



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: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51:3-6, 12-13, 17

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Additional Mass during Lent

Portola: Thursdays 6:00 p.m. will replace the 8:30 a.m. mass.



First Sunday of Lent

The first reading from **Genesis** tells of the **first temptation of man by the snake (the devil)**.

The Psalm asks for God's mercy because **'we humans tend to fall for the devil'**

The **Gospel of Matthew** tells of the **temptations of Christ by the devil**.

The **"one righteous act"** that St. Paul speaks about in his letter to the Romans is **Jesus' unflinching fidelity to the Father's will**. As the serpent comes close, we will **not be duped** by the suggestion **that somehow God is jealous** at the prospect that we **"will be like gods."** For God himself planted that hope in our hearts. The Lord's greatest joy and glory is that we share his image and likeness, not through self-seeking but through the obedience by "which many will be made righteous."
- *The Magnificat*

Conquering the Tempter

The Lord endures temptation from the devil...for the sake of our salvation...The Lord deems it fitting both to be tempted and to grow hungry...Although there may be different temptations of the devil all around us, in these three temptations the devil uses food, power and pride [basic human failings].

The Lord has shown us **how** we ought to **conquer temptations** of this sort...we should **set forth examples** for ourselves **from the divine law in opposition to the temptation**, so that we would always **desire to be satiated instead by the food of the divine word**....For this is what the Lord answered to the devil when he said, "It is written, not by bread alone does man live, but by every word of God."

St. Chromatius of Aquileia, an important theologian in the early Church (407)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Feb. 25: Bryan Alvarez,
Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 26:
8:30 a.m. - All Parishioners

Tuesday, Feb 28:

Wednesday, Mar 1:

Thursday, Mar 2:

Friday, Mar 3:

RCIA Study

Date: February 27, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Holy Family Church
Father Burns Parish Hall

Sunday Collection

February 19, 2023

Regular: \$2,491.00

Thank you for your generosity!

*Prayer for the Second
Week of Lent*

*Heavenly Father, the
Lenten journey can be
challenging at times. Help
me keep my focus on Your
will instead of my desires,
because I know that is the
way to true and lasting
happiness. Help me to live
the Good News of the
Gospel and Resurrection
every day.*

Edmundite Missions

Speak of the Devil”

Have you ever used this expression when someone you were talking about suddenly shows up? This is precisely what the expression means, because in the Middle Ages it was believed that any mention of the Devil would be an invitation for the evil one to appear either in spirit or in action, and so other than within ecclesiastical circles his name was avoided at all costs! From ‘Now You Know Big Book of Answers’

[In today’s world, the devil seems to show up even though we are not “Speaking of the Devil”.]



Annual Catholic Appeal

***Thank you for helping our neighbors in need
through the Annual Catholic Appeal***

Gifts that have already been made to the Appeal will make a difference in the lives of those who suffer physical, material and spiritual poverty. If you have not yet made a donation, it’s not too late! Donate online at www.scd.org/acagive. Envelopes are also available in the church or parish office. 25% is returned to our parish for our own ministry to people in our community. Your gift matters.

Saint’s Corner

The exhausted body of Jesus staggers now beneath the huge Cross. His most loving Heart can barely summon up another breath of life for his flagging muscles, for his poor wounded limbs ... You and I can say nothing: now we know why the Cross of Jesus weighs so much. We weep over our wretched failings and also for the terrible ingratitude of the human heart. From the depths of our soul there comes an act of real contrition that lifts us up from the prostration of sin. Jesus has fallen that we might get up, once and for all.

-St. J. Escriva, Stations of the Cross

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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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:

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FIRST WEEK OF LENT

*During Lent, the Lord is calling us to something very intimate - far beyond the mere surface of "praying more" or "giving up dessert." He is calling us into union with him in the heart. This is why we must allow the Lord to prompt our actions with his inspiration and further them with his help. **We are not making the journey of Lent on our own or from our own will. We are being led by the Lord as the Holy Spirit led Jesus out into the desert.***

- Sr. Miriam James Heidland, S.O.L.T. 'Restore' (p. 16)

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

Did you know?

*A **plenary indulgence** is granted to the faithful who personally make the pious Way of the Cross. The exercise must be made before stations legitimately erected.* Manual of Indulgences



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.

- Lent is reminiscent of the 40 Days Christ
- spent in the desert, so we no longer need
- any poinsettias in the church.



Poinsettia

- **Anyone who wants a plant, please take one from church.**