



HOLY FAMILY HOLY ROSARY MISSION

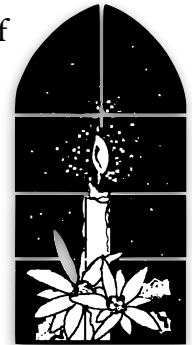
FATHER INNOCENT SUBIZA, PASTOR

The First Sunday of Advent

Today we light the first purple candle on the Advent wreath. It is the candle of HOPE. Hope is one of the three **theological virtues**, which are not acquired through human effort but, beginning with Baptism, infused within as **gifts from God**.

Hope is the virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, **placing our trust in Christ's promises** and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Abraham was blessed abundantly by the promises of God fulfilled in Isaac; he could be **our model** to follow during this first week of Advent!



The Season of Advent

When we pray the "Hail Mary", we ask Mary to pray for us at the two most important moments of our life: **"now and at the hour of our death."** "The hour of our death" is **Christ's second coming**. That's what we are supposed to be preparing for during Advent, as well as preparing for our celebration of his first coming at Christmas.

There is **nothing more practical** than getting ready for the one and only event in life that is **absolutely guaranteed - death**. Practicing the virtue of HOPE (desiring the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness) is a great way to begin. ~Peter Kreeft in *Food for the Soul*

Hope

The first week of Advent marks the beginning of the *new liturgical year*. The tale of our salvation has circled *back to its starting point*: the expectation of the Messiah. This week intensifies our *hope in the coming of a Savior Who will free us from the chains of sin and become our Way and our Light*.



Themes of Advent

Advent Prayer

Dear Jesus, ***you are the hope*** in our messy world. This Advent, ***help us slow down, listen*** to your voice, and ***focus on what's really important***. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth at Christmas. Amen



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 30: Al and June Williams+

Sunday, December 1- First Sunday of Advent:

8:30 a.m.: Antonio Ponce De Leon (Sp. Int.)

10:30 a.m.: Bryan and Caden Alcaraz (Sp. Int.)



THIS WEEK

First Wednesday: honoring St. Joseph

First Friday: Nine First Fridays Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

First Saturday: Five First Saturdays Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Devotion includes the

following:

- Go to confession on the first Saturday or during the week before or after
- Receive Holy Communion (not necessarily during a Mass, though that is beneficial)
- Pray five decades of the Rosary
- Keep the Blessed Mother company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary

NEXT WEEK'S CHURCH EVENTS



Sunday, December 8: Second Sunday of Advent - regular Mass schedule

Monday, December 9: *Holy Day of Obligation, Feast of Our Lady of The Immaculate Conception*

Masses : 8:30 a.m. in Portola, 5:30 p.m. in Loyalton

Tuesday, December 10: **NO MASS** Father is taking this as his day off.

Wednesday, December 11: Portola Mass 8:30 a.m. and Community Supper at 6:00 p.m. Loyalton Adoration at 4:30 p.m. and Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 12: Our Lady Of Guadalupe - Rosary at 5:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 13: Portola: Adoration 7:30 a.m. Mass at 8:30 a.m.



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 5:30 p.m.

Adoration:
Wednesday 4:30 p.m.

Confession: After Mass or by
appointment

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Website

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

www.holyfamilyportola.org

Send submissions to:
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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday December 9 - Holy Day of Obligation

The Patroness of the United States has her feast day this Friday. "Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception!" from the Divine Praises said at Benediction. What better way to ask her help at this time of violence and racial hatred, than to attend Mass.

Salve Regina! Immaculate Virgin

Hear me implore, and thy pity bestow;

Wild waves of trouble around me are surging,

Light with thy smile the deep night of my woes.

Queen of the saints! Hear my earnest petition,

Mother of Jesus, conceived without sin,

Turn me aside from the road to perdition,

Let me the fold of thy love enter in.

~ American poet William H. C. Hosmer



Straw For The Manger

*The manger is set up to receive the **pieces of straw** – representing our acts of **preparing for Christ's coming** – just as it was last year.*

Hints:

- saying an extra rosary
- helping when not asked
- practicing patience
- willingly giving up time on phone, video games, TV, social media, etc.



1. What color vestments are worn during Advent?
2. When is Gaudete Sunday?
3. When does Advent end?
4. What do the candles on the Advent wreath symbolize?
5. What Holy Day of Obligation occurs during Advent?

- ANSWERS:
1. purple
 2. 3rd Sunday of Advent
 3. December 24
 4. Hope, Peace, Joy, Love
 5. Immaculate Conception



*Our
Lady of
Advent
Prayer
Card*

This beautiful card of pregnant Mary is available in the vestibule.

Donated by the Altar Society

ADVENT
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May Christ our Savior bring light into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming.

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Sunday

1

First Sunday of Advent

I will spend a few extra minutes in prayer today.

Monday

2

I will do my work well today and with joy for God.

Tuesday

3 St. Francis Xavier

I will obey my parents, my teachers, and others in charge of me.

Wednesday

4

I will do some work for my parents to help them rest after a day of work. I will work hard today and do my best.

Thursday

5

I will be a peacemaker today in school and at home.

Friday

6 St. Nicholas

I will donate like-new toys and books I've outgrown to needy families.

Saturday

7 St. Ambrose

I will eat more of what is good for me today and less of what is not.