The Ascension of the Lord May 21, 2023



HOLY FAMILY HOLY ROSARY MISSION

FATHER INNOCENT SUBIZA, PASTOR

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: Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm

47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: Ephesians

1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Community Supper

Wednesday May 31, 6 pm

Father Burns Hall

Host: Holy Family

Parish

Meal provided by:

Portola United
Methodist Church this
month



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Pope Benedict XVI wrote, it would be a mistake to interpret the Ascension as "the temporary absence of Christ from the world." Rather, "we go to heaven to the extent that we go to Jesus Christ and enter into him." Heaven is a person: "Jesus himself is what we call 'heaven."

Reflection on Matthew 28:16-20 The Ascension

Jesus confirmed the faith of those who worshipped him and taught them that the power they were to receive was a sharing in his own divine power. The power to forgive sins, and to bring about a rebirth through Baptism is the power of Christ himself, given now to his Church. The mission of the Church is to continue always the work of Christ, to teach men divine truths and make known the demands these truths impose, to help men follow God's way through the grace of the sacraments.

Jesus' life on earth **finished** not with his death on the Cross but with his **Ascension into Heaven**. It is the last of the mysteries of his life here on earth. It is a redemptive mystery which together with his Passion, Death and Resurrection makes up the Paschal Mystery.

Fernandez, Francis, 'In Conversation with God'

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 20:

Sunday, May 21:

8:30 a.m.: Craig Seifert+

Father Mark Stetz+

10:30 a.m.: All Parishioners

Tuesday, May 23:

Wednesday, May 24: Armando Caballero+

Thursday, May 25:

Friday, May 26:

Sunday Collection

May 14, 2023

Regular: \$2,732.00 **Building:** \$1,554.50

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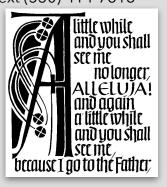
Consider Online Giving

You can register and set up One-time or Recurring Giving. You can also give in different categories of:

- Sunday Collection
- Flower
- Building Fund

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May - Mary's Month

The Litany of Mary of Nazareth

Part Three:

Mary,	
Oppressed woman	Lead us to life.
Liberator of the oppressed	Lead us to life.
Marginalized woman	Lead us to life.
Comforter of the afflicted	Lead us to life.
Cause of our joy	Lead us to life.
Sign of contradiction	Lead us to life.
Breaker of bondage	Lead us to life.
Political refugee	Lead us to life.
Seeker of sanctuary	Lead us to life.
First disciple	Lead us to life.
Sharer in Christ's ministry	Lead us to life.
Seeker of God's will	Lead us to life.
Witness in Christ's resurrection	Lead us to life.

Do I seek to liberate the poor and oppressed, refugees, and others in bondage?

Jim Clark, 'Rethinking Catholic Devotion'

Was Mary present at the Ascension of Jesus?



There is no clear verse that says,

"Mary was at the ascension of her son," but it is a **pious** tradition that she was there, and artists often paint the scene with Mary in the midst of the apostles, looking up at her son. This foreshadows the event of Pentecost, where the Bible does affirm that Mary was there.

If you think about it, wouldn't Jesus want to say one last goodbye to his mother? It makes logical sense, and we can also find some support in the Bible.

Thinking of the scene in this way gives added emotion to the departure of Jesus, which must have been difficult to bear for everyone, especially Mary, who pondered all these things in her heart.

- Philip Kosloski for Aleteia.com

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 12:10 p.m.

Adoration: 1st Saturday 10:00 -

10:00 Sunday

Confession: After Mass or by

appointment

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Bulletin Submissions

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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

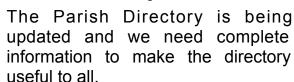
Send submissions to:

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How I remember the Feast of the Ascension

When I attended St. Vincent's, in Petaluma, the Ascension was a **holy day of obligation** and celebrated on Thursday. Catholic schools had a day off from classes, public schools did not. Our Sister Superior decided that, after 8:00 am Mass, it would be the day for class picnics, and in the case of the senior class—Skip Day. So, even though we didn't attend class, it was a **day of obligation!**

<u>Please Return Parish</u> <u>Directory Forms</u>





If your information hasn't changed, please call the parish office (530-832-5006) and leave a message with your name and say "no changes to the directory".

Or you can email the office with the above information at holyfamilyholyrosary@gmail.com.

The Saints & The Rosary

The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary. -St. Francis de Sales

The Rosary, that is my weapon.

~St. Pio of Pietrelcina

The rosary is a spiritual weapon in the battle against evil, against all violence, for peace in hearts, in families, in society and in the world.

~Pope Benedict XVI

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FIRST COMMUNION

May you have a beautiful life as you accept Jesus Christ in your life. Congratulations on your first Holy Communion and feel the amazing love of God every single day.

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Aaliyah Manzo

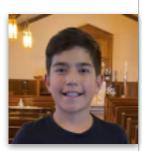


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(Pictures will be provided next week)

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