



H O L Y C R O S S  
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**Office Hours:**  
Monday to Friday  
8:45 am to 4:45 pm

*Fr. Godofredo R. Claudio, Pastor*

*Deacon Albert Dacanay*

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**Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 7:00 pm

**Morning Prayer:**

Tuesday thru Friday 7:45 am

**Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday to Friday: 8:15 am  
Saturdays & Holidays: 9:00 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm  
First Friday 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm  
For any other time by appointment only

**First Fridays:**

Holy Hour: 6:00 pm  
Mass 7:00 pm

**Baptism:**

By appointment and after an interview with the parents.

**Marriage:**

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor one year in advance.

**Care of the Sick:**

Please call the parish to request visitation of the sick or elderly - for prayers, Holy Communion, Sacrament of the Sick.

**New Parishioners:**

Welcome! Please ask for a registration form in the vestibule of the church or at the parish office.

**Eucharistic Healing Procession & Benediction**

Every 1st Sat. of the Month after the 9:00am Mass.

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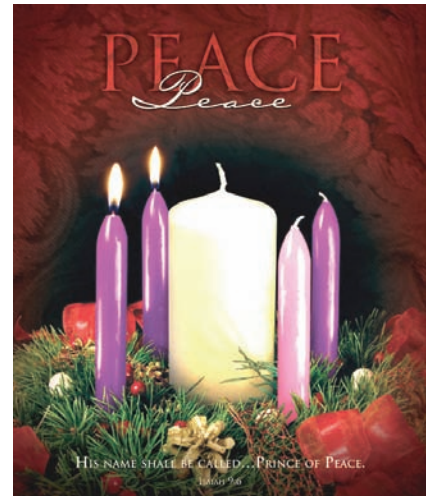
**Principal: Ms. Sandy Gunter**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 <b>Mass Intentions</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Mass Intention for</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Dec 9	Mon	8:15 am	Feast of the Immaculate Conception - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	
Dec 10	Tues	8:15 am	Cristita Benedicto – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Mila Benedicto
Dec 11	Wed	8:15 am	Remedios Dipasupil✠	Gutierrez Family
Dec 12	Thurs	8:15 am	Joao & Maria Estrela✠	Hortencia Estrela
Dec 13	Fri	8:15 am	James Wong✠	The Wong Family
Dec 14	Sat	9:00 am	Remedios Dipasupil✠ Emily Salazar✠ Douglas Diaz✠ Reno & Rey Olvido - <i>Thanksgiving</i> The Deceased Members of the Joyce Family✠	Grace & Manny Eunice Uytiepo Eunice Uytiepo Eunice Uytiepo  Pauline Taylor
		5:00 pm	Julia Binsol✠	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
Dec 15	Sun	9:30 am	KC Medalle – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Mila Benedicto
		11:00 am	Noella Milne – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	D'Souza Family
		7:00 pm	All Parishioners	

### Sunday Gospel Reflection: The Proclamation of John the Baptist



#### A Stewardship Examination

As Christmas carols take over radio stations and shopping malls are filled to capacity, it is easy to lose track of the true purpose of Advent. Essentially, Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day as well as his final coming at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our own individual judgement day is coming too, where we will stand before the throne of God and give an account of how we have used all the gifts and blessings we have received.

<b>Altar Servers' Schedule: Dec. 14 &amp; Dec. 15, 2019</b>			
<b>Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Sunday 9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 11:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday 7:00 pm</b>
Angeline Beltran	Ruel Gutierrez, Jr.	Jann & Jared Ybarola	Cailean Cruzada
Angelo Beltran	Sean Quinagon	Matthew & Gianna Guzman	Joshua Razon
Michael Orillanes	Maryrose Sabio	Gieann Pervera & Christine Dipasupil	Kirsten Razon
Isaiah Odejobi	Cheraldine & Arnold Carandang	Aurora & Alfred Donceras	

#### Special Prayers for Parishioners



We keep in our prayers the sick, elderly, the housebound, the "forgotten members" in our community, and their families and caregivers.

*"Lord, surround them with your healing and steadfast love."*

If you know of someone who is seriously ill, or someone who has recently died, you can contact the parish office so they can be prayed for in the weekend Mass during the Prayers of the Faithful.

Cardinal Collins in his *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* states that "A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master... and must eventually give an account to the Master for the way in which (the gifts) have been cared for and made fruitful." This Advent season reminds us to conduct a humble examination of how are we best using our God-given gifts for His glory and the good of the Church.

Are we staying faithful to our practice of prayer? Are we using our time to serve and journey with others? Are we taking an active role in the life of the parish community? Are we serving the less fortunate in our community, remembering Christ's words to serve the poor? Are we living for the present world or for the world to come? Let us take this Advent to re-examine how we are being stewards of the gifts in our lives and recommit to fully living the Gospel.

**Upcoming Events**

**Al-Anon Meeting**

Every Monday • 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm • Parish Hall

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Every Sunday • 10:00 am • Parish Hall

**Food Drive: Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

**Holy Cross Advent Confessions**

December 13, 2019 (Friday) • 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm • Church

**Holy Cross Advent Retreat 2019**

December 14, 2019 (Saturday) • 9:45 am - 12:45 pm • Church

**First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion**

**Family Gathering – Session 3**

December 15, 2019 (Sunday) • 10:15am • Parish Hall

**Sacrament of Confirmation – Session 1**

April 5, 2020 (Sunday) • 12:15 pm • Parish Hall

**Sacramental Preparations**

**First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion**

*Session 3: Family Gathering*

December 15 • Sunday • 10:15 am • Parish Hall

**Note: Parents must attend this event.**

**Confirmation**

*Session 1*

April 5, 2020 • Sunday • 12:15 pm • Parish Hall

**RCIA**

Every Sunday • 10:00am • Parish Hall

**Multiple Mass Intentions is now permitted for Saturday morning only**

We are now accepting multiple intentions (maximum of 5) for **Saturday 9:00 am Mass only.**

*Please feel free to book your intentions in the office.*

**Holy Cross Eucharistic Healing Procession & Benediction**

Every **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month**, Fr. Freddy will perform a Eucharistic Healing Procession and Benediction in the Church after the 9:00am Mass. **Everyone is welcome to attend.**

**The 2020 Mass Intentions Book is now available.**

**2020 Offertory Envelopes**

The 2020 Parish Offertory Envelopes distribution will start on **Saturday, December 7.**

**Please take note:** Some of the assigned parishioner's envelope numbers have been changed due to the updating of the database. Make sure to double check your name on the box.

**IMPORTANT!** Please **DO NOT USE** the **NEW 2020 ENVELOPES** until after New Year.



**HOLY CROSS PARISH  
ADVENT SCHEDULE 2019**

Date / Day	Time	Activity	Venue
December 13 <i>Friday</i>	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Confessions	Church
December 14 <i>Saturday</i>	9:45 am to 12:45 pm	Retreat	Church
December 15-23	7:00 pm	9-Day Novena Mass ( <i>Simbang Gabi</i> )	Church

**CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR  
Mass Schedule**

Date / Day	Time	Activity	Venue
December 24 <i>Tuesday</i>	7:00 pm and 11:00 pm  10:30 pm	Christmas Eve Mass  <i>Christmas Carols</i>	Church
December 25 <i>Wednesday</i>	9:30 am 11:00 am <b>No 7:00 pm</b>	Christmas Day Mass	Church
December 31 <i>Tuesday</i>	7:00 pm	New Year Vigil Mass	Church
January 1 <i>Wednesday</i>	11:00 am <b>No 7:00 pm</b>	New Year's Day Mass	Church

**Office Hours**

December 24	Tuesday	Closed
December 25	Wednesday	Closed
December 26	Thursday	Closed
December 27	Friday	8:45 am – 4:45 pm
December 31	Tuesday	8:45 am – 12:00 noon
January 1	Wednesday	Closed

**Church Bulletin Advertising**

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