

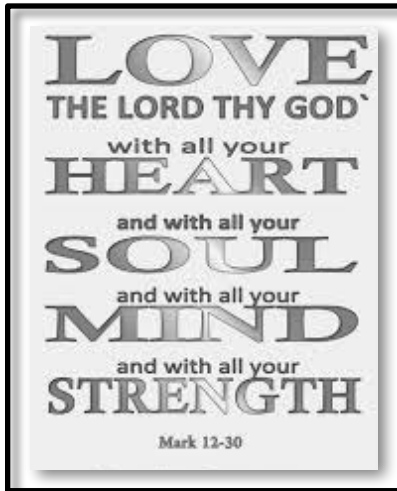


HOLY FAMILY

HOLY ROSARY MISSION

FATHER INNOCENT SUBIZA, PASTOR

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's Gospel is hidden very short, but full of hidden meaning. "You are not far from **the kingdom of God,**" what did Christ mean?

For Jesus there is always more. God is like the sea, and the words of the Word of God are like the swells and waves on the visible surface of the sea; and there is always more in the sea than what meets the eye on the surface, large leviathans lurking and looming beneath the surface. Similarly, there are large and moving meanings lurking and looming beneath Christ's words.

Christ came to earth to establish the "kingdom of God," and the Church is the kingdom of God. There are many definitions of the Church, but the two deepest ones are "the Mystical Body of Christ" and "the People of God."

- ❖ **MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST** - invisible, mysterious, cosmic, divine
- ❖ **PEOPLE OF GOD** - visible, clear, personal, human

The two definitions should never be separated, but always seen together. **The Church is both divine and human---like Christ himself.**

When the best possible answer in words is given to a tremendously important question, as Jesus gave us in today's Gospel, there is always more than the surface.

-Peter Kreeft

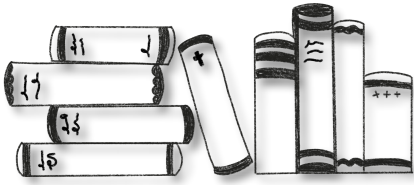
The First Commandment

Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...

This is the first of all the commandments. It is the summation and culmination of all the others. This is the only thing that matters: **to be with Jesus.** The place where we are, the pain that we may suffer, our success or our failure – these must be accepted as having only a relative importance. If anything, our circumstances should help us to **love God more.** We would do well to follow the poetic counsel of **St Teresa:**

Let nothing disturb thee; Let nothing dismay thee: All things pass; God never changes. Patience attains All that it strives for. He who has God finds he lacks nothing: God alone suffices.

~In Conversation with God



Trading Books (TB) Project

Do you have any Catholic books (Catholic theology, philosophy, apologetics, lives of saints, etc.) that you no longer want? Pack them up and bring them to church for the “Trading Books” (TB) Project.

Books will be available for anyone to **take to read at no charge, no signing out.** Ida Larrieu and Lisa Smock, Parish Council members are heading up this project.

FAITH VS. FICTION - MYTHS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH SERIES

Myth #9 - The Church Needs to Get With The Times

1. **The Catholic Church is indefectible**, that is, she will remain God’s instrument of salvation until the end of time, and her teachings will never change. It makes no sense for us as Catholics to talk about Church teaching “changing” - it never has and never will.
2. Assuming this is an insufficient answer for non-Catholics, it is worth noting that, 2,000+ years in, **the Catholic Church has a perfect track record.** She has never defined a doctrine she has later recanted, nor required her faithful to believe anything that they are not required to believe now.
3. **Doctrines are developed, clarified, and/or defined, but never invented.** For example, Our Lady’s Immaculate Conception and her Assumption were solemnly defined relatively recently (in 1854 and 1950, respectively), but they have always been true and the Church has always held them.
4. **Customs can change** according to time, place, and among the various rites of the Catholic Church, **but doctrine never does.** This is why, for example, there can be a difference in the fasting rules between 21st-century American Roman Catholics and 9th-century Greek Byzantine Catholics—with no difference of belief.

- goodcatholic.com, *Faith vs. Fiction Series*

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE-- ELECTION DAY



My husband and I were discussing the pros and cons of voting for a candidate for mayor named “Horace.” Our young son misunderstood and asked, “Why do they call him *Horse*?”

Before we could answer, his sister replied in all seriousness, “Because he will be the *mare* of the village!”

~From the *Mouths of Little Sprouts*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 2nd:

4:30 p.m.: Josie Tejada+,
Phillip Tejada+,
Juane and Juanita Cervantes

Sunday, November 3rd:

8:30 a.m.: Tom Karrer+

Wednesday, November 6th:

8:30 a.m.: Dave Anderson+



Preparing for Advent

For the next two weekends, Holy Family Altar Society will be selling **Advent Calendars and replacement candles** for the wreaths sold last year.

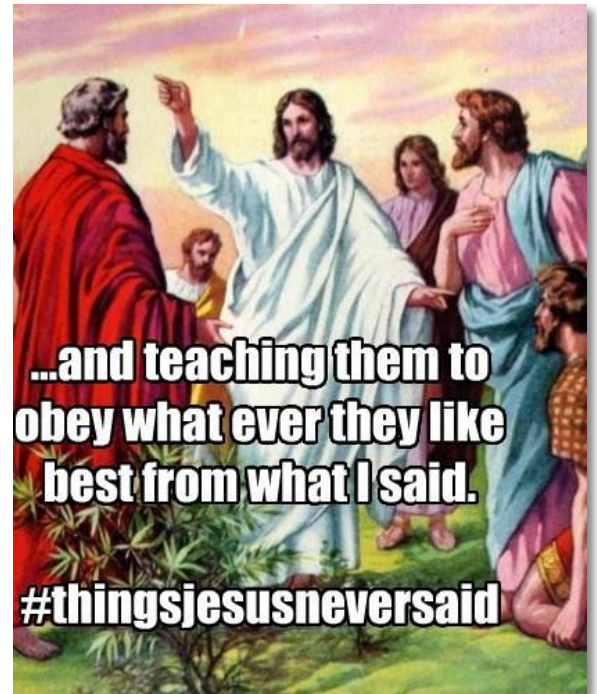


Community Dinner Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Holy Family Hall



We are receiving donations for music and flowers for **Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass**. Please contact the parish office or Estela Flores for donation or more information.

Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe starts **December 4th at 7pm at Holy Family**. **On Thursday December 12th Mass will start at 5:30 pm**. Everyone is invited to join us. The rosary is recited in Spanish.



Bring photos of your deceased loved ones to put on the memorial table during the month of November.

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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holyfamilyholynosary@gmail.com

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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

Prayer Line

(530) 831-0050

Praying For The Dead

It is important to remember to pray for those who have died. The R.I.P. on tombstones stands for "Rest in Peace" which comes from this prayer. You can pray this when you hear about someone who has died or when you pass a cemetery.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.



HARVEST DINNER

November 10, 3-6pm

At Holy Rosary Church Hall in Loyalton

Tickets \$20 - kids under 12 eat free!

MENU: lasagna, caesar salad, garlic bread and potluck desserts.

There will be door prizes, basket raffles, beer and wine.

Volunteers are needed: contact James Richards.

Items Needed for the Craft Boutique

This is a parish project.

Crafters, hobbyists, artists we need you!

Cooks (enchiladas, tamales, jams)

Bakers (pies, fudge, candy)

