each was offered with a special energy. Clergy, ministers and laity joined in praising God, thanking Him for sending a Savior. The event at Tepeyac was recalled. We went over that day when Our Lord sent the Mother of our Savior Jesus with a message of hope.

After the evening Mass, the group walked to the hall for a time of music, sweet Mexican bread and a chocolate drink. A second space was filled with joy and excitement. Adults sang along with the Mariachi while children danced.

This was Our Lady of Guadalupe's celebration at Holy Cross. I am grateful for the work of the Guadalupanos for the year-long preparation. Their president, Mrs. Camerina Contreras, Deacon Trino and Deacon Eduardo and many parishioners united in giving us a wonderful day to praise God and honor Our Lady of Guadalupe. We are a blessed parish.

Msgr. Hernandez

## 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	



**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 5<sup>th</sup> – 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 18<sup>th</sup> –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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:leonardcruz386@yahoo.com)) or **Kenny Rodriguez (PGK) @ 805-298-2219** ([gabrielkenneth@gmail.com](mailto:gabrielkenneth@gmail.com)) or our **Grand Knight (contact info below).**

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

**DidYouKnow**

**Always keep your blind spots in mind**

Each week, more than 50 children are killed or injured when a driver backs up the car. In an overwhelming number of those cases, a parent, relative, or close friend is behind the wheel. It’s devastating to think that a simple action could cause such harm to your child, but it happens far too frequently. Be aware of your ‘blind spots’ when you’re behind the wheel — those areas you know are there, but can’t see clearly from your mirrors. Check out what’s happening around your vehicle before you get in. Make sure you know where your children are before you start your car. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article, “A Preventable Accident,” visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

Cada semana, más de 50 niños son asesinados o resultan heridos cuando un conductor retrocede en su automóvil. En un número abrumador de esos casos, un padre de familia, pariente o amigo cercano está detrás del volante. Es devastador pensar que una acción tan sencilla podría causar tanto daño a su hijo/a, pero sucede con demasiada frecuencia. Sea consciente de sus “puntos ciegos” cuando esté detrás del volante, esas áreas que se sabe que están ahí pero uno no puede ver claramente desde sus espejos retrovisores. Verifique lo que está sucediendo alrededor de su vehículo antes de subirse al mismo. Asegúrese de saber dónde están sus hijos antes de encender su automóvil. Para obtener una copia del artículo completo de VIRTUS®, “A Preventable Accident” (Un accidente prevenible), visite <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

**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.



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**La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José  
29 de diciembre de 2019**

Y sobre todas estas virtudes, tengan amor, que es el vínculo de la perfecta unión.

— *Colosenses 3:14*

**SALVACIÓN EN LA VIDA DIARIA**

Este domingo es la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia que cae en el primer domingo después del Día de Navidad. La fiesta de hoy celebra cómo la humanidad de Jesús (incluso toda su familia) ha dado significado salvífico a los quehaceres diarios de nuestra propia vida familiar.

Las lecturas ofrecen instrucción y aliento sobre cómo compartir—dentro de nuestras familias, en la familia de la parroquia y en la más amplia familia humana— el amor que Dios comparte con nosotros en Jesús. Selecciones de Eclesiástico, del salmo 128 (127), y colosenses nos alientan a ser reflejo del amor divino y así encontrar la santidad en todas nuestras relaciones humanas. La lectura del Evangelio según Mateo ofrece un ejemplo vivo de amor en las medidas que José tomó para proteger a su joven familia del peligro y para que creciera dentro de la gran familia de fe de su época.

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**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — Los que honran a sus padres recibirán bendiciones y pagarán sus pecados (Eclesiástico 3:2-6, 12-14).

**Salmo** — Dichoso el que teme al Señor, y sigue sus caminos (Salmo 128 [127]).

**Segunda lectura** — Vivan una vida de amor sincero, sean agradecidos, hagan todo en el nombre del Señor Jesús; vivan en armonía (Colosenses 3:12-21).

**Evangelio** — José tomó a María y al niño de noche y se fueron a Egipto para escapar la persecución de Herodes (Mateo 2:13-15, 19-23).

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**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

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

Martes: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Miércoles: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21

Jueves: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Viernes: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Sal 98 (97):1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Sábado: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Domingo: Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

We are in the season of the Incarnation, the mystery of God's love poured out in Christ's birth. The word derives from the Latin *carnis* meaning "flesh." Throughout history, some Christians have distrusted the "flesh," and stressed a hatred of this world and its pleasures. Perhaps they have not paid enough attention to how "embodied" the sacraments are. One third-century author put it plainly in an image that may alarm diet-conscious Americans, explaining that we wash the body so the soul can be cleansed, that we anoint the body so the soul can be strengthened, and that we eat the body and blood of Christ so that "the soul can fatten on God."

Catholics "get" that God is revealed in this world. The sacraments use the "stuff" of creation: water and oil; the senses of the body, touch and taste and smell. We use the things of this world rightly. After all, God's love poured out into human flesh means the world has eternal value. Why else would Jesus describe the kingdom to come as a teeming city or a marriage banquet? Catholics are realists, and nowhere is that more evident than when we gather for a sacrament.

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**INVIERNO CRUDO**

En un invierno crudo el niño nacido de los Cielos yace humildemente envuelto en el pesebre rústico.

—John Milton, *La Mañana del Nacimiento de Cristo*

**AÑO NUEVO**

El objetivo de un año nuevo no es tener un nuevo año sino tener una nueva alma.

—G. K. Chesterton