#### **THIS WEEK** SAT. December 23 **Fourth Sunday of Advent** 5:00PM Holy Cross Logan Rechterman (d) SUN, December 24 **Fourth Sunday of Advent** 8:00AM San Luis Manuel Serrano (d) 9:30AM Holy Cross People of Holy Cross, San Luis & St. Ann SUN, December 24 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil 5:00PM Holy Cross People of Holy Cross, San Luis & St. Ann MON, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 8:00AM San Luis Ortencia & Agustin Jr. Serrano (d) 9:30AM Holy Cross Adam & Irene Mungia & Janie Salinas (d) **TUE. December 26** St. Stephen 8:00AM Chapel Margie Smith (d) St. John the Apostle & Evangelist WED, December 27 **NO Morning Mass** 5:30PM San Luis Lidia Vasquez (d) The Holy Innocents

### 9:30AM Holy Cross People of Holy Cross, San Luis & St. Ann Our book is now open for

Call or come by the office Tues., Wed., or Thurs. to schedule. Suggested Stipend \$5 per Mass. You may request up to three (3) masses per year, consisting of 1 weekend & 2 weekday.

Mass intentions for 2024

Ynocencio Garcia (d)

Paul Vahalik (d)

#### **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS** December 17, 2023 **Holy Cross** San Luis St. Ann Saturday/Sunday \$ 2,430.25 \$ 1,559.81 \$ 45.00 Cemetery Fund \$ 3,442.60 \$ 108.00

St. Thomas Becket

**Emerence & Angelo Fanelli (d)** 

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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#### **PRAYER LIST**



**THU, December 28** 

FRI, December 29

8:00AM Chapel

SAT. December 30

5:00PM Holy Cross

SUN, December 31

8:00AM San Luis

**NO MASS** 

Please remember in your prayers the souls of all who have passed away, "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord & let perpetual light shine upon them"



Also pray for physical and spiritual healing of:

Larry Mueller, Ramona Sample, Levi Sample, Daniel & Mary Helen Villarreal, Mary Helen Torres, Kacee Flores, Christopher & Kaylnn Mueller, Cindy Pieprzica, Macee Brown, Barbara Kremling, Wade Bolting, Shirley Collins, Regina Riedel, Norma Schendel, Lin Migura, Alvin Sturm, Margaret Wollny, Marvin Tate, William Stehling, Doug Wolf, Amber Rios, Fr. Frank Lenz, Fr. Dominic Boasiako, Loretta Bolting, Larry Kozielski, Lanny Lohmann, Saela Diaz, Myra Yeretsky, Heath Buesing, Patricia Kowalik, Terry Glasscock, Johnny Ortiz and Blaise Hawes.

If you have someone on the prayer list, they will stay on the list for **3 months**. Please call the office Tuesday-Thursday, to put them back on the list. Thank you!

### **SERVER SCHEDULE**

Sunday, Dec. 24 5PM Holy Cross

Ron Martin Lector: Sacristans: Philip & Lisa EMHC: **Greg Foegelle** Altar Servers: Sydnie, Rylie & Liam

Monday, Dec. 25 9:30AM Holy Cross Lector: Svlvia Hernandez

Sacristans: Rene & Sylvia EMHC: Rene Hernandez

Altar Servers:

Saturday, Dec. 30 5PM Holy Cross

Angie Stepanski Lector: Sacristans: Cindy & Susan EMHC: Dicky Rodriguez Altar Servers: Caleb, Jax & Leyton Sunday, Dec. 31 8AM San Luis

Lector: Elvira Ybarra

Sacristan & EMHC: Rebecca Hinojosa

Altar Server: Devin

Sunday, Dec. 31 9:30AM Holy Cross

Mike Yeretsky Sacristans: Philip & Lisa EMHC: Ben Parma Altar Servers: Sydnie, Rylie & Liam

Homebound: Angie & Loretta

# San Luis Cemetery Plots **Price Changes**

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#7 The Mass continued:

Fr. Hugh Barbour; O. Praem.. 20 Answers: The Mass. Catholic Answers Press

#### 12. What does it mean for Mass to be offered in honor of the saints?

We do offer the Mass in honor of the saints, but one thing must be made clear in order to understand this happy fact: each eucharistic sacrifice is offered to God alone. The Mass is offered to the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit: "Through him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever. Amen!" In some of the prayers of the Roman rite, ancient and new, under the influence of the Eastern rites, the Mass is also said to be offered to the three persons of the Holy Trinity all together: "Receive O Holy Trinity this oblation." Both formulations are perfectly true, since the divine persons are together one God, even though we recognize the distinctions between the persons and their missions.

Even so, it is correct to say that the Mass may be offered in honor of the saints. How so? Because the Mass is not offered to the saints; rather, their membership in the mystical body of Christ, which is the Church, makes it so the sacrifice of the Mass is their sacrifice, just as is for those still living on earth—or, as we have just seen, waiting in purgatory. All the members of the Church participate in their different ways in the sacrifice of the Mass. It is an action entrusted to the faithful on earth, but the elect in heaven and in purgatory all share in its power and effects.

What does the Mass do for the saints in heaven? According to the teaching of St. Thomas and other Doctors and theologians, and, indeed, according to the texts of the liturgy itself, the Mass increases their glory, intensifying the joys and effective actions that flow from their vision of God. When we honor them by commemorating them in Mass, the saints receive some additional splendor of knowledge and love from our celebrations of their merits, and from our asking for their prayers along with the prayer of Christ the great high priest and king of saints.

The sacrifice of the cross is the reason that the souls of the dead can be given the vision of God's face, and so it is that the Mass, although it obtains no increase in that essential reward of the vision of the uncreated God, can and does extend the subsidiary or complementary joys of the saints as they regard the sharing of created goods, relationships, and common works for the living and the dead in which they share as part of the communion of saints.

This is what we mean by the honor given the saints, and it is our joy as wayfarers on earth thereby, day by day, to be finishing up with Christ the work of the glory of the human race. When he comes in glory and completes his kingdom, these fruits of his redemption revealed and obtained in the holy sacrifice will be shared to the fullest and eternal joy of all. Then we will experience the marvelous "excess" or overflowing of the graces of every Mass ever celebrated for the ages of eternity, as their honor becomes our own, and ours theirs. To be continued...

# Thank you to everyone who participated in our Christmas Pageant!





### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

24: Mass 5PM at Holy Cross, Christmas Carols 4:30PM

25: Mass 8AM at San Luis

25: Mass 9:30AM at Holy Cross, Christmas Carols 9:00AM

25-26: Parish Office Closed

Jan. 1: Masses BVM: 8AM Holy Cross, 5:30PM San Luis

5: First Friday Mass 8AM at Holy Cross, followed by Adoration & Reconciliation

**6: First Saturday Mass** 9AM at San Luis, followed by the Rosary

and Guadalupana Meeting

7: Catholic Daughters meeting 2PM in the Activity Center

8: Adoration and Reconciliation after Mass at San Luis

8: Knights of Columbus meeting 7PM in the Activity Center

11& 25: RCIA, Adult Education 6PM in the Activity Center



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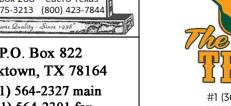
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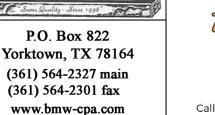


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# DECEMBER 24, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading: Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me.

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Responsorial Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

Second Reading: The mystery is revealed that was kept secret for endless ages. Rom 16:25-27

Gospel: 'I am the handmaid of the Lord' Lk 1:26-38

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-4, 6 & 8, 16 & 17; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-8; Mt 2:13-18 Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2-3, 5-6; Lk 2:22-35

# DECEMBER 25, 2023 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY READINGS**

First Reading: Look, your saviour comes. Is 52:7-10

Responsorial Psalm: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God. Ps 98:1-6 Second Reading: It was no reason except his own compassion that he saved us. Heb 1:1-6 Gospel: The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found the baby lying in the manger. Jn 1:1-18

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**OFFICE HOURS** 

8:30 AM -12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Monday – Friday

#### **Holy Cross** Saturday 5:00 PM Sunday 9:30 AM Tuesday 8:00 AM Wednesday 8:00 AM Thursday 5:30 PM

8:00 AM

#### Friday San Luis

8:00 AM Sunday 5:30 PM Monday Wednesday 5:30 PM First Saturday 9:00 AM

### **ADORATION & RECONCILIATION**

#### **Holy Cross**

First Friday 8:30-9:30 AM San Luis

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 6:00-7:00 PM

# **RECONCILIATION**

#### **Holy Cross**

Saturday 4:00 PM

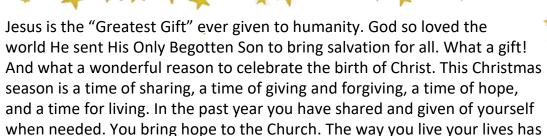
## San Luis

Monday & Wednesday BEFORE MASS (BY REQUEST) Or by appointment









been an example of Christ dwelling within you.

In the light of the Christmas Spirit, we would like to thank one and all for your many gifts, cards, prayers, and kind thoughts. We pray that everyday be a Christmas for you. You are truly a blessing to us. May your Christmas bring you much happiness and good health and may your New Year be filled with an abundance of God's blessings.

> May you have a Merry Christmas, Yours in Christ. Fr. Roger & Fr. Francis