

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Saturday, Dec 3:** St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday  
5:00PM Holy Cross [Gertrude Kolodziejczyk \(d\)](#)

**Sunday, Dec 4:** Second Sunday of Advent  
8:00AM San Luis [Sofia Garcia \(d\)](#)  
9:30AM Holy Cross [Father Ralph Baidoo \(d\)](#)

**Monday, Dec 5:** Advent Weekday  
NO MASS

**Tuesday, Dec 6:** St. Nicholas  
8:00AM Holy Cross [Living & Deceased Mbrs of Catholic Life Branch 91](#)

**Wednesday, Dec 7:** St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
8:00AM Holy Cross [William & Ursula Harber & deceased sons \(d\)](#)

**Thursday, Dec 8:** *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
7:00PM Holy Cross [Frank & Regina Broll \(d\)](#)

**Friday, Dec 9:** St. Juan Diego  
10:00AM Yktown Manor [CW & Joyce Rau & deceased family \(d\)](#)

**Saturday, Dec 10:** International Human Rights Day  
5:00PM Holy Cross [Raymond Garcia \(d\)](#)

**Sunday, Dec 11:** Third Sunday of Advent  
8:00AM San Luis [Deceased mbrs - Holy Cross, San Luis & St. Ann](#)  
9:30AM Holy Cross [Rose W. Syzdek \(d\)](#)  
**Vigil "Our Lady of Guadalupe"**  
6:00PM San Luis [Elijio & Alsonso Villarreal \(d\)](#)

## NEXT WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

**Saturday, Dec 10**  
Lector: Christy Lemke  
Minister of Communion: Cindy Dubose  
Altar Servers: Annie Ochoa & Hayley Yeretsky

**Sunday, Dec 11**  
Lector: Yvonne Torres

Minister of Communion: Minga Rios

**Sunday, Dec 11**  
Lector: Lorene Migura

Ministers of Communion: Blaine & Dena Denbo & Robert Jaramillo  
Altar Servers: Jerome Gwosdz & Michael Salas

## Sacred Relics Of The Saints



### Treasures Of The Church

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Parish in Victoria  
Fr. Carlos Martins will bring over 150 relics,  
some as old as 2000 years.



Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti,  
St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi.  
Saturday December 10 at 6:15 PM (following the 5:00 PM Mass).



## CUERO DEANERY WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT Hosted by Holy Cross, Yorktown TX March 2-5, 2017

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You are cordially invited to join us on an ACTS retreat for women (age 21 and older). The retreat begins at 6:00 PM on Thursday, and concludes after the 9:30 AM Mass and reception on Sunday. The retreat will give you the opportunity to learn more about your faith, yourself, and to make new friends. We would love for you to come and join us for a weekend of spiritual reflection and renewal. We are confident that you will find the results richly rewarding. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church, in the parish office and at [holycrossyorktown.net](http://holycrossyorktown.net).

## ADVENT - FORMED.ORG

Featured Items  
on FORMED.org  
for December:



BOOK: *Mary: God's Yes to Man*  
MOVIES: *The Story of the Nativity*  
& *Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree*  
AUDIO: *Prepare the Way of the King*  
PROGRAM: *Advent for Discipleship Groups*

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## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

**Nov. 27, 2016**  
Holy Cross      San Luis      St. Ann  
Saturday/Sunday      \$ 3,130.00      \$ 487.00      \$ 5.00  
Second Collection next week is for the Fund for Retired Religious.

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers the souls of all who passed away last week,  
**"Eternal rest grant unto them Lord & let perpetual light shine upon them"**  
**Especially: Carolyn Buske, Robert Sierra, Joe Mueller,**  
**Fr. Ralph Baidoo, Arnulfo Corpus and Robert Mendez**

**Also pray for physical and spiritual healing of:** Braden Brown, Mary Helen and Daniel Villarreal, Robert Zaiontz, Melvin Sinast, Lottie Wojtasczyk, Melvin Gallegos, Maurice & Elaine Shenkir, Mary Helen Miller, Hedwig Jendry, Raul Salinas, Sr., Arturo Salinas, Elena Garcia, Lola Amador, Lambert Styra, Robert Migura, Susan Villarreal, Damian Fanelli, Janie Salinas, Gloria Sanford, A.J. Wolpman, E.J. Biemer, Augustin Serrano, Ortencia Serrano, Kathy Banda, Angela Hahn, Irene Boerm, Billy Barrier, David Moczygamba, Michelle Binz Enterline, Linda Torres, Grady Glover, Carolyn Mueller, Debbie Rios, Mary Helen Torres, Gloria Salinas, Lisa Bossee, Myrlyn Wagner, Roman Fanelli, Irene Ibrom, Jo Ann Griffin, Hunter Jacob, Lillie Perez, Johnny Ray Garza, Lawrence Waltersdorff, Kathy Howard, Antonio Guerrero, Mary Metting, Martin Guerrero, Jr., Raul D. Tambunga, Robert Jendrzey, Amber & Anthony Rios, Agustina Rosales, Courtney Soliz, Tommy Stehling, Mary M. Gonzales, Jeanne Byerly, Daniel John, Bill Jauer, Charlie Caswell, Ed Head, Cheryl Edmonson, Walter Leister, Adalee Lahodny, Patsy Chapoy, Pat Barta, Catherine Wilems, Josie Ortiz Nunez, Adam Nunez, Cory Roth, Dustin and Tristan Mainka, Carol Waggoner, Manuel Serrano and Martin Torres.

Reminder: if you have listed someone on the Prayer List and they are doing better, please call the office to remove them from this list. Thank you.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### HOLY CROSS PARISH EVENTS LISTED IN BOLD HIGHLIGHT

Dec	
4	Amor Meus Solemn Vespers IWBS
5	<b>Women's ACTS Meeting 6:30 at Activity Center</b>
6	<b>Choir Practice – 6 PM at Holy Cross Church</b>
8	<b>Holy Day of Obligation, Mass at 7:00 PM</b>
10	<b>Catholic Daughters' Santa Café and Craft Show</b>
10	1-day Retreat IWBS with Deacon Leo Sharron
11	Amor Meus Solemn Vespers IWBS
11	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Vigil Mass – San Luis 6 PM</b>
12	<b>Women's ACTS Meeting 6:30 at Activity Center</b>
13	<b>KC Meeting – 7 PM at Activity Center</b>
13	<b>Choir Practice – 6 PM at Holy Cross Church</b>
14	Reconciliation, 7PM Sts. Peter & Paul, Meyersville
15	Reconciliation, 6PM Our Lady of Guadalupe, Cuero
17	<b>CCD Christmas Program after 5 PM Mass – Holy Cross</b>
17	Sisters of the IWBS Open House 2 – 5 PM
18	Amor Meus Solemn Vespers IWBS
18	<b>CCD Christmas Holiday – Classes resume Jan 4, 2017</b>
19	<b>Women's ACTS Meeting 6:30 at Activity Center</b>
20	<b>Reconciliation, 5:30 PM Holy Cross Church</b>
20	<b>Choir Practice – 6 PM at Holy Cross Church</b>

## PARISH NEWS

**CHAPLET:** Weekdays at 3:00

**ROSARY:** Wednesday at 6:30 with CCD,  
Saturday before 5:00 Mass &  
Sunday before 9:30 Mass

## Christmas Choir practice 6 PM at Holy Cross – All Welcome! December 6, 13 and 20<sup>th</sup>

## Advent Reconciliation services

Dec. 14 7 PM Sts. Peter & Paul, Meyersville  
Dec. 15 6 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe, Cuero  
Dec. 20 5:30 PM Holy Cross, Yorktown



**Catholic Daughters**  
Bring baked goods to  
Santa Café Dec. 10

## Santa's Café & Craft Show

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC  
DAUGHTERS COURT 1598

### Shop Local – Buy Local

at the Yorktown Community Hall  
**Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9 AM - 3 PM**

### Amor Meus

### Advent Solemn Vespers

Dec 4, 11, 18 - 5-5:45 PM in the Chapel

## Guided 1-Day Advent Retreat

with Deacon Leo Sharron

### My Soul In Stillness Awaits

December 10, 2016  
9:30 AM-3:30 PM



### Open House

December 17, from 2-5 PM

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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.”

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**December 4, 2016: Second Sunday of Advent**

**PREPARE THE WAY**  
Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.

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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** — Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace for ever (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

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday - Friday  
8:30am -12:00pm  
1:00pm - 3:30pm

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Holy Cross  
Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 9:30am  
Tuesday 8:00am  
Wednesday 8:00am  
Thursday 5:00pm  
First Fridays 8:00am

San Luis  
Sunday 8:00am

Yorktown Manor  
Friday 10:00am

**RECONCILIATION**  
Holy Cross  
First Fridays 8:30am  
Saturday 4:00pm  
By appointment  
Special services during  
Advent and Lent

RCIA  
**Holy Cross Activity Center**  
Thursday’s after 5:00pm mass

**“We Are The Hands of Christ”**

**A**  
*child*  
*of the*  
*earth, the*  
*Christmas*  
*tree, makes a*  
*gift of itself, O*  
**Lord,** *to thee.*  
*Sign of endless life,*  
*branches ever green,*  
*wood of peace pointing*  
*to heaven unseen. May it*  
*give You honor; may You*  
*shower Your grace upon faith-*  
*ful people gathered in this place.*  
*Amen.*  
By Claudia Cangilla McAdam