



# 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:** 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

**Second Reading:**  
Romans 16:25-27

**Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38



## Holiday Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed:

- Monday Dec. 25th (Christmas)
- Friday Dec. 29th (New Years)
- Monday Jan. 1st (New Years)

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

When “the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages” is manifested to Mary, the Virgin believes it because she has perfect faith, completely unclouded by sin. And since Mary was betrothed to Joseph who was “of the house of David,” ***she knew what God had long ago promised King David would come true through her Yes.*** We, too, believe God will continue to be with us wherever we go, ***as Jesus remains present to us through the Church.***



-Magnificat

## Christmas Meditation

***Jesus, newly born, does not speak; but he is the eternal Word of the Father.***

***He is born poor, and he teaches us that happiness is not to be found in an abundance of earthly goods. He comes into the world without any ostentation, encouraging us to be humble and not to depend on the applause of men.***

***God humbled himself to allow us to get near him, so that we could give our love in exchange for his, so that our freedom might bow, not at the sight of his power merely, but before the wonder of his humility. (St. J. Escrivá)***

***We make a resolution to live the virtues of detachment and humility. We look at Mary and we see her filled with joy. She knows that a new era has begun for humanity - that of the Messiah, her Son. We ask her never to let us lose the joy of being beside Jesus.***

~Fernandez, Francis - In Conversation with God

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 23:**

4:30 p.m.: Bryan and Caden Alcaraz (Sp. Intention)

**Sunday, December 24 - Fourth Sunday in Advent**

8:30 a.m.: Bernardo Rodriguez (Sp. Intention)

**Monday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

**Tuesday, December 26 - NO MASS**

**Wednesday, December 27 - Feast of St. John, Apostle:**

8:30 a.m.: Daniel & Susan Blackstock+, Julio Ponce (Sp. Intention)

**Thursday, December 28 - Feast of the Holy Innocents:**

8:30 a.m.: Juan and Juanita Cervantes+

**Friday, December 29:**

8:30 a.m.: Susan Alexander (Sp. Intention)

**Collection**

December 17, 2023

Sunday: \$3,352.08  
Online Giving: \$ 455.00  
Total: \$3,807.08

F.L.O.W.E.R.: \$2,187.00

Our Lady of Guadalupe: \$ 353.00

Thank you for your generosity!



*God's  
Greatest  
Gift*



**FOURTH CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

We light the **last purple candle** - the "**Angels' Candle.**" The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace so this candle represents peace.

Tomorrow is **Christmas Day** so, the **center white candle will be lit.** It represents light and purity. It is the "**Christ**" candle".



**The Twelve Days of Christmas**



***The 12 Days of Christmas are the days between Christmas and the Epiphany.*** (This changed when the Church made the Epiphany a Sunday feast.)

Between 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics were restricted in practicing their faith openly in England. During this time a Christmas Song was written as a catechism for teaching young children the scriptures. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality, which the children could remember.

The **partridge** in a pear tree was **Jesus Christ.**

Two **turtledoves** were the **Old Testament & the New Testament.**

Three **french hens** stood for **faith, hope, and love.**

Four **calling birds** were the **four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.**

Five **golden rings** recalled the Torah or Law, the **first five books of the Old Testament.**

Six **geese a-laying** stood for the **six days of creation.**

***(Continued in next week's bulletin.)***

*-Now You Know BIG Book of Answers*

I've read other symbolizations: 1=God, 3=three persons in God, 7=sacraments, etc. But I think that since this was a Christmas song for children and not many books were available and common people could not read, the very basics were the intended symbol.

### 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

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# EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF SILLA




In the *Eucharistic miracle of Silla, Spain in 1907* during the celebration of the Mass on March 25, 1907, feast of the Annunciation, Fernando Gomez, pastor of the Church of Our Lady of the Angels in Silla, opened the tabernacle to get the Hosts for the Communion of the faithful. Greatly perturbed, *he found the little tabernacle door opened and the precious silver ciborium with all the consecrated Hosts missing.* The *Sacred Species were found two days later* in a small garden outside the city, *hidden under a stone.* The pastor returned them with a solemn procession to the church. *In 1934, the Hosts remained "in the same way in which they were found under the stone and they had remained unchanged in the original condition" almost 100 years ago.*

*Even today it is possible to adore the miraculous Hosts.* The Hosts are preserved in the church of Our Lady of the Angels in Silla.




## Christmas Mass Schedule


### Christmas Eve, December 24:

   4:00 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



# Happy Birthday Father!



Father Innocent celebrates  
his birthday on December 28th.  
(It's actually January 1!)

# HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

## Prayer to Jesus in the Manger

O divine redeemer Jesus Christ, prostrate before thy crib, I believe thou art the God of infinite majesty, even though I do see thee here as a helpless babe.

I humbly adore and thank thee for having so humbled thyself for my salvation as to will to be born in a stable.

I thank thee for all thou didst wish to suffer for me in Bethlehem, for thy poverty and humility, for thy nakedness, tears, cold and sufferings.

Would that I could show thee that tenderness which thy virgin mother had toward thee, and love thee as she did.

Would that I could praise thee with the joy of the angels, that I could kneel before thee with the faith of St. Joseph, the simplicity of the shepherds.

Uniting myself with these first adorers at the crib, I offer thee the homage of my heart, and I beg that thou wouldst be born spiritually in my soul.

Make me reflect in some degree the virtues of thy admirable nativity.

Fill me with that spirit of renunciation, of poverty, of humility, which prompted thee to assume the weakness of our nature, and to be born amid destitution and suffering.

Grant that from this day forward, I may in all things seek thy greater glory, and may enjoy that peace promised to men of good will.

*-Author Unknown*



## Thank You

Thank you to all parishioners  
who donated flowers  
to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe!

## *The Saints & The Eucharist*

*Upon receiving Holy Communion,  
the Adorable Blood of Jesus Christ really flows in our veins  
and His Flesh is really blended with ours.*

*-St. John Vianney*