



HOLY FAMILY HOLY ROSARY MISSION



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection on today's Readings

In today's Gospel, Jesus is not giving us rules to follow technically, like a machine, He is giving us a radical motive, **unselfish love**, that we should always have, and telling us **to be ready to do radical deeds at the appropriate times**, not always and automatically, but when we discern with our practical reason that the situation calls for it.

This **mind-blowing teaching of Christ** flew in the face of the ancient world's embrace of Hammurabi's justice: "Eye for eye, tooth for tooth." **Jesus teaches "Love your enemies" and "Be merciful."**

-Peter Kreeft, Food for the Soul



Prayer for Pope Francis

Pope Francis, diagnosed with double pneumonia, remains in Rome's Gemelli hospital.

*O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on your servant Francis,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;*

*Grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

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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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.
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On the Lighter Side

We live in *radical times*. Radical times call for *radical Christianity*. Today, radical Christianity is merely *uncompromising Christianity*.

~John Grogan - Proverbs of Success

Ash Wednesday, March 5 Schedule



8:30 a.m.: Mass and distribution of ashes in Portola

5:30 p.m.: Mass and distribution of ashes in Loyalton;

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service in Portola in Spanish.

Stations of the Cross Begin

Wednesdays: after Mass in Loyalton

Fridays: at 5:30 p.m. in Portola, followed by a soup dinner in Father Burns Social Hall.

Getting Ready for Lent

The Little Black Book is available. This is a companion for Lenten *meditations*. **A \$2 donations is suggested.**



Since Lent (Christian tradition) and Ramadan (Muslim tradition) coincide this year, our two faith communities will be **fasting, in different ways, together**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 22nd.:

4:30 p.m.: Father Burns+

Sunday, February 23rd.:

8:30 a.m.: Chuck Howes+,
Elizabeth Murray+, Ivan Mario
Martinez Rivera+

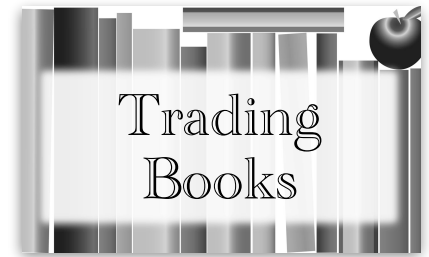
10:30 a.m.: Megan Granlund+

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Keep this in mind when you respond
"Lord, have mercy" during the liturgical
services.

The meaning of Kyrie Eleison

The word mercy in English is the translation of the Greek word eleos. This word has the same ultimate root as the old Greek word for oil, or more precisely, olive oil; which was poured onto wounds and gently massaged in, thus soothing, comforting, and making the injured part whole again. The Hebrew word which is also translated as eleos and mercy is 'hesed,' which means steadfast love.



Matushka Speaks Up

The Greek words for 'Lord have mercy' are 'Kyrie, eleison' meaning, **'Lord soothe me, comfort me, take away my pain, show me your steadfast love.'**

Thus mercy does not refer so much to justice or acquittal but to the infinite loving-kindness of God, and His compassion for His suffering children.

+ Fr Anthony Coniaris



UPCOMING EVENTS



No Daily Mass: Tuesday, Feb. 25 and Wednesday, Feb. 26. Father will be out of town - weather permitting.

First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary:
March 1

Community Dinner: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 6:00p.m. Holy Family Social Hall

Parish Council meeting: Wednesday March 5, 9:15 am (after Mass). If there's anything you'd like us to address or have any suggestions call or text me at 916-701-1543 James Cavanagh, Chair



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

February 22-23 Awareness Weekend

Annual Catholic Appeal helps bring Christ's saving mercy to our brothers and sisters. 25% comes back to our parish for our own outreach to those in need.

On the weekend of March 1-2 we will have the opportunity to offer ourselves as missionaries of hope to those who suffer emotional, physical and spiritual poverty. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, makes a meaningful 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. **And our Holy Family/Holy Rosary ministry receives support for another year. Prayerfully consider what you can give this year.**

LENTEN QUIZ

1. WHY IS LENT 40 DAYS?
2. WHY IS LENT IN THE SPRING?
3. WHAT SPECIAL RITE DO WE CELEBRATE DURING LENT?
4. WHAT COLOR VESTMENTS DOES THE PRIEST WEAR DURING LENT?
5. WHAT ARE THE THREE SPECIAL ASPECTS OF LENT? (ANSWERS NEXT WEEK)

March - Devotion to St. Joseph

Even though the Evangelists *do not record one word spoken by Joseph of Nazareth*, the Holy Spirit has inspired Christians throughout the ages to *love the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster father of the Son of God*. Because of Saint Joseph's relationship with Jesus and Mary, he enjoys a relationship with the Church that is *foundational*. Pope John Paul II has noted that Saint Joseph's example ***"transcends all individual states of life and serves as a model for the entire Christian community, whatever the condition and duties of each of its members may be."***

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Saint Joseph, guardian and father of virgins, to whose safekeeping were entrusted Innocence Itself, Christ Jesus, with Mary the Virgin of virgins; by these dear pledges, Jesus and Mary, I pray and beseech you to keep me free from all uncleanness, and make me with spotless mind, pure heart and chaste body, ever to serve Jesus and Mary most chastely all the days of my life. Amen

O happy indeed are you, blessed Joseph, to whom was given the privilege not only of seeing and hearing the God whom many kings desired to see and saw not, to hear and heard not; but also of carrying, nourishing, embracing, clothing and guarding him!

V. Pray for us, blessed Joseph.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.