



HOLY FAMILY HOLY ROSARY MISSION

FATHER INNOCENT SUBIZA, PASTOR

The Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist was the **last, and according to Jesus, the greatest of the prophets**. Why did God send so many prophets? To **prepare the way for Christ** to plant his roots in history. (Christianity is not a myth, fairy tale or a legend as some unbelievers think.)

The long preparations for Jesus' coming was like bulldozers clearing away hills and filling in valleys to prepare for the building of a road that we could travel on. (We can see this for ourselves in the road construction in our community.) This "construction" meant clearing away obstacles for a road, for a way, which is **the road to heaven and the way of salvation** - our purpose in life.



ANGEL OF PEACE



A year before Our Lady of Fatima appeared to the children in Portugal, the **Angel of Peace made three appearances** to the children to prepare them for Mary's visits. The angel's mission was:

1. to teach them special prayers,
2. to prepare them for the suffering they would endure,
3. to teach them the importance of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the reception of Holy Communion.

~Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, *Advent with Our Lady of Fatima*

Angels play important roles during Advent and Christmas. During this second week of Advent be aware that the PEACE here is not the absence of war, but the peace we have knowing that Christ is with us to guide us in this "valley of tears."



Peace

The Prince of Peace came among us at the only point in history when the **whole world was at peace**. Intentionally bringing stillness and peace into our souls through quiet prayer is the best groundwork for welcoming the Messiah into our homes at His Nativity.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 7: Josie Tejada+, Phillip Tejada+

Sunday, December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent:

8:30 a.m.:

Carolyn Hunt (Sp. Int.)

10:30 a.m.: Jane Toraason+

Thursday December 12:

6:00 p.m.: Guillermo Ramos+, Delia Bonta (Sp. Int.)



THIS WEEK

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 - Portola Mass 8:30 a.m. and Rosary at 5:30 p.m. followed by Spanish Mass at 6:00 p.m.

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

Donations of Poinsettias for Christmas



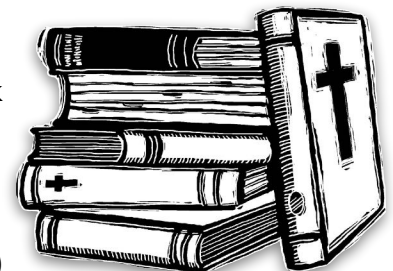
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Poinsettias will be delivered to church.

If donating in memory or honor of someone and want it to be recognized, please leave their name when ordering.

Trading Books (TB) Project

At present the books for trading, are on a new donated book cart in the side entrance. Another conversion story available is **Not God's Type** by Holly Ordway, an atheist academic. As a well-educated English professor, she saw no need for stories about God. Secure in her fortress of atheism (or so she thought) she was safe from any assault by irrational faith.



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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Advent Coloring Page

Bring your colored page back to church and hang it on the bulletin board!

On the Lighter Side of Advent

Advent is a time for prayer. Priorities are important. Two Jesuit novices both wanted a cigarette while they prayed. They decided to ask their superior for **permission**. The first asked but was **told no**. A little later he spotted his friend smoking and praying.

"Why did the superior allow you to smoke and not me?" he asked.

His friend replied, "Because you asked if you could **smoke while you prayed**, and I asked if I could **pray while I smoked!**"



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 prayer
- doing a chore especially well
- forgoing an after-school or late afternoon snack, etc.

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

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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 | Monday |
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| <p>8 Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p>I will secretly do a kind act for someone.</p> | <p>9 <u>Immaculate Conception of Mary</u></p> <p>I will honor Mary in a very special way today by being cheerful.</p> |

| Tuesday | Wednesday |
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| <p>10 <u>Our Lady of Loreto</u></p> <p>I will try to be more thoughtful of others.</p> | <p>11</p> <p>I will find a quiet place and sit for a few minutes, just letting God love me.</p> |

| Thursday | Friday |
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| <p>12 <u>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</u></p> <p>I will ask Mary to help me make room for Jesus in my heart.</p> | <p>13 <u>St. Lucy</u></p> <p>I will try to show special love for someone who seems unhappy or lonely.</p> |

| Saturday |
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| <p>14 <u>St. John of the Cross</u></p> <p>I will be satisfied with the things I have instead of asking my family for more.</p> |

