#### 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### **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 Christcentered community.

#### **Sunday Readings**

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

#### **Faith Studies**

#### **Catholic Study: Loyalton:**

Tuesdays 6-8 pm, Social Hall

#### Intro to the Catechism: Portola: 8 Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Father Burns Center



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Christ's answer to the false dilemma put to him by the Pharisees reveals that, though *we owe* 

obedience to just laws and rightful authority, we must also give to God what belongs to God.

And what does belong to God? **Our very lives!** The effects of original sin entice us to withhold some part of ourselves from God.

This is a great challenge, but we have an *instruction manual* in the form of *Jesus' words and life.* Jesus is always there, inviting us into a *radical, Beatitudes-style life that upends what the world expects.* -Maureen Wicken in Living with Christ

### The Faith - A Powerful Light

When it comes to fundamental questions of social morality, Christians should be fully aware of the fact that their religious faith serves as a powerful light illuminating the whole area of the common good.

The proper path lies in **living a coherent life of faith**. We should act as **children of God** in the **halls of government** as well as in the **living-rooms of our friends**. We should have the **firm conviction** that the **Church is an unquenchable source of truth**, the **only source** capable of filling our modern age's **terrible moral and religious void**.

~Fernandez, Francis. In Conversation with God

#### October 22, 2023

#### **Mass Intentions**

Sunday, October 22: All Parishioners Tuesday, October 24: Maria Guerra+

#### Collection

October 15, 2023 Sunday: \$1,441.00 Online Giving: \$155.00 Total: \$1,596.00

F.L.O.W.E.R.: \$1,258.00

Thank you for your generosity!

#### **Community Supper**

When: Wednesday October 25 at 6:00 p.m. Where: Father Burns Hall Host: Holy Family Church Meal provided by: New Life Christian Church

Beloved Mother,



cover me with your purity,

> cleanse what I have

stained,

mend what I have broken.

The Eucharistic

Miracle of





In the Eucharistic miracle of Herentals, Belgium in 2013, some Hosts that had been previously stolen were found after eight days, and perfectly intact, in spite of the rain. The Hosts were found in a field near a rabbit burrow, surrounded by a bright light and arranged in the form of a cross.

Every year, two paintings of Antoon van Ysendyck, depicting the miracle, are taken in procession to the field where a **small shrine, De Hegge,** was built. Here a commemorative Mass is celebrated before numerous people. The two paintings are presently kept in the Cathedral of Sint-Waldetrudiskerk, Herentals.

~www.http://www.miracolieucaristici.org



First Triday Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be at the Holy Family Church from 5 pm to 7 pm on Friday, November 3.

Come pray with us, especially for our **country**.

This is an **"open house"** event - come when you can, stay as long as you can.



#### **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.First Fridays 5:00-7:00 p.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

**Phone:** 530-832-5006 **Email:** holyfamilyholyrosary@gmail.com

Website: www.holyfamilyportola.org

#### **Bulletin Submissions**

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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:** granitebaymom@icloud.com

# Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

#### <u>Introductory Meeting:</u> Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Family Parish Hall

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, then **RCIA**, the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, is for you. RCIA is the process by which, after a period of instruction, one enters into full communion with the Catholic Church.

# Please call the parish office to register: 530-832-5006

### Holy Day of Obligation: November 1 All Saints Day

#### Wednesday, October 31:

Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. in Loyalton Thursday, November 1: 8:30 a.m. Mass in Portola

#### Friday, November 2 All Souls Day:

8:30 a.m. Mass in Portola (Return your envelopes with your "dear souls' names" ASAP)

### The Saints & The Eucharist

In the presence of the Adorable Host, it is faith that will capture our imagination and our thoughts, and will hold all the powers of soul and body respectfully submissive, fixed, and almost totally subdued.

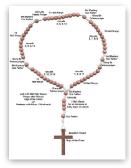
- Blessed Basil Moreau

## YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST REVIVAL

You see how efficacious are the **words of Christ**. If the word of the Lord Jesus is so powerful as to summon into existence that which did not exist, namely the world, **how much more powerful is his word** to change into something else that which already has existence? -St. Ambrose

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in thy love for me!

The Rosary of the Seven Sorrows



From 1981-1989 **Our Lady appeared** to several visionary in Kibeho, Rwanda. Mary asked that the Rosary of the **Seven Sorrows be prayed**. This was not a "new" rosary, but had been founded by the Order of Servites in the 13th century.

It consists of the Sign of the Cross, Introductory Prayer, Act of Contrition, 3 Hail Marys, then the 7 Sorrows of Mary, each followed by 1 Our Father and 7 Hail Marys, Concluding Prayer, then 3 times "Mary, who was conceived without sin and suffered for us, pray for us, and the Sign of the Cross. (Seven Sorrows continued in next week's bulletin)

# GOING AGAINST THE GRAIN

What is the reason we say that something we do not like "goes against the grain"?

The allusion here is to the carpenter who tries to use his plane against the grain of a board. Instead of smoothing the board down, he roughs it up. So too, anything which "goes against our grain" roughs us up. -From Why Do We Say It?

The lifestyle that Jesus' words encourage us to live, often "goes against the grain" of what we would like to do!