



HOLY FAMILY

HOLY ROSARY MISSION

FATHER INNOCENT SUBIZA, PASTOR

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.

Sunday Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

Second Reading: 2 Peter :8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8



STRAW FOR THE MANGER

WHEN YOU DO A GOOD DEED DURING ADVENT, PLACE A PIECE OF STRAW IN OUR MANGER!

The Second Sunday of Advent

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

How do we do this? Servant of God Catherine de Hueck Doherty wrote that in her family, the first step was cleanliness.

“We began **cleaning from the inside out**. First there was the **Advent fast**: to clean the soul of all its past faults and sins, to **make penance** for them, to wash it with tears, and the heart with contrition...To accompany these inner preparations, outward cleaning and scrubbing went on...the icons were first to be polished and cleaned. With the flickering shadows of the votive lamps—red, blue and green—they were the forerunners of the lovely candles on the Christmas tree.”

-Magnificat



Second Candle of the Advent Wreath

This week we begin the second week of Advent and light the **second purple candle**. This candle is called the **“Bethlehem Candle”**. Micah foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, the same place King David was born. **The purple is for “preparing the way of the Lord.”**

The name **“Bethlehem”** means **“house of bread”** - in our faith, the **“Living Bread.”** The town was an “out-of-the-way” settlement and not very big; that is why we did not put our manger in an obvious place. **(We have to seek out the Lord.)**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9:

Jose Maria Avelear+

Sunday, December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent:

8:30 a.m.: Delia Bonta (Sp. Intention)

10:30 a.m.: Daniel & Susan Blackstock+

Tuesday, December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe:

8:30 a.m.:

6:00 p.m.: Mass at Holy Family Guillermo Ramos+, Luis Silva+

Wednesday, December 13 - Memorial of St. Lucy:

8:30 a.m.:

5:30 p.m.:

Thursday, December 14 - Memorial of St. John of the Cross:

8:30 a.m.: Mona & Delia Bonta (Sp. Intention)

Friday, December 15 -

8:30 a.m.:

Collection

December 3, 2023

Sunday: \$2,687.00

Online Giving: \$ 340.00

Total: \$3,027.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Community Supper

When: Wednesday December 13

Time: 6:00 p.m.

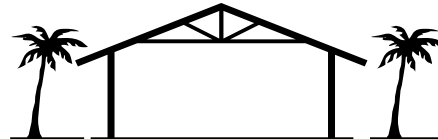
Where: Father Burns Hall

Host: Holy Family Church

Meal provided by: Portola Rotary Club

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



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24:

⌚ 4:30 p.m. Children's Mass at Holy Rosary, Loyalton

⌚ 8:00 p.m. Evening Mass at Holy Family, Portola
(Mass this evening does not fulfill your Sunday Obligation - Mass should also be attended Saturday evening or Sunday morning)

Christmas Day, December 25:

⌚ 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Family, Portola

⌚ 10:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Rosary, Loyalton

The Saints & The Eucharist

*"If you believe in My love,
if you really believe in My love,
then you shall see miracles of
My love."*

~ Words of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary

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.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

On Tuesday December 12th the rosary will start at 5:30 pm followed by Mass at 6:00 pm. Rosary is recited in Spanish, but everyone is invited to join us. We will have a potluck after Mass on December 12th in the church hall. Please bring your favorite dish.

Misa para Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

El martes 12 de diciembre el rosario comenzará a las 5:30 pm seguido por misa a las 6:00 pm. El Rosario se recita en español, pero todos están invitados a unirse a nosotros. Después de la misa los invitamos a cenar en el salón de la parroquia. Será de traje así que por favor trae contigo tu platillo favorito.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST REVIVAL

Dear ones, the *visit to the Blessed Sacrament* is an extremely necessary *way to conquer the devil*. Therefore, go often to visit Jesus and the devil will not come out victorious against you.
~ St. John Bosco

Perhaps a special visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament would be a good way to "prepare the way."



Poinsettia

Donations of Poinsettias for Christmas

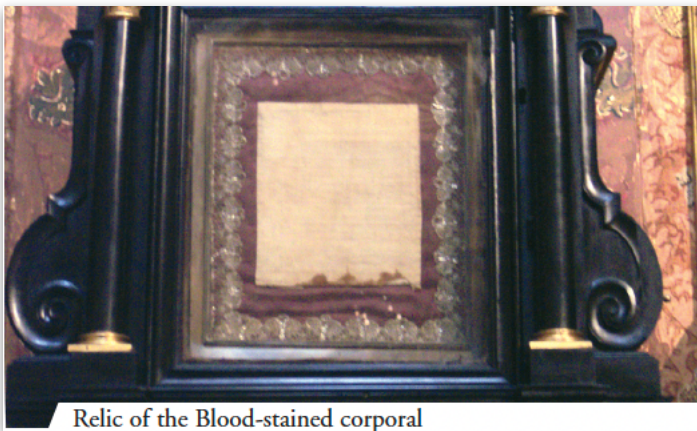
Please consider donating a Poinsettia for Christmas!

Addies Floral Cottage 530-832-9933

Magnolia Mums 530-354-5510

Loyalton flowers will be delivered to Holy Rosary directly.

Eucharistic Miracle of Guadalupe



Relic of the Blood-stained corporal

In the *Eucharistic miracle of Guadalupe, Spain in 1420*, the miraculous Mass from the *Venerable Don Pedro Cabañuelas*, in the region of Toledo, occurred. He had been brutally tempted to *doubt the reality of transubstantiation*, but in 1420 all of his doubts had disappeared. As he had been accustomed to do

daily, Don Pedro began to celebrate the Holy Mass: *at the moment of the consecration he saw a dense cloud come down from above and settle itself above the altar*. He could not see any more. *Then the priest began to implore the Lord to remove his doubts. Slowly the cloud began to reduce itself and presented this sight: the Host was lifted above the chalice and abundant drops of Blood began to fall that immediately replenished the chalice and even overflowed pouring onto the corporal and on the pall*. At that point, the priest heard a voice that said: *"Finish the Holy Mass, and for the moment reveal to no one what you saw"*.

The miracle was later published by the brothers of Don Pedro and the news was spread in all of Spain until it reached the *King of Castile, Don Juan II and the Queen, Lady Maria of Aragon, who became so devoted to the miracle* that they asked to be buried near the body of the Venerable Father Pedro Cabañuelas.

The relics of the marvel had been exhibited for the veneration of the faithful during the *Eucharistic Congress of Toledo in 1926 and even today are the objects of deep devotion to the whole of the Spanish people*.

