



HOLY FAMILY

HOLY ROSARY MISSION

Mission Statement

We at Holy Family-Holy Rosary parish with the guidance of the Holy Spirit are committed to nurture the spiritual growth of our members, to welcome strangers, to be good stewards of God-given gifts, to provide a safe environment for our youth, to treat everyone with dignity and respect, to provide for the needy and to foster a Christ-centered community.

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Sunday Readings

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

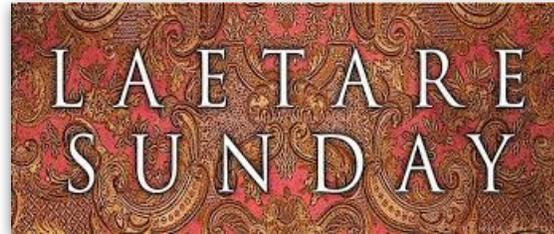
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

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Additional Mass during Lent

Portola: Thursdays 6:00 p.m. will replace the 8:30 a.m. mass.



Joy is essentially a Christian characteristic, and in this liturgical season the Church does not fail to remind us that **it should be present at every moment of our lives.**

But today, **as we approach the end of Lent**, we meditate on the **joy of the Cross**. It is **one and the same joy** as that of being united to Christ.

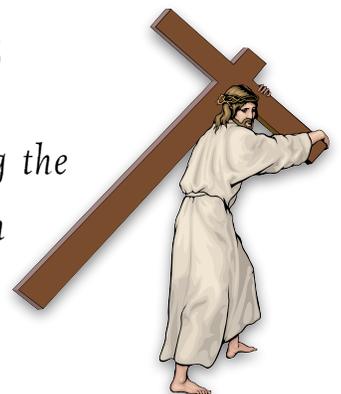
This Sunday is traditionally called **Laetare Sunday** from the opening words of the **Entrance Antiphon:** *“Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her...”* (Is. 66:10-11)

The **strictness** of the Lenten liturgy is **interrupted** on this Sunday with words that speak to us of joy. Today, **rose-colored vestments**, if they are available, are permitted in place of purple, and the altar can be **decked with flowers** as on no other day in Lent. Also, it the Second Scrutiny for those entering the church at Easter.

Laetare Sunday is meant to direct Catholics to **“keep your eyes on the prize”** in anticipation of Easter.

Love The Cross

This is how we must travel along the way of self-giving: the Cross on our shoulders, a smile on our lips and light in our hearts.



St. J. Escriva, The Way of the Cross

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Mar. 18: Josie Tejada+

Sunday, Mar. 19:
All Parishioners

Tuesday, Mar. 21:

Wednesday, Mar. 22:
8:30 a.m. -
10:30 a.m. -

Thursday, Mar. 23:

Friday, Mar. 24:

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RCIA Study

Date: March 20, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Holy Family Church
Father Burns Parish Hall

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Sunday Collection

March 12, 2023

Regular: \$2,957.00

Building Fund: \$2,009.50

Thank you for your generosity!

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

When Jesus sees the blind man, he says, "While I am in this world, I am the **light of the world.**" He **heals** the blind man.



Once the blind man is healed, the people ask, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?", thus betraying **their own blindness.** "Man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." (1 Samuel 16: 7)

The blind man answers using words that Christ uses of himself; he says, "I am." Is this a coincidence? Probably not: the man was born blind "so that the **works of God might be made visible** through him."

St. Paul to the Ephesians writes, "**Light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.**"

Feast of St. Joseph

"I took for my advocate and lord the glorious Saint Joseph and commended myself earnestly to him," says St. Teresa of Avila (1582) in her autobiography. But she did not think devotion to Saint Joseph was a private grace given to her alone.



Public devotion to St. Joseph experienced its most dramatic growth during and after Teresa's lifetime. This was partly due to the Council of Trent's emphasis on the Scriptures as basis for devotion to the saints and on sacred images as a means of encountering them and by the personal experiences of St. Joseph's paternal love in the writings of mystics like Teresa. By the turn of the 17th century, the Church could keep silent about the "silent saint" no longer.

Fr. Gabriel Toretta, O. P., Magnificat

✠ *Looking Towards Easter* ✠

As Holy Week and Easter draw near, so do **forgiveness, mercy, divine compassion and a superabundance of grace**. A little while longer and the mystery of our salvation will be consummated. If at times we have **been afraid of penance and atonement**, we will be **filled with courage** at the thought of how short is the time involved, and **how great the reward**, a prize entirely disproportionate to our own little efforts. So let us **cheerfully follow Jesus** to Jerusalem, to Calvary, to the Cross.

- Francis Fernandez, *In Conversation with God*

Holy Family Church

108 Taylor Ave.
Portola, CA 96122

Masses: Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

Adoration: Friday 7:30 a.m.
Confession: Saturday 4:00 p.m.
or by appointment

Holy Rosary Mission Church

614 4th. St.
Loyalton, CA 96118

Masses: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday 12:00 p.m.

Adoration: 1st Saturday 10:00 -
10:00 Sunday
Confession: After Mass or by
appointment

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New Website

Check the new parish website! It is being updated regularly, and you will find mass times, special feast days, and all information about Holy Family and Holy Rosary.

www.holyrosaryportola.org

Send submissions to:
granitebaymom@icloud.com

FORGIVENESS

*In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she **requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.***

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1457-1458.)

The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion.

Stations at Holy Family - Portola

Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

Stations at Holy Rosary - Loyalton

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Soup Dinner Following at both locations in the Parish Hall



St. Joseph and Real Estate

In the sixteenth century, a convent of nuns is said to have acquired some much-needed property by praying and burying medals of St. Joseph. The idea caught on--- from buying property to selling property, from medals to statues!

Nowadays some home-sellers bury a statue of the saint upside down in the backyard: because Joseph does not like being in this position, the indignity incentivizes him to work harder. (I wonder how many of these do the praying part, too!)

Finally, the statue is given a place of prominence in the sellers' new home, once the deal is closed—a reward for a job well done. There are “Saint Joseph Home Selling Kits” available for purchase that include a booklet entitled “The Underground Real Estate Agent.”

Michael P. Foley, Drinking with Your Patron Saints

Saint André Bessette

Born in 1845 and orphaned at age twelve, he developed a **strong love for St. Joseph**. He became a laborer, working as a cobbler, blacksmith, and farmer and in textile mills.

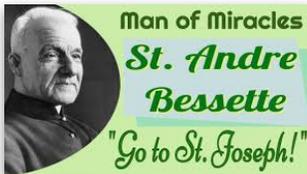
He was strongly attracted to the religious life and joined the **Congregation of Holy Cross**, but poor health threatened his vocation. He was professed after the bishop saw his sincere desire to serve his brothers and to build a shrine for St. Joseph.

“When I left the novitiate, my Superiors showed me the door....I stayed there fourteen years,” he remarked. **He was the community's porter!**

His prayers to St. Joseph brought miraculous results. At age ninety-one, he died peacefully aware that his dream of a shrine to St. Joseph was well underway. Today the shrine, St. Joseph's Oratory, is the **world's largest shrine dedicated to Saint Joseph.**



-Magnificat



Saint's Corner

*Just for today,
What does it matter, O Lord, if the future is dark?
To pray now for tomorrow--I am not able.
Keep my heart only for today,
give me your protection today,
grant me your light--
just for today.*

-Saint Therese of Lisieux, France (1873-1897)