



# 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.

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### Sunday Readings

**First Reading:** Exodus 17:3-7

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

**Second Reading:**  
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

**Gospel:** John 4:5-42

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### Additional Mass during Lent

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



### Happy Feast of St. Patrick

St. Patrick, the **Apostle of Ireland**, is known throughout the Western world. **He is one of the Sacramento Diocese' Patron Saints.** He is called an apostle since he was the **first missionary to the Irish people.** And the Irish missionaries – both priests and women religious – were among the first missionaries to the church in California.

As a young man, Patrick was captured and **enslaved for six years;** he escaped, but felt called to go back to Ireland to proclaim Christ. There he established churches and primitive monasteries. Statues of St. Patrick can be seen at the entrance to the **Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**, as well as within the Cathedral, near the chapel of the Eucharist.

### Third Sunday of Lent

*"It was about noon" John 4:6*

Today's Gospel reading tells of Christ's meeting the Samaritan woman at the well. One phrase to ponder is **"It was about noon."**



Father Francis Martin explains some deeper meaning to this detail: **It was about noon:** the height of day, the sun is shining brightly, **there is nowhere to hide. It is the same hour Christ will be on the cross**, exposed and scorned for the sake of sinful man who sought to hide (Gn: 3:10). Yet is Christ who will promise: "when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself" (Jn 12:32). It is the same hour Christ will tell the repentant thief, "today you will be with me in Paradise" (Lk 23:43-44). **Christ's meeting of the Samaritan woman early in the Gospel prophesies his final hour, when blood and water will gush from his side, the well of grace that irrigates the Church and slakes our thirst.**

- *Magnificat*

**Mass Intentions****Saturday, Mar. 11:** Fr. Burns+**Sunday, Mar. 12:**8:30 a.m. - Gloria Aurora Silva  
Mendoza+

Ana Silva Mendoza+

**Tuesday, Mar. 14:** Chuck  
Howes+**Wednesday, Mar. 15:**

8:30 a.m. - Elizabeth Murray+

10:30 a.m. - Heather White+

**Thursday, Mar. 16:** Lawrence  
and Hazel Martini+**Friday, Mar. 17:** Armando  
Caballero+  
Maria Guerra+**RCIA Study****Date:** March 13, 2023**Time:** 6:00 p.m.**Place:** Holy Family Church  
Father Burns Parish Hall**Sunday Collection****March 5, 2023****Regular:** \$2,468.01**Thank you for your generosity!****Background on Romans**

It is placed **first** among the epistles not only because it is the longest, but also because **it is the greatest**. It was probably written shortly before Nero's persecution began in A. D. 64.

Paul had not founded the Roman church, Peter had. But Paul came to Rome to appear before the emperor and to be martyred.

Rome was the center of the entire world, the greatest city in the world in power and population, but already decadent with slavery, political corruption, and extremes of wealth and poverty.

Romans is the book that sparked the Protestant Reformation when Martin Luther discovered the doctrine of justification by faith in it – Romans 5:1 [today's Second Reading].

- Peter Kreeft, *You Can Understand the Bible*

**St. Joseph's Feast Day  
This Month**

Another saint devoted to St. Joseph is Bernadine of Siena. Born in 1380 and orphaned by age six, Bernardine was raised by his aunt. At the age of twenty he and some friends took over the management of a plague hospital, because most of the staff had died. Later, he joined the Franciscans, and was ordained at 24.

Bernardine helped to promote devotion to the Saint Joseph; he portrayed St. Joseph not as a venerable old man but as a young and strong, and diligent guardian of his family. Bernardine believed Joseph was assumed into Heaven. **"We may piously believe, but not assert [as dogma], that the Most Holy Son of God Jesus crowned his foster-father with the same privilege which he gave his Mother."** Bernardine composed a beautiful consecration to St. Joseph. He died in 1444 and was canonized six years later.

- *Magnificat*

### 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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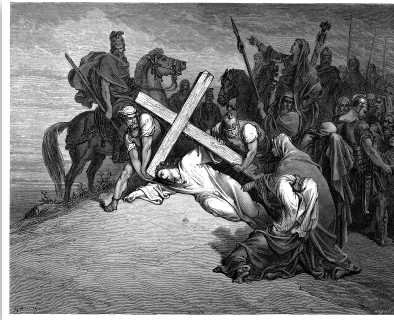
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### New Website

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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If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. (Matthew 16:24)

IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO FOLLOW OUR LORD WITHOUT THE CROSS.



*In the **Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation**, also called **confession**, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she **requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.***

*(Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1457-1458.)*

*The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion.*

***Stations at Holy Family - Portola***

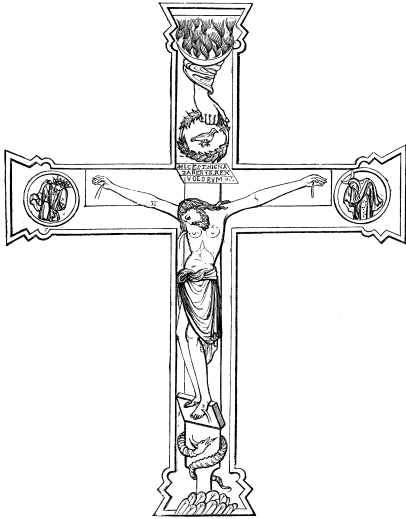
**Fridays at 5:30 p.m.**

***Stations at Holy Rosary - Loyalton***

**Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.**

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

# Your Cross



*The everlasting God has in His wisdom foreseen from eternity the cross that He now presents to you as a gift from His inmost heart.*

*This cross He now sends you He has considered with His all-knowing eyes, understood with His divine mind, tested with His wise justice, warmed with loving arms and weighed with His own hands to see that it be not one inch too large and not one ounce too heavy for you.*

*He has blessed it with His holy Name, anointed it with His consolation, taken one last glance at you and your courage, and then sent it to you from heaven, a special greeting from God to you, an alms of the all-merciful love of God.*

- St. Francis de Sales

## **Why do so many Scottish and Irish surnames begin with "Mac" as in MacDonald, and "O" as in O'Connor?**

One of the ancient Celtic traditions of Scotland and Ireland was (in much the same manner as for American slaves) that all the serfs who worked his land used the name of the clan chieftain. In Gaelic, the prefix Mac means "son," while O means "grandson" or "descendant of." Both were used to keep track of the true bloodline. MacDonald means "the son of Donald," while O'Connor means "the grandson [or descendant] of Connor."



**Regardless of son of or descendant, Happy St. Patrick's Day to all on Friday!**

## *Saint's Corner*

*Jesus Christ himself is the most sublime grace of the whole of Lent.*

*It is He who presents himself to us in all the wonderful simplicity of the Gospel.*

- St. Pope John Paul II