### **MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

SAT Dec 17: Late Advent Weekday

5:00PM Holy Cross Lee Roy Griffin Jr., & Lee Roy & Meta Griffin (d)

SUN, Dec 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Ofelia Sanchez & Abalino Barrera (d) 8:00AM San Luis

9:30AM Holy Cross Herbert & Isabelle Haase & Herbert Haase Jr. (d)

6PM San Luis Elijio and Alfonso Villarreal (d) MON, Dec 19: Late Advent Weekday – NO MASS

TUE, Dec 20: Late Advent Weekday **8AM Holy Cross** Bill Stepanski WED, Dec 21: St. Peter Canisius

8:00AM Holy Cross Paul F. Le Blanc (d)

THU, Dec 22: Late Advent Weekday

**5:00**PM Holy Cross <u>Jesus & Onorta Gutierrez</u> & Emilia Cortez

FRI, Dec 23: St. John of Kanty, Priest 10:00AM YMNH Edmond Plasczvk (d)

SAT, Dec 24: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil

5:00pm Holy Cross Deceased mbrs of Holy Cross, San Luis, St. Ann

SUN, Dec 25: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

8:00AM San Luis Adam Cavazos (d) 9:30AM Holy Cross Adam Mungia (d)

### **NEXT WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS**

Cindy Dubose

Saturday, Dec 24 5:00 PM Holy Cross Lector: Mike Yeretsky Minister of Communion:

Brian Metting, Stephanie Mattox, Altar Servers:

Hayley & Philip Yeretsky

8:00 AM San Luis Sunday, Dec 25 Elvira Ybarra Lector: Minister of Communion: Rebecca Hinojosa Altar Servers: Toribio & Joshua Lopez Sunday, Dec 25 9:30 AM Holy Cross Svlvia Hernandez Lector:

Ministers of Communion: Dicky & Susan Rodriguez, Lorene Migura

Altar Servers: Jerome & Katy Gwosdz, Michael Salas & Emie Bolting

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### Special Thanks to all the Volunteers & Students

who made the Christmas Pageant a success! God Bless You All! Merry Christmas and see you on January 4<sup>th</sup>!!!

The Confirmation Students will attend their first retreat on January 21 at El Shaddai. Please keep them in your prayers:

CONF II: Robin Naranjo and Cee Cee Yeretsky.

CONF I: Jakob Denton, Katy Gwosdz, Trinity Pompa, David Torres, Einer Trevino, and MaKenna Yandell.



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### **ADVENT - FORMED.ORG**

#### **DECEMBER SELECTIONS**

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Second Collection this week is for Christmas Flowers			

### **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"

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 Mettina, 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, Martin Torres, Martha Ledwig and Carey Dugie



The Religious Education Students of Holy Cross, San Luis, and St. Ann will present the

# The Nativity of Our Lord

**SAT, DEC 17 at 6:15 PM** 

Please make plans to attend and join us after the 5PM Mass

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

	HOLY CR	OSS PARISH EVENTS LISTED IN BOLD HIGHLIGHT
DEC	17	CCD Christmas Program after 5PM Mass Holy Cross
	17	2-5 PM Sisters of the IWBS Open House
	18	5 PM Amor Meus Solemn Vespers IWBS
	18	CCD Christmas Holiday – Classes resume Jan 4, 2017
	19	6 PM Choir Practice - Holy Cross Church
	20	5:30 Reconciliation - Holy Cross Church
	20	6:30 PM Gabriel Project Meeting - Victoria
	23-26	OFFICE CLOSED
	28	10:30 AM Raphael's Refuge Rosary & Mass
JAN	4	CCD Classes Resume
	21	9-3:30 Confirmation Retreat – El Shaddai

### **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 - Holy Cross - All Welcome! December 19<sup>th</sup>



# Raphael's Refuge

### Feast Day of the Holy Innocents

Bishop Cahill, Fr. Tommy Chen, Msgr. Joseph Hybner and Fr. Eddie Winkler

Wed Dec 28, 2016

### Rosarv at 10:30-Mass at 11:00 AM

There will be refreshments, you are welcome to bring something, but please do not feel that you must. www.raphaelsrefuge.org

### **Around the Diocese**

Victoria Gabriel Proiect next monthly fellowship and general meeting



### Tuesday December 20, 2016

We meet at our Storage/Office Space at 101 W. Convent St., Victoria, TX (behind St. Mary's Church on Main St.)

# **Amor Meus Advent Solemn Vespers**

Dec 18 - 5-5:45 PM in the Chapel



### **Open House** December 17, 2-5 PM

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### December 18, 2016: Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### **SUMMONED BY GOD**

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

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

**Psalm 24**— Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory

**Second Reading** — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Rom 1:1-7). **Gospel** — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56 Thursday: Friday:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66 Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

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 Sunday:

**Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

### **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 or Special services during Advent and Lent

### **RCIA**

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

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