



# 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:** Is 8:23-9:3

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

**Second Reading:** I Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-23

### Sunday Collection

January 22, 2023:

Regular: \$2,464.00



### Blessed are the poor in spirit: the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Mt 5:3

“The Beatitudes express the meaning of discipleship. What the Beatitudes mean **cannot be** expressed in purely **theoretical terms**; it is **proclaimed in the life and suffering**, and in the mysterious joy, **of the disciple** who gives himself over completely to following the Lord.”

The Beatitudes demonstrate how God, in choosing the poor of the world, “shames the strong”.

*Pope Benedict XVI*

When Christ preaches the Beatitudes, he is providing an intimate commentary on **who he himself is**. “Be this and do this and that because of me, that is, for the love of me, because this is what I am, and a lover always wants to be where his beloved is, to be what is beloved is and thus be united with him beyond separation, **united with him in the essence** and nature of his being and **not exteriorly.**”

*Erasmio Leiva-Merikakis*



## Catholic Symbols

Alpha and Omega are the first and the last letters, of the Greek alphabet. This symbol was suggested by the Apocalypse, where Christ, as well as the Father, is "the First and the Last" (Rev 2:8); "the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Rev 22:13; 1:8).

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## RCIA Study

**Date:** January 30

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** Holy Family Church  
Father Burns Parish Hall

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 28:**

**Sunday, January 29:**  
8:30 a.m. - All Parishioners

**Tuesday, January 31:**

**Wednesday, February 1:**  
8:30 a.m. - Fr Burns +

**Thursday, February 2:** Chuck  
Howes+

**Friday, February 3:** Elizabeth  
Murray+

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## Psalm 146:7-9 and Mt. 5: 3-II

Remember how Fr. Brian was always saying "go back to Genesis"? Well, today Christ goes back to Psalm 146 to start his "Sermon on the Mount". *The Beatitudes are the Corporal Works of Mercy:*

Ps 146:7 "...who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry." *Corporal Work of Mercy:* "to feed the hungry; to give drink to the thirsty."

Ps 146:8 "The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down." *Corporal Works of Mercy:* "to visit the sick, to clothe the naked, to visit the imprisoned, to bury the dead." Many ways to be 'bowed down'.

Ps 146-9 "The Lord watches over the sojourners, he upholds the widow and the fatherless." *Corporal Work of Mercy:* "to give shelter to the traveller."

*Just opportunities to perform those "Holy Moments"!*

## Who was Zephaniah?

Zephaniah means "one whom God has hidden". He was the great-great-grandson of King Hezekiah—a prince as well as a prophet—and was hidden from the evil king Manasseh. He prophesied just before the Babylonian captivity.

Though most of his prophecy is dark, grim and gray, yet a light dawns when he looks beyond the time of punishment to a time of joy when God will "deal with all oppressors" (3:19), a time to "rejoice and exult with all your heart" (3:14).

The writer of the famous medieval hymn "Dies Irae" ("Day of Wrath") based his description of the Day of Judgement on Zephaniah's prophecy.

*Peter Kreeft*



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