



John the Baptist appeared,
preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”
MATTHEW 3:1

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022**

Eucharistic Liturgy Schedule (Mass)

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.
Sundays: 7:30, 10:00 a.m.,
12:00p.m. (Spanish)

Weekdays:
Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Thursday- 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Thursdays: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Other times: By appointment only

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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HARMONY

Have you ever known a moment when, just for a brief instant, you felt that all was right with the world? It is just such a moment, stretched into eternity, that the writer of Isaiah describes in today's first reading: the perfection of everything, centered in God's spirit, where knowledge, justice, and awe in God's presence reign. In such a paradise, everyone sees eye to eye and thinks in harmony with each other, as Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Romans. Even animals with a natural animosity toward one another coexist peacefully. John the Baptist understood that such harmonious relationships do not simply happen. They are the fruit of living in right relationship with God and others.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the Lord (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Peace and justice will come in the day of the Lord (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

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: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Tuesday: St. Nicholas

Wednesday: St. Ambrose;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Juan Diego

Saturday: Our Lady of Loreto
International Human Rights Day

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

La esquina de oración católica

Dios te salve, María (Ave María)

Dios te salve, María,

llena eres de gracia, el Señor es contigo.

Bendita tú eres entre todas las mujeres,

y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús.

Santa María, Madre de Dios,

ruega por nosotros, pecadores,

ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amén.



**Knights of Columbus Council
9969 for the weekend of 12/3-
12/4**

Want to help spread the Christmas cheer this year? Why not volunteer to help your Brother Knights with this year's Christmas Party, scheduled for Saturday, December 10th at 5PM? Even

better, why not join your Brother Knights for the next General Business meeting, scheduled for 730PM on Thursday, December 8th at the Chapel and on Zoom? We'd love to see you there!

Brother Knights are needed to help with parking control at Holy Cross on Monday, December 12th for the Feast of Guadalupe Mass that night

Brother Knights are needed to assist with the Catholic Charities December Toy Give Away, December 14th through 17th at 9AM and 1PM. Contact SK and PGK Augie Godinez for more information.

All are invited to Join Holy Cross Knights of Columbus Council 9969 as we recite our Scriptural Rosary on Wednesday, December 28th at 7:30PM at the Chapel. If you wish to attend the Scriptural Rosary via Zoom, please contact Leonard Cruz at (805) 889-1620 or E-mail leonardcruz386@yahoo.com

Pray for ...

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Did you know? December 3-4

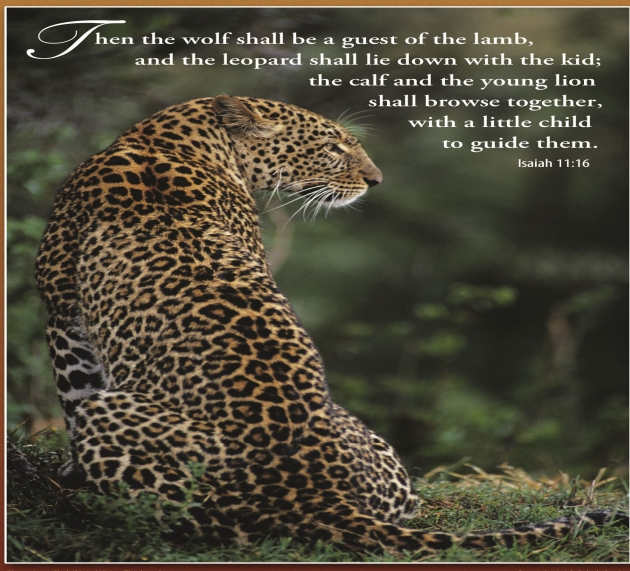
California act protects children online

The California Age-Appropriate Design Code Act, which was signed into law in September, requires companies to assess potential harm in how they use data from children (defined as any user under 18) in new services or features, and to enact plans to reduce risk. Companies are also banned from using minors' information in "materially detrimental" ways, such as routing searches for weight loss to photos of supermodels, and from collecting, sharing, or selling a minor's personal information by default. For more information about this new law, read "California takes child protection seriously with new online law" on AngelusNews.com.

La ley de California protege a los niños conectados en línea

La Ley del Código de Diseño Apropriado para la Edad de California, que se convirtió en ley en septiembre, requiere que las empresas evalúen el daño potencial en la forma en que utilizan los datos de los niños (definidos como cualquier usuario menor de 18 años) en nuevos servicios o funciones, y promulgar planes para reducir el riesgo. Las empresas también tienen prohibido usar la información de menores de manera "materialmente perjudicial", como enrutar búsquedas de pérdida de peso a fotos de supermodelos, y recopilar, compartir o vender la información personal de un menor de forma predeterminada. Para obtener más información sobre esta nueva ley, lea el artículo en inglés, "California takes child protection seriously with new online law" (California se toma en serio la protección de los niños con la nueva ley en línea) en AngelusNews.com.

Faith Formation News
Thanks to the talents and generosity of our Confirmation candidates and their families we were able to donate 65 Christmas gift bags to the Samaritan Center. The bags contained much needed toiletries for the homeless of Ventura County.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We are looking for willing hands that would like to share their talents of knitting and crochet. We will meet the first Wednesday of each month in the Dining Room in the Administration Building. Bring your lunch/snack and join us at 11:30 am. If you need additional information, please call Marie Pierce at 805-523-0091.

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Moorpark Pantry Plus Priority Items

We will accept and appreciate all food donations

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| Pasta | Canned Soup |
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| Canned Beans | Peanut Butter |

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Immaculate Conception (December 8)

December 8 we celebrate the patronal solemnity of the United States and the greatest of Mary’s Advent festivals. On that day we remember Mary’s conception in the womb of her mother (and nine months later, on September 8, we celebrate Mary’s birth). In this liturgy, we affirm our belief that God prepared Mary to be the mother of the son of God by allowing her a share, from the moment of her conception, in the salvation that would be won for all by Christ.

Five mothers make their presence felt on December 8. The first is Eve, the mother of all the living. The second is Mary’s mother, who conceived, brought to birth, and nurtured an “immaculate” daughter who would become the mother of the Word made Flesh. The third is Elizabeth, who conceived her son John “in her old age.” The fourth, of course, is Mary herself. Finally, the letter to the Ephesians and the texts of the Mass for this feast remind us that the Church has been “chosen” to be a spiritual mother. We pray: “The image of the Virgin is found in your Church . . . Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith.”

In this Advent time, we are called, as Mary was, to make room for Christ in our hearts. What will it take, what will be the cost for us to become, as Mary became, real “bearers of the Word?” Let us be open to the intercession of Mary on our behalf, that we may become more and more like her beloved Son.
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WORDS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TO JUAN DIEGO

“Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything.”

**Advent Penance Service
2022**

Monday, December 5th
Holy Cross, Moorpark
7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 7th
St. Peter Claver, Simi Valley
7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 13th
St. Paschal Baylon, Thousand Oaks
7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 14th
St. Junipero Serra, Camarillo
7:00 PM

Thursday, December 15th
St. Maximillian, Westlake Village
7:00 PM

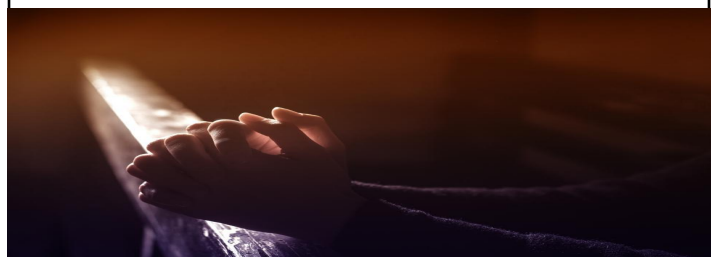


**YOUNG ADULTS –
Ages 18 - 40.....ish**

Join us this Tuesday,
December 6th at 7:00pm
6990 Lafayette Street,
Moorpark
For info, call Jim at 805
587-2675 or
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You are invited to gather for CENTERING PRAYER AND LECTIO DIVINA on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

For further information please contact Sister Betty Mae Bienlein at bbienlein@sndusa.org if you plan to attend. The purpose of the gathering is to deepen one’s relationship with God through contemplative prayer and to explore how God speaks to each of us through the Scriptures. These gatherings take place on ZOOM on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The ZOOM link will be emailed to you on the weekend prior to each Tuesday gathering. All are welcome.



NUESTRA FASCINANTE FE

La Inmaculada Concepción (8 de diciembre)

El 8 de diciembre celebramos la solemnidad patronal de los Estados Unidos y la mayor de las fiestas de Adviento de María. Ese día recordamos la concepción de María en el seno de su madre (y nueve meses después, el 8 de septiembre, celebramos el nacimiento de María). En esta liturgia, afirmamos nuestra creencia de que Dios preparó a María para ser la madre del hijo de Dios al permitirle participar, desde el momento de su concepción, en la salvación que sería ganada para todos por Cristo.

Cinco madres hacen sentir su presencia el 8 de diciembre. La primera es Eva, la madre de todos los vivos. La segunda es la madre de María, que concibió, dio a luz y alimentó a una hija “inmaculada” que se convertiría en la madre del Verbo hecho carne. La tercera es Isabel, que concibió a su hijo Juan “en su vejez”. La cuarta, por supuesto, es la propia María. Finalmente, la carta a los Efesios y los textos de la misa de esta fiesta nos recuerdan que la Iglesia ha sido “elegida” para ser madre espiritual. Rezamos: “La imagen de la Virgen se encuentra en tu Iglesia... Traza en nuestras acciones las líneas de su amor, en nuestros corazones su disposición a la fe”.

En este tiempo de Adviento, estamos llamados, como María, a dar cabida a Cristo en nuestros corazones. ¿Qué nos costará, qué nos costará convertirnos, como María, en verdaderos “portadores de la Palabra”? Estemos abiertos a la intercesión de María en nuestro favor, para que nos parezcamos cada vez más a su amado Hijo.

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PALABRAS DE NUESTRA SEÑORA A JUAN DIEGO

“No se turbe tu corazón; no temas esa enfermedad, ni ninguna otra enfermedad o angustia. ¿No estoy yo aquí? ¿No soy tu Madre? ¿No estás bajo mi sombra? ¿No soy yo tu salud? ¿No estás por ventura en mi regazo? ¿Qué más has de menester? No te apene ni te inquiete otra cosa”.



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ARMONÍA

¿Has conocido alguna vez un momento en el que, sólo por un breve instante, has sentido que todo estaba bien en el mundo? Es precisamente un momento así, que se extiende hasta la eternidad, el que describe el escritor de Isaías en la primera lectura de hoy: la perfección de todo, centrada en el espíritu de Dios, donde reinan el conocimiento, la justicia y el asombro ante la presencia de Dios. En ese paraíso, todos ven y piensan en armonía, como describe san Pablo en su carta a los Romanos. Incluso los animales con una animosidad natural entre ellos coexisten pacíficamente. Juan el Bautista comprendió que esas relaciones armoniosas no se producen sin más. Son el fruto de vivir en una relación correcta con Dios y con los demás.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Brotará un retoño del tronco de Jesé. Juzgará a los pobres con justicia, y herirá al violento con el látigo de su boca (Isaías 11:1-10).

Salmo — La paz y la justicia vendrán en el día del Señor (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — Vivan en perfecta armonía unos con otros. Por lo tanto, acójense los unos a los otros como Cristo los acogió a ustedes, tanto circuncidados como gentiles (Romanos 15:4-9).

Evangelio — Juan Bautista predica, “Arrepiéntanse, porque el reino de los cielos está cerca” (Mateo 3:1-12).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Lc 5:17-26

Martes: Is 40:1-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Miércoles: Is 40:25-31; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Jueves: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38

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

Sábado: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79):2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Domingo: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Sal 146 (145):6-10; Sant 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Martes: San Nicolás

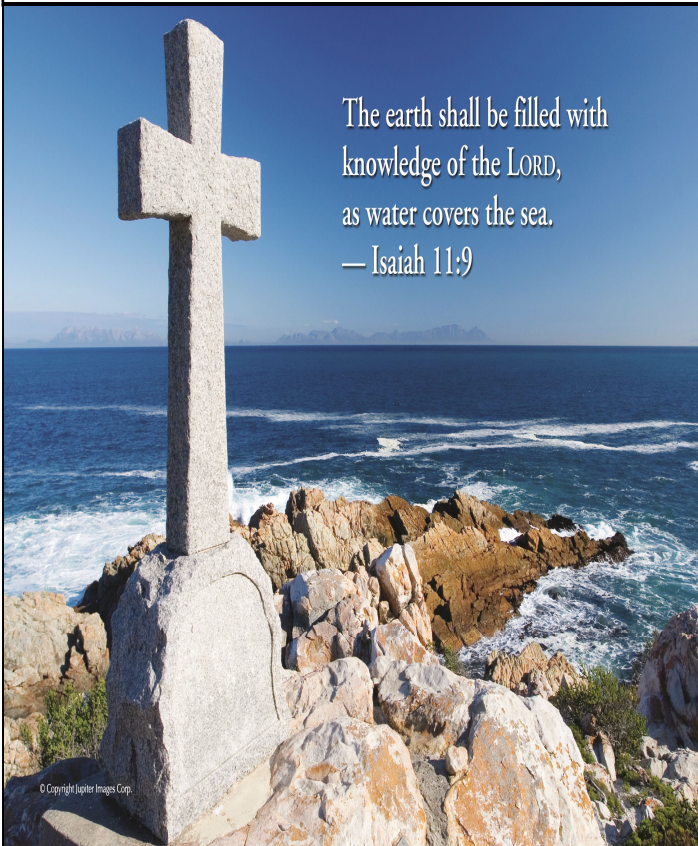
Miércoles: San Ambrosio;

Día para recordar Pearl Harbor

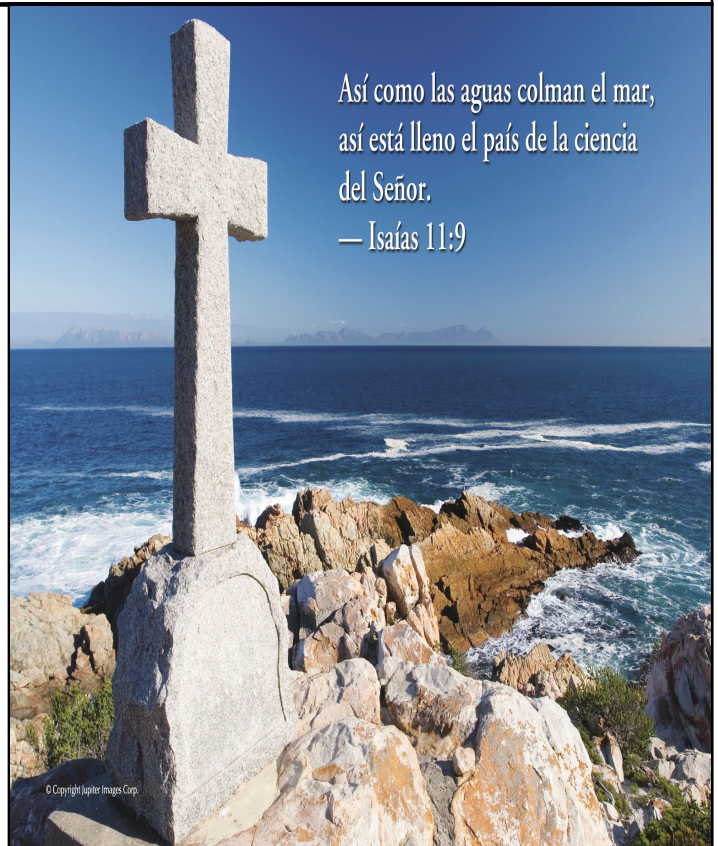
Jueves: La Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María

Viernes: San Juan Diego

Sábado: Bienaventurada Virgen María de Loreto; Día Internacional de los derechos humanos



The earth shall be filled with
knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.
— Isaiah 11:9



Así como las aguas colman el mar,
así está lleno el país de la ciencia
del Señor.
— Isaías 11:9

NAME CALLING

We often change our tone of voice and vocabulary when we really want to get somebody's attention. Parents will add a middle name to indicate a child is in trouble (a middle *and* last name when the child is *really* in trouble). Change of tone and words invites attention, demanding a response. Today John the Baptist does a bit of name-calling: "You brood of vipers!" Even for someone like John, who regularly used potent vocabulary, this way of addressing the holy men—the Pharisees and Saducees—this level of name-calling stands out. Snakes were commonly understood as a representation of evil, and a poisonous snake in the ancient world held the power of life and death, as the holy men thought they did. Instead of thinking about their own power, John tells them to produce good fruit. We still get ourselves in trouble today when we think that we truly hold any type of power over others, when it's a power that belongs only to God.

Words like John's might cause fear in us, or may hold us back, hesitant. Words like these can also invite us to change our lives. When we do so, we open ourselves to a core virtue of the Advent season: hope. Changing our lives can also open us up to a more vigorous presence of the gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord—named in Isaiah today. Recall that it was in that very Spirit we were named for Christ at Baptism. Open your ears and heart to the voice of God, who knows the name given to you on that day. Respond not out of fear, but in love, to the ways that God is calling to you today; calling you to change what needs to be changed, and to welcome Christ today, as you will once again on Christmas day.

Today's Readings: Is 11:1–10; Ps 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17; Rom 15:4–9; Mt 3:1–12

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Sunday 7:30 am For Parishioners
10:00 am Stacey Belanger (RIP)
12:00 pm Vincente Lozano Ramirez (RIP)

Monday 8:00 am Vincent Tao Van Nguyen (RIP)

Tuesday 8:00 am Anthony Tran & Mary Bui (RIP)

Wednesday 8:00 am All Souls

Thursday 8:00 am Richard Fox (RIP)
7:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am All Souls

Saturday 4:00 pm Freddy Berumen (RIP)



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