



HOLY FAMILY

HOLY ROSARY MISSION

FATHER INNOCENT SUBIZA, PASTOR

Christmas Blessings to You All!

We rejoice again this year as we take this opportunity to celebrate the birth of Christ among us. This is a time of the year when families and friends gather in a spirit of joy and hope. Our catholic faith beckons us to rejoice and celebrate. May all of us and our loved ones know the joy that comes from the mystery of Jesus Christ among us, and, may we continue to be witnesses of His love to one another. Merry Christmas !

As the year comes to a close, we prepare ourselves for the new year 2025 but along with it, the great Jubilee year for the Universal Church that our holy father, Pope Francis, has themed "Pilgrims of Hope. The Jubilee Year will start on December 24, 2024 with the opening of the Holy Door in Rome, and our Diocese of Sacramento will proclaim it on December 28, 2024. The Jubilee will conclude on January 6, 2026 on the Solemnity of Epiphany. The Holy Doors in Rome will close on December 28, 2025

The Diocese has sent to all our parishes materials and resources for this Jubilee year. Each family will receive a Jubilee pilgrimage brochure, a Pilgrimage sticker sheet, a Jubilee year prayer card. The brochure gives you the letter from Bishop Soto, a calendar of events, the map of pilgrimage Sites, how to celebrate the jubilee and the 9 ways to live it. We will also reflect on the 3 diocesan themes for the Jubilee year which are: To see God (January – March), To be living stones in His Temple (April – June), To Unite all creation in Christ (July – September). Towards the end (October- December) we will reflect on what our faith community should do differently to be more effective in our mission moving forward.

We will have the 24 Hours for the Lord (Adoration) starting at Noon on Friday, March 28, 2025 until Noon on Saturday, March 29, 2025. In our Ridge Deanery, we have divided that time between our five parishes and our Holy Family/Holy Rosary Parish will have it from 4:00 PM until 9:00 PM on March 28. As Pilgrims of Hope, let us journey together and participate actively in this Jubilee Year 2025 !

In Christ ,
Fr. Innocent SUBIZA

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent:
10:30 a.m.: Jane Toraason+,

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.***

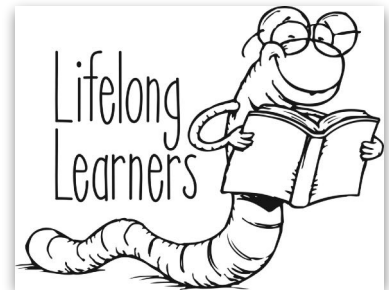
We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth at Christmas.

Amen

Trading Books (TB) Project

This week I read **No Turning Back** - A Witness to Mercy by Donald H. Calloway, MIC. It is his **conversion story**. An easy read; a straightforward telling of his misspent youth, almost immediate conversion, living as a seminarian, and life as a priest.

Please take any book(s) that you may want to read. No need to check it out. If you wish to return it after reading it, great; **or pass it on to someone else**. There is not charge for these books.



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: doing something kind for someone, ask your parents if you can help them, pick up your room without being asked.



Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve Masses: 5:00 p.m. in Loyalton,
8:30 p.m. in Portola

Christmas Day Masses: 8:30 a.m. in Portola,
10:30 a.m. in 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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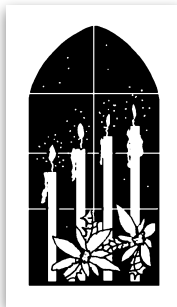
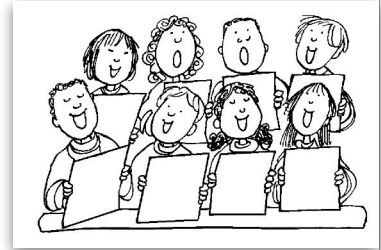
Website

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

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Soon we will hear about the *choirs of angels* singing. 'The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys *sinning* to join the choir.' (a bulletin blooper!)



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Peter Kreeft, in **Food for the Soul** has some interesting questions about today's Gospel: Who was Jesus' **youngest disciple**? Who was the first person to **confess the first Christian creed**? How did Elizabeth know that **Mary's baby was the Lord**?

1. **John the Baptist**, who recognized the Lord from the womb, before either he or Jesus was born.
2. The first Christian creed, repeated in two passages in St. Paul's letters, is the three-word formula: **Jesus is Lord**. Elizabeth said to Mary, "How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" If a Christian is one who confesses the "Jesus is Lord," that makes **Elizabeth the first Christian**.
3. She was **told by God**. She was filled "with the Holy Spirit."

Love

Today we light the last purple candle, the candle of **LOVE**. This week, St. Teresa of Calcutta, gives us a goal: **Let us love each person with the same love that God loves each one of us - a tender and personal love.**

Once the fourth week is here, **only a few days remain** until the Messiah is with us. Remember that God became Man because of His love for us. You can respond to this love by **preparing a hospitable, loving place for Him in your soul.**



FEAST DAYS IN THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Directions

During the Christmas season, the Church celebrates a rich succession of feast days. Invite the children to read about six of these feast days and make and decorate a prayer card to go with each one.



Feast of the Nativity - December 25

The feast of the Nativity celebrates the light that Jesus brought into the world through his birth. Make a prayer card that celebrates the joy of Jesus' birth.

A large, empty rectangular box with a green border and small square corner markers, intended for a prayer card.

Feast of St. Stephen - December 26

St. Stephen was one of the first deacons of the early Church. He took care of the needs of the poor. Make a prayer card that tells how the love we show others can be like meeting an angel of mercy and kindness.

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Feast of the Holy Innocents - December 28

This feast is a day to remember children throughout the world. Make a prayer card that shows what all children of the world need to be safe, happy, and well.