5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 Christcentered community.

Sunday Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: I Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus, Joseph and Mary Pray for us

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"You are the salt of the earth" Mt 5:13

Before refrigeration, **salt** was used to **preserve** meat that was transported long distances. Followers of Christ are called to preserve what is good, true, and beautiful—to thwart those powers that would cause good thing to go bad.

Salt was also used in ancient times to **destroy**. A victorious nation would destroy the enemy nation, knock down its walls, and then salt the earth to ensure that nothing would grow there. We, the followers of Christ, are to interrupt evil, to get in its way, to kill it and then salt around it. When we see hatred, violence, racism, persecution, stupidity, injustice, the killing of the innocent, we should become agents of destruction.

Last Sunday's presentation of the **Beatitudes is how** we love with Christ's love and therefore **become salt in this world**, either for preservation or destruction. To not live according to the Beatitudes is to lose our "saltiness"—to be worldly. "But if salt loses its taste....it is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.: Mt 5: 13 *~Bishop Robert Barron*



Lent Begins February 22, 2023



The season of Lent stirs many things in our hearts. Over and over again this season, we will be reminded of God's mercy, love, compassion, and protection. We will see love poured out and a heart pierced for our offenses. And over and over again, God will invite us to turn away from our sins and idols, and from fragmentation, darkness, death, and all the things that break us and lead us away from salvation.

So let us rise and be on our way.



Sr. Miriam James Heidland, S.O.L.T.



Saturday, Feb. 4: Josie Tajeda+

Sunday, Feb. 5: 8:30 a.m. - Lawrence & Hazel Martini+

10:30 a.m. - Marlo Williams+

Tuesday, Feb 7:

Wednesday, Feb 8:

Thursday, Feb 9:

Friday, Feb 10:

RCIA Study

Date: February 6, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Holy Family Church Father Burns Parish Hall

Sunday Collection

January 29, 2023 Regular: \$2,464.00 Thank you for your generosity!

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 Send submissions to: granitebaymom@icloud.com

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Prophet Isaiah speaks to people steeped in anguish those "in the darkness," stuck in "the gloom." "Bestow your bread on the hungry," he says, and "satisfy the afflicted." In other words, no matter how bleak your present state, "you are the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." By tending the wounds of others, our would "shall quickly be healed" and our "light shall break forth like the dawn." In a word, when we make our own Saint Pau's resolve to know nothing except Jesus Christ crucified," we "shall never be moved." Our hearts will be firm, full of trust in the Lord.

(Introduction to 5^{th} Sunday in Ordinary Time, <u>The</u> <u>Magnificat</u>)

DID YOU EVER WONDER



Why do Christians place their hands together in prayer? Originally the gesture of Christian prayer was spreading the arms and hands heavenward. (We do this during the Our Father at Mass.) There is no mention anywhere in the Bible of joining hands in prayer and that custom didn't surface in the church until the ninth century. In Roman times, a man would place his hands

together as an offer of submission that meant "I surrender, here are my hands ready to be bound or shackled." Christianity (only the Catholic Church existed as a Christian religion in the ninth century) accepted the gesture as a symbol of offering total obedience, or submission, to God.



Saint's Corner

Now I conjecture that true charity consists in bearing all the defects of our neighbors; in not being surprised at their weaknesses; in being edified by their slightest virtues: but I have learned especially that charity should not remain shut up inside our hearts, for men 'do not light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand and it gives light to all in the house.' It seems to me that this lamp represents charity which should enlighten and brighten not only those people I love most, but all those others who happen to be in the house. ~ St. Thérése of Lisieux

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

Phone: 530-832-5006 Email: holyfamilyholyrosary@gmail.com Website: www.holyfamilyportola.org

Ash Wednesday Masses February 22

Portola: 8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. **Loyalton:** 12:00 p.m.

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Come together in the charity of Christ to restore dignity and hope to others

25% comes back to our parish for our own outreach to those in need.

On the weekend of February 18 we will have the opportunity to accompany those who are suffering through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, makes a difference in someone's life. Catholic Charities can respond to the greatest needs in our communities. Seminarians receive support as they prepare to serve our local parishes. Catholic schools in economically-challenged neighborhoods can provide tuition assistance. Prayerfully consider what you can give this year.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL

Fr. Innocent Jim Cavanagh Richard Machado

Jim Richards - Chair Mary Peters o Chris Renteria lda Larrieu Lisa Smock

Our new Parish Council had their first meeting on February 1, 2023. They will meet every other month, depending on the needs of the parish. The Parish Council has members from both Portola and Loyalton to continue working together as one parish community.



Please Bring Palms From Last Palm Sunday And Put In The Basket In The Vestibule To Use Their Ashes for Ash Wednesday