



# HOLY FAMILY

## HOLY ROSARY MISSION

### 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:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

**Second Reading:**  
1 John 2:1-5

**Gospel:** Luke 24:35-48



### The Third Sunday of Advent

Today's Gospel opens with John being sent **"to testify to the light,** so that all might believe through him."

"The world needs the light of bold, courageous, and loyal youth, ready to live in the truth of the Gospel at any cost, and able to recognize the subtle voice of the Good Shepherd... **We are those who walk in darkness yet see a great light.** It is the **same light** that rent open the sky of Bethlehem to **lead the shepherds** of that time to the Grotto where, in front of that child, **they found a great joy.**" *-Mother Elvira Petrozzi in Magnificat*

### Third Candle of the Advent Wreath

We light the rose candle this week—the **"Shepherd's Candle"**. The angels announced that Jesus came from humble, unimportant people like them. In Liturgy, the **rose color signifies joy.** This third Sunday of Advent represents **joyfulness and rejoicing.**



### 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, December 16:

Sunday, December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent:

8:30 a.m.: Eva Ramos  
Medrano (Sp. Intention),  
Adan Santana (Sp. Intention)

Tuesday, December 19:

8:30 a.m.:

Wednesday, December 20:

8:30 a.m.: Daniel & Susan  
Blackstock+

5:30 p.m.:

Thursday, December 21:

8:30 a.m.:

Friday, December 22:

8:30 a.m.:

**Collection**

December 10, 2023

Sunday: \$3,484.00

Online Giving: \$1,640.00

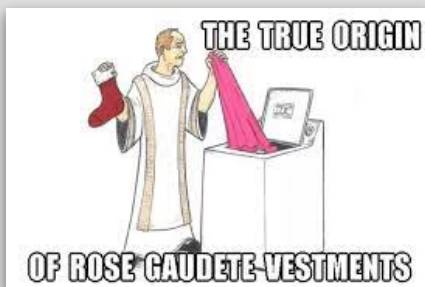
Total: \$5,124.00

Building Fund: \$1,545.05

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Conception: \$ 637.00

Thank you for your generosity!



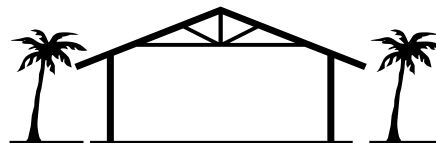
**STRAW FOR THE MANGER - DOING THINGS FOR JESUS**

This Advent we began a new tradition for our parish.

*Our Manger doesn't have many pieces of straw!*

Whenever anyone does a something for Jesus, they take a piece of straw and put it in the Manger. Keep track of your actions during the week.

*Suggestions: giving up your second cup of coffee, giving up social media or TV, being obedient to parents, extra prayers, chores.*



**Advent Penance Services**

Tuesday, December 19:

5:00 p.m. at Holy Family, Portola

Wednesday, December 20:

4:30 p.m. during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 p.m. after Mass at Holy Rosary, Loyalton

**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

**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:**  
granitebaymom@icloud.com

*The Saints & The Eucharist*

*Here He rewards the faith of all who come to Him by shining on each person with His hidden glory and bathing each person with His hidden beauty, thus leaving each soul "everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven" for each moment spent in His Eucharistic Presence on earth.*

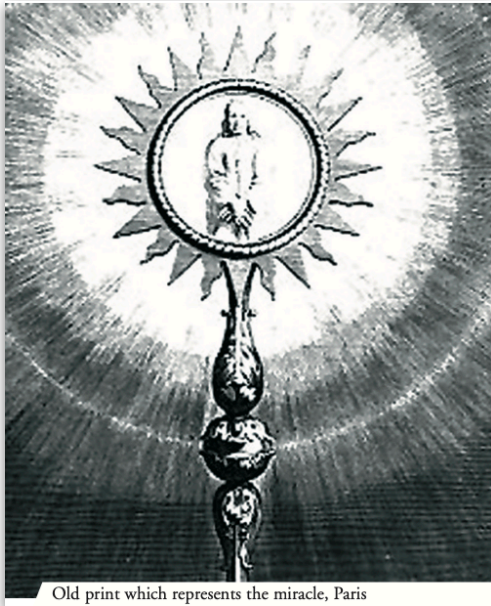
*~ St. Mother Teresa*



Poinsettia

*Donations of Poinsettias  
for Christmas*

***If you would like to purchase or bring  
a poinsettia for the church please  
bring it to the church on  
December 21st.  
after 9:00 a.m.***



Old print which represents the miracle, Paris

## Eucharistic Miracle of Les Ulmes

In the ***Eucharistic miracle of Les Ulmes, France in 1668***, the ***Blessed Sacrament was exposed for public adoration***. The Pastor of the Church, Nicolas Nezan, began to incense the monstrance. While the hymn ***Pange Lingua was being sung***, “and having reached the stanza ‘***Verbum caro Panem verum***’, the ***shape of a man appeared in the monstrance in place of the Host***. He appeared to have ***light brown hair that fell over his back, a luminous face, the***

***hands crossed one over the other, and the body covered by a white tunic***. This ***apparition lasted for more than a quarter of an hour***, whether on the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament was exposed, or on the altar where the priest had moved the Blessed Sacrament to allow a closer look to all those present.”

At the end of the 18th century in the parish of Les Ulmes, ***every year the anniversary of the apparition was solemnly celebrated***. ***Even today in the church, the recess can be seen that for 130 years contained the miraculous Host***. The Sacred Species was devoutly consumed during the French Revolution by the Vicar of Puy-Notre-Dame who was afraid that the Precious Sacrament would be profaned.

### How did “Mantel” or “Mantelpiece” get its name?

The name comes from the fact it once was just a ***shelf over a fireplace*** (inset in the wall) on which coats, cloaks and “***mantles***” were hung to dry.

Today, it’s a great place to ***hang stockings*** when decorating for Christmas!

