



HOLY FAMILY

HOLY ROSARY MISSION

FATHER INNOCENT SUBIZA, PASTOR

Happy Feast of the Holy Family!

What is Family?

Today the Church honors not only the Holy Family but all families. The institution of the family was deliberately designed by God. The union of man and woman that establishes family life is a sacred reality at the very foundation of the social order. **A marriage is essentially a man and a woman who promise fidelity and are open to having children.** That is the essence of the design created and willed by God the Creator.

By the grace of **union with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,** family life - with its challenges and its joys - becomes a **path to holiness.**



In My Father's House

In today's Gospel, Jesus answers Mary's question: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" This has always puzzled me.

Peter Kreeft gives this explanation: "In other words, didn't you know that my Father is perfect and **his providential plan** for your life is **perfect, including the very suffering** you are now going through? Did you not know that the whole world is my Father's house, my Father's kingdom? Did you not know that **he makes all things work together for good,** even terrible things, for those who love him?"

Christ came into the world not to make our sufferings disappear but to make them appear as they are—as meaningful, as powerful, as worth something precious."

~ Peter Kreeft, *Food for the Soul*

Happy Birthday Father!

Father Innocent's celebrates his birthday on December 28th. (Feast of the Holy Innocents)
His actual birthday is on January 1!

Mass Intentions

Friday, December 27:

Juan and Juanita Cervantes+

Saturday, December 28:

Al and June Williams+, Juan and Juanita Cervantes+

Sunday, December 29 - Feast of the Holy Family:

10:30 a.m.: Jane Toraason+

Tuesday, December 31:

John Larrieu+

*Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)*

December 31: Mass at 5:00 p.m. in Loyalton

January 1: Mass at 10:00 a.m. in Portola

The Holy Family Prayer



JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes

pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

This Week:

January 1st is the first Wednesday of the month—special day to honor St. Joseph

January 3rd is the first Friday of the month— day for honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus

January 4th is the first Saturday of the month— day for remembering Our Lady of Fatima



Later This Month: Community dinners will continue in January at the regularly scheduled time: The last Wednesday of the month. The next Community Dinner is **January 29th**.



TRADING BOOKS (TB) PROJECT

Three Days the Search for the Boy Messiah by Chris Stephen is “a highly entertaining work of historical fiction.” It is a tale about 12-year-old Jesus exploring the Temple and ancient Hebrew traditions. I liked the “review” of the highlights of the Old Testament history and what life was like in the Holy Family’s time. (Joseph speaks in the book!)