



# 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:** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

**Second Reading:**

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

*The Christmas Season ends on the Baptism of the Lord, which is celebrated on Monday, January 8, 2024*

### Feast of the Epiphany



The Magi - by tradition called Balthasar, Melchior, and Caspar - reveal that **our life's greatest purpose is to worship the Savior.** The gifts brought reveal how we can do that: "To offer **gold** is to **proclaim Christ's Kingship**, to offer

**frankincense** is to **adore his Godhead**, and to offer **myrrh** is to **acknowledge his mortality** (Saint Odilo of Cluny).  
*- Magnificat*

### The Joy of Finding Jesus

Today the Church celebrates **Jesus being made known to the whole world.** Epiphany means 'manifestation', and in **the Kings are represented all peoples of every language and nation** who set out, called by God, to adore Jesus.

**How great is the joy of these wise men** who have come from so far away to see a King and are led to a little house in a village! **How much is there for us to learn here!** In the first place we will learn that **every rediscovery of the way that leads us to Jesus is filled with joy.**

**Jesus present in the tabernacle is the same Jesus the wise men found in Mary's arms.** Perhaps we should examine ourselves to see **how we adore him** when he is exposed in the monstrance or hidden in the tabernacle. With what **devotion and reverence** do we **kneel** in the moments indicated in the **Holy Mass**, or each time **we pass by** those places where the **Blessed Sacrament is reserved?**

*~Fernandez, Francis, In Conversation with God*

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 6:

Sunday, January 7 - Epiphany of the Lord:

8:30 a.m.: Tony Evans (sp.int.)

10:30 a.m.: Daniel & Susan Blackstock+, Tom Rowson (sp.int.)

Tuesday, January 9:

8:30 a.m.:

Wednesday, January 10:

8:30 a.m.:

5:30 p.m.:

Thursday, January 11:

8:30 a.m.:

Friday, January 12:

8:30 a.m.:

### Collection

December 31, 2023

Sunday: \$2,687.60

Solemnity of Mary

Mother of God: \$ 744.00

Thank you for your generosity!

### Community Supper

When:

Wednesday

January 13

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Father Burns Hall

Host: Holy Family Church

Meal provided by: Holy Family

Church Community Supper

Group



May the grace of God's protection and great love abide within your home. Within the hearts of all who dwell inside.

## Reflections on The Twelve Days of Christmas



Epiphany begins a new week-long season.

I was reflecting on the 12 drummers drumming (*the 12 points of belief in the Apostle's Creed*), and realized that drums are what "keep the rhythm" in a musical ensemble; the *beliefs in the Apostle's Creed are what keep us "on the beat" in our faith* and a player as one of the 11 pipers being faithful.

The 10 lords leaping (*the Ten Commandments*) reminded me of the "key signature" we have for living a *life according to God's design*.

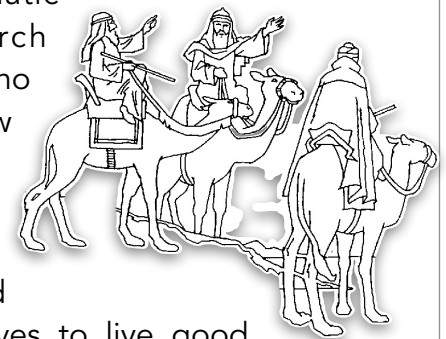
And the 9 ladies dancing (*fruits of the Holy Spirit*) along with the 7 swimming swans (*the gifts of the Holy Spirit*) add "the harmony" to our lives.

The 8 maids milking (*the Beatitudes*) fill out the richness and depth to "the symphony" of our lives.

### Importance of the Epiphany

Can friends of *different faiths and religions be saved* if they *don't know and don't follow Jesus*?

According to the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church regarding "those who through no fault of their own do not know the Gospel of Christ or His Church...those who have not yet arrived at an explicit knowledge of God" if, moved



by grace, they allow themselves to live good lives through the dictates of conscience, "they will not be denied the helps necessary for salvation" *for it is Jesus' grace that sustains their good deeds*.

Epiphany reminds us that *everyone* needs to evangelize because God wants to reveal Himself through us and wants everyone to enjoy the full sacramental service. *To evangelize is our duty, our right, and our glory.*

~ Cardinal Zen's Advent Reflections

### 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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### Bulletin Submissions

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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

## Eucharistic Revival Prayer

*Dear Lord,  
help me in this time of the Epiphany  
and days after it,  
to celebrate You as an august and glorious king.*

The only season of majesty, homage and glory our Lord had on earth was in his infancy and youth.

- St. John Henry Newman



### *A Catholic Approach To the New Year*

What will the New Year hold? How can we navigate its uncertainties with (at least some) grace and purpose?

For Catholics, the answer lies not in resolutions fleeting as confetti, but in **the enduring pillars of hope, faith, and charity.**

**We acknowledge the passage of time**, reflecting on the past year with gratitude for blessings received and seeking forgiveness for shortcomings. We also look ahead with a hopeful heart, praying for God’s guidance and grace in the year to come.

**Hope:** *We pray for peace, for justice, for the healing of our planet and its people.* We remember God’s promise of a renewed creation, and this hope fuels our commitment to working toward a better future.

**Faith:** Our faith in God’s unfailing love is **the compass guiding us through the uncharted territory of the New Year.** In more ways than one, faith is, in the end, all we have. We trust that even in times of uncertainty, when we need to fly blind, God will be with us, leading us through darkness and toward light.

**Charity:** Charity is not just about giving alms. It implies **actively building bridges of love and understanding in the world.** In the spirit of the New Year, we recommit ourselves to serving those in need, to reaching out with kindness and empathy, and to making a positive difference in the lives of

# THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF BORDEAUX

In the Eucharistic *miracle of Bordeaux, France in 1822*, *Jesus appeared in the Host* exposed for public adoration *for more than 20 minutes, giving a blessing*. In addition, someone testified to have heard Jesus saying: *“I Am He Who Is”*. This event was approved by the ecclesiastical authorities, among whom were the Archbishop of Bordeaux, Monsignor D'Aviau, who *heard personally the witness of the faithful who attested to the marvel*.

*Even today it is possible to visit the chapel* of the miracle and venerate the precious relic of the Monstrance of the apparition, which is kept in Martillac, France, in the church of the contemplative community “La Solitude”.



Monstrance of the miracle



## *The Saints & The Eucharist*

*When you have received our Lord,  
since he really dwells within you,  
try to shut the eyes of your body  
and open those of your soul;  
look into your heart.*

*~St. Theresa of Avila*