



# 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:** Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

**Second Reading:** I Corinthians 3:16-23

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:38-48

### Ash Wednesday Masses February 22

**Portola:** 8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

**Loyalton:** 12:00 p.m.



### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the first reading, Moses urges the Israelites to holiness, that is, to bear no hatred in their hearts. How? By following this law: **Love your neighbor as yourself.**

The Psalm: **The Lord is kind and merciful**, tells us “As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear [respect] him.

St. Paul tells us we are temples of the Holy Spirit, and as such belong to God. “If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, **let him become a fool, so as to become wise.**”

St. Matthew writes: **“Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”** What a daunting command! To do this, we must realize we are not spiritually self-reliant and that true Christian perfection is possible only if it is given to us. When? When we return good for evil and love for hate. And go the extra mile and love our enemies. This will prove we belong to the Father because we are trying to be perfect, just as our heavenly Father is perfect, by loving our neighbor as ourselves.



### Annual Catholic Appeal

*Today we join together through the Annual Catholic Appeal*

*We may not all be social workers, yet through the Annual Catholic Appeal, the whole Catholic community leans in to help our Catholic charities. . .and our own parish. . .to sustain programs and ministries that help lift our neighbors and friends out of the hardships of poverty.*

*The Annual Catholic Appeal is dedicated solely to the social mission of the Church here in Northern California. Last year, 380,000 people were helped by Appeal-funded charitable works. **Please be as generous as you can. Every gift makes a profound difference in someone's life.***

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, Feb. 18:** Armando Caballero+

**Sunday, Feb. 19:**  
8:30 a.m. - All Parishioners

**Tuesday, Feb 21:**

**Wednesday, Feb 22:**

**Thursday, Feb 23:**

**Friday, Feb 24:**

**RCIA Study**

**Date:** February 20, 2023

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

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

**Sunday Collection**

**February 12, 2023**

**Regular:** \$3,684.75

**Building:** \$1,421.61

**Thank you for your generosity!**

*Ash Wednesday Prayer*

*Gracious God, today begins a period of inner reflection and examination.*

*This special time beckons me to see my life through Christ's eyes and the truth and reality of your love incarnate.*

*Give me the grace to enter the space of these days with anticipation of our meeting.*

*And, when I open my soul to your presence, let your loving kindness flow over me and seep into the pockets of my heart.*

*I ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.*

*from [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)*

**What is Leviticus?**

The English title Leviticus means "the things of the Levites." The key word in idea in this book is holiness—a word that occurs over eighty times.

The laws in Leviticus were God's gracious provision for sinful man to approach a holy God. Like the New Testament, Leviticus unites two apparently opposite ideas: law and grace, justice and mercy, the demand for obedience and the promise of forgiveness for disobedience. The God of Leviticus is both absolutely holy and absolutely loving, uncompromisingly just and uncompromisingly merciful. *Peter Kreeft, 'You Can Understand the Bible'*

Next Sunday, February 26, will be the collection for the (F.L.O.W.E.R.) Fund Lowering Our Water & Energy Receipts.

*Saint's Corner*

*"Your Father who sees in secret will reward you" (Mt. 6: 4, 6, 18). Jesus' words are addressed to each one of us at the beginning of our Lenten journey. We begin it with the imposition of ashes, an austere penitential gesture very dear to Christian tradition. It emphasizes the awareness of sinners as they stand before the majesty and holiness of God. At the same time, it demonstrates readiness to accept and to transform into concrete choices adherence to the Gospel."*

*~ Pope St. John Paul II*

### 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 12:00 p.m.

**Adoration:** 1st Saturday 10:00 -  
10:00 Sunday  
**Confession:** After Mass or by  
appointment

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### Bulletin

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### New Website

Check the new parish website! It is being updated regularly, and you will find mass times, special feast days, and all information about Holy Family and Holy Rosary.

[www.holyrosaryportola.org](http://www.holyrosaryportola.org)

**Send submissions to:**  
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## ASH WEDNESDAY

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return” is one of two sayings a priest may say when anointing foreheads on Ash Wednesday. The other is “Repent, and believe in the Gospel”.

I remember the story I heard long ago about the little boy who went to Mass with his mom and the priest did use the “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”.

Later that afternoon, the little boy went to his mom and informed her, “I think someone is returning under my bed!”

### Lenten Stations of the Cross

Holy Family ~ Portola  
Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

Holy Rosary ~ Loyalton  
Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

*Soup Dinner Following at both locations in the Parish Hall*



### *Ash Wednesday Liturgical Symbols and Guidelines*

**Vestments - Violet/Purple:** Symbolize Penance, Sacrifice and Preparation.

**Ashes:** Symbolize the dust from which God made us. Also symbolize grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. They are christened with Holy Water and are scented by incense.

**Fasting:** When fasting we are permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. We fast to practice self-control. Fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday from age 18 to 59. (See U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website for more information)

**Abstinence:** When abstaining, we do not eat meat. Abstinence is obligatory on Fridays during Lent.



*Thank you to all our parishioners who brought  
Palms for our Ash Wednesday Ashes!*