



HOLY FAMILY

HOLY ROSARY MISSION

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The Epiphany of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates **Christ's manifestation to humankind**. Christ was a Jew, who came "not to abolish the law but to fulfill it". (Matt. 5:17). Pope Pius XII, in condemning anti-Semitism, said that "all of us are **spiritually Semites**."

The "wise men" from the East, which the Bible neither names nor numbers, were Gentiles. They were seeker of truth. It is ironic that almost half the world has been converted to the God of Judaism not by Jews but by Christians.

The **first meeting between Jews and Gentiles** in the Christian era was the Epiphany. It was a great success. There was no conflict, only peace, because it was in the presence of Christ. Both Gentile and Jew, both the magi and the Holy Family, worshipped Christ.

WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM! Are you one of them?



The Three Comings of Jesus

Jesus really came three times into the world. He came first nine months before his birth when he was conceived in Mary's womb as soon as she gave her permission, her "may it be done" to God's angel (Luke 1:38). **That's called the Feast of the Annunciation.** Then, nine months later, **he was born into the world outside Mary's womb. That's called the Feast of Christmas—the Nativity.** Then, some days later, **he was manifested to the rest of the world,** represented by the three kings, and that's called the **Feast of the Epiphany,** or the manifestation to the world. Really, **the first epiphany** was his birth because that's when he was **first seen.** And the Incarnation happened even earlier: **not at his birth but at his conception.**

~Kreeft, Peter: Food for the Soul

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 4th.:
4:30 p.m.:

Sunday, January 5th.:
8:30 a.m.:
10:30 a.m.:

NO DAILY MASS ON
JANUARY 16 AND 17

COMMUNITY DINNER
JANUARY 29, AT 6:00 P.M.

I MAY NOT BE A "WISE MAN," BUT AT
LEAST I NEVER GOT SO LOST I HAD TO ASK
HEROD FOR DIRECTIONS.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

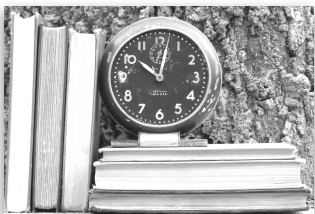
The medievals used to say that God wrote two books: nature and Scripture.

From his book of nature:

- God invented lions: to show us something of his power;
- and lambs: to show us something of his innocence;
- and dogs: to show us something of his loyalty;
- and peacocks: to show us something of his splendid variety and colorfulness;
- and eagles: to show us something of his freedom and his speed and his all-seeing eyes from above;
- and giraffes and platypuses and donkeys and humans: to show us something of his sense of humor.

~Peter Kreeft

Trading Books (TB) Project



Several books have been donated that would make great reading for the upcoming Lenten Season: **Under the Mantle of Mary**, or **Confessions of St. Augustine**. Browse the selection and take what you will read: no need to check it out or cost.

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

How can we celebrate the Jubilee Year?



Here are 9 ways to live the Jubilee Year:

1. Pray the Jubilee Prayer.
2. Visit and pray at the pilgrimage sites.
3. Reflect on the Diocesan Themes and share your thoughts with others.
4. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the 24 Hours for the Lord, and more frequently throughout the year.
5. Research the Patron Saint of your parish or school. Who were they? How were they a pilgrim of hope? Share one of their quotes or teachings on social media.
6. Share stories of hope with someone in person or on social media.
7. Invite a family from the parish who you don't know well to dinner in your home.
8. Take a hike with your family and spend some time along the way in prayer, thanking God for all He has created and all the blessings He has given to us.
9. Attend Jubilee days and events on the calendar and invite someone to join you.

Called to *Serve*
Lectors

Lectors Needed for Saturday Vigil

We are in **desperate need** of Lectors for Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m. **Please consider in your prayers** if you are being called to help in the Lector Ministry. You will receive training, a Lector Workbook for 2025, and you will be scheduled once a month.

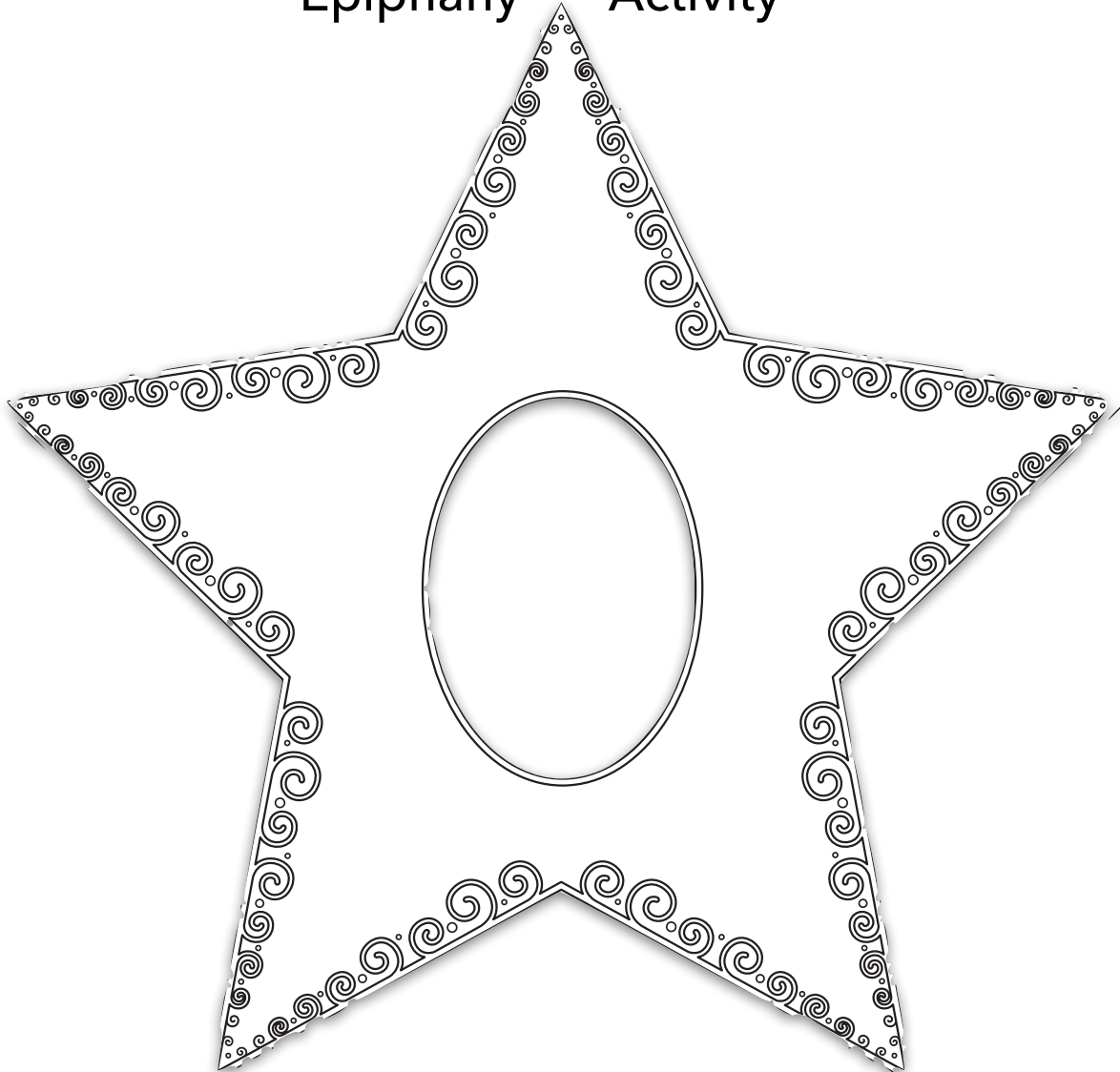
Please contact Lisa Smock by at (916) 601-6316, or by email at granitebaymom@icloud.com.

CHRISTMAS SEASON QUIZ

Three places named during the Christmas season are: Nazareth, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem. Which place answers these questions?

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| 1. The Annunciation | 6. Town north of Jerusalem |
| 2. The Finding of the Child Jesus | 7. The Birth of Jesus |
| 3. The Epiphany | 8. Town closest to Jerusalem |
| 4. The end of the Flight into Egypt | 9. Joseph's decision to divorce Mary |
| 5. The Presentation of Christ | |

Epiphany Activity



The Epiphany of Jesus teaches us that Jesus' coming into the world was meant for everyone. Attach a photo of yourself in the center of the star. On the five points of the star, write ways you can be a light for others. Decorate and display your star.