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

Deceased mbrs - Holy Cross, San Luis & St. Ann 8:00AM San Luis

9:30AM Holy Cross Rose W. Syzdek (d)

Vigil "Our Lady of Guadalupe"

Elijio & Alsonso Villarreal (d) 6:00PM San Luis

NEXT WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

5:00 PM Holy Cross Saturday, Dec 10 Christy Lemke Lector:

Minister of Communion: Cindy Dubose

Altar Servers: Annie Ochoa & Hayley Yeretsky

Sunday, Dec 11 8:00 AM San Luis Lector: **Yvonne Torres** Minister of Communion: Minga Rios

9:30 AM Holy Cross Sunday, Dec 11 Lector: Lorene Migura

Ministers of Communion: Blaine & Dena Denbo & Robert Jaramillo

Jerome Gwosdz & Michael Salas Altar Servers:

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.

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: <u>Advent for Discipleship Groups</u> If you haven't registered, you can go to

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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 Moczygemba, Michelle Binz Enterline, Linda Torres, Grady Glover, Carolyn Mueller, Debbie Rios, Mary Helen Torres, Gloria Salinas, Lisa Bossee, Myrlin 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

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

Women's ACTS Meeting 6:30 at Activity Center

Reconciliation, 5:30 PM Holy Cross Church

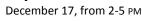
Choir Practice - 6 PM at Holy Cross Church

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Open House



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CHAPLET: Weekdays at 3:00

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

Christmas Choir practice

PARISH NEWS

6 PM at Holy Cross - All Welcome! December 6. 13 and 20th

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



ROSARY:

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



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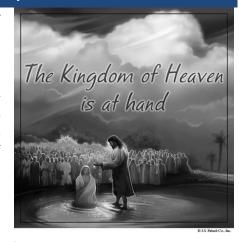
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December 4, 2016: Second Sunday of Advent

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

TODAY'S READINGS

Lord, in whom we place our hope.

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 5:00pm Thursday 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"

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 faithful people gathered in this place.

By Claudia Cangilla McAdam