

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SAT, Dec. 9	Second Sunday of Advent
5:00PM Holy Cross	<u>Vincent & Mary Lempa & family (d)</u>
SUN, Dec. 10	Second Sunday of Advent
8:00AM San Luis	<u>Genaro Rios (d)</u>
9:30AM Holy Cross	<u>Roman Vogel (d)</u>
MON, Dec. 11	St. Damasus I
NO MASS	
TUE, Dec. 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
6:00PM San Luis	<u>Elijio, Alfonso & Susan Villarreal (d)</u>
WED, Dec. 13	St. Lucy
8:00AM Holy Cross	<u>Jerome & Victoria Respondek & family (d)</u>
THU, Dec. 14	St. John of the Cross
5:00PM Holy Cross	<u>Onerate Gutierrez & Adelaide Flores (d)</u>
FRI, Dec. 15	Advent Weekday
8:00AM Holy Cross	<u>Raymond & Frances Warzecha</u> <u>& Gussie Wollney (d)</u>
SAT, Dec. 16	Third Sunday of Advent; <i>Las Posadas</i> begins
10:00AM Ykt Manor	<u>Edmond Plasczyk & family (d)</u>
SUN, Dec. 17	Third Sunday of Advent
8:00AM San Luis	<u>Adrian Ibrom (d)</u>
9:30AM Holy Cross	<u>Holy Cross, San Luis & St. Ann (d)</u>

NEXT WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, December 16	5:00 PM Holy Cross
Lector:	Angie Stepanski
Minister of Communion:	Alvin Sturm
Altar Servers:	Jaelyn Soliz, Savannah & Rebecca Holly
Sunday, December 17	8:00 AM San Luis
Lector:	Estela Sierra
Minister of Communion:	Estella Cantu
Altar Servers:	Toribio & Joshua Lopez
Sunday, December 17	9:30 AM Holy Cross
Lector:	Danette Respondek
Ministers of Communion:	Mike Yeretsky, Greg & Teresa Foegelle
Altar Servers:	Dylan & Tyler Respondek & Christian Gips

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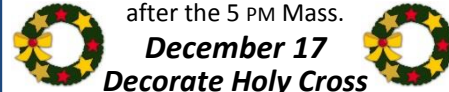
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec.17, 20, 24, 27, 31, Jan.3-NO CCD

December 16

On Saturday, December 16th
Christmas Pageant,
after the 5 PM Mass.



December 17

Decorate Holy Cross
after the 9:30 AM Mass.

All parishioners are invited to assist in decorating the church for the arrival of our Lord on Christmas Day as we prepare to gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Texas State Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now available.
For High School Seniors and for Undergraduates.

Applications may be picked up at the church office or from Cindy Dubose. All applications must be postmarked by Jan. 31st 2017, there are a few steps, call soon for information.

RCIA

together with **Adult Education** Classes featuring **Symbolon**.
The next class is scheduled for Dec. 14th at 6 PM in the Activity Center.

Check the bookshelf in the foyer at Holy Cross and the table at the entrance of San Luis for **free Lenten resources**.
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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

December 3, 2017	Holy Cross	San Luis	St. Ann
Saturday/Sunday	\$ 3,592.00	\$ 457.70	\$ 50.00
Second Collection next week is the Fund for Christmas Flowers			

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, Daniel Villarreal, Melvin Sinast, Lottie Wojtasczyk, Melvin Gallegos, Maurice & Elaine Shenkir, Mary Helen Miller, Hedwig Jendry, Raul Salinas, Sr., Elena Garcia, Lola Amador, Lambert Styra, Robert Migura, Gloria Sanford, E.J. Biemer, Ortencia Serrano, Kathy Banda, Irene Boerm, David Moczygemba, Michelle B. Enterline, Linda Torres, Gloria Salinas, Lisa Bossee, Myrlin Wagner, Roman Fanelli, Irene Ibrom, Hunter Jacob, Lawrence Waltersdorff, Kathy Howard, Antonio Guerrero, Mary Metting, Martin Guerrero, Jr., Raul D. Tambunga, Robert Jendrzey, Jeanne Byerly, Bill Jauer, Charlie Caswell, Adalee Lahodny, Patsy Chapoy, Josie Ortiz Nunez, Adam Nunez, Carol Waggoner, Gloria Llerch, Pam Broll, Ysrael Hinojosa, Ferdinand Styra, Don McCrory, Ida Salinas, Monica Salinas, Peter Foegelle, Nancy Pfeifer, Henry Canales Jr., Paul Martin, Sebastian Gonzales, Joel Rivera, Anita Abrigo, Roger Pruski, Jo Ann Hoelscher, Edwin Kowalik, Steven Rodriguez, Michael Rodriguez, Alice Perez, Axton Elrode, Yvonne Gutierrez, Rosa Maria Santos, Augustine Tambunga, Joshua Garcia, Kay Hilbrich, Jameson Schroeder, Rebecca Hinojosa, Lupe G. Garcia Sr., Daniel Cortez, Cody and Pam Janysek, Hayden Liddle, Cee Cee Yeretsky, Vic Cortez and Matthew Jendrzyi.

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

Dec.	12-Mass 6PM at San Luis "Our Lady of Guadalupe"
	12-KC Meeting 7:30PM in the Activity Center
	14-RCIA & Adult Education 6PM in the Activity Center
	15-Friday, 6 PM: Goliad, <i>Immaculate Conception</i>
	16-Christmas Pageant following the 5PM Mass
	17, 20, 24, 27, 31, Jan.3-NO CCD
	17-Decorate for Christmas at Holy Cross 10:30AM
	18-Monday, 6 PM: Cuero, <i>St. Michael's</i>
	21-Thursday, 6PM: Meyersville, <i>Sts. Peter and Paul</i>
	22-Friday, 5:30PM: Yorktown, Holy Cross
	22-25-Parish Office Closed for Christmas
	24-Decorate for Christmas at Holy Cross 10:30AM
	24-Christmas Eve Mass 5PM at Holy Cross
	25-Christmas Morning Masses: 8AM at San Luis
	9:30AM at Holy Cross
Jan.	1-Mass 9:30AM at Holy Cross-Holy Day of Obligation
	"The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord;
	Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God"

PARISH NEWS

ROSARY:

First Saturdays 10 AM at San Luis
Saturday before 5:00 Mass
Sunday before 9:30 Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet:
Fridays at 3 PM



Reconciliation Services

15-Friday, 6 PM: Goliad,

Immaculate Conception

18-Monday, 6 PM: Cuero, *St. Michael's*

21-Thursday, 6PM: Meyersville,
Sts. Peter and Paul

22-Friday, 5:30PM: Yorktown, Holy Cross



Choir Practice for Holy Cross

on Tuesdays at 6:15 PM.

New members are welcome.

If you know how to play an instrument (guitar, flute . . .) bring it along.

Our book is now open for
Mass intentions
from January through April.
Come by the parish office
to schedule masses for
your deceased loved ones.

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"Help another's boat across, and lo, thine own has reached the shore"

December 10, 2017: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalms — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

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

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

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 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Cross

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Tuesday 8:00 AM

Wednesday 8:00 AM

Thursday 5:00 PM

First Fridays 8:00 AM

San Luis

Sunday 8:00 AM

Yorktown Manor

Friday 10:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

Holy Cross

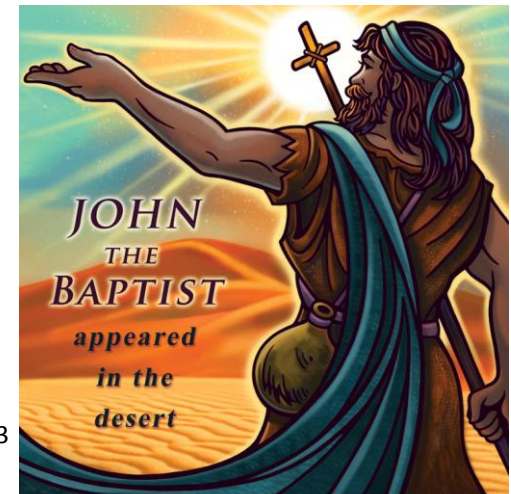
First Fridays 8:30 AM

Saturday 4:00 PM

Or by appointment

Special services during
 Advent and Lent

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