



HOLY FAMILY

HOLY ROSARY MISSION

FATHER INNOCENT SUBIZA, PASTOR



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection on Today's First Reading

In today's Gospel is the phrase "... ministers of the word have handed down to us..." This ties into the first reading **about Ezra reading**

the law (the Word of God) before the people. He "opened the scroll and people rose." We, also, stand for the reading of the Gospel. "Ezra blessed the Lord,...and all the people...answered "Amen, amen!" Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the Lord." Muslims still do this today.

"For all the people were **weeping** as they heard the word of the Lord." **Why?** These Jews had just returned to their holy land after the Babylonian Captivity. They had **neither heard nor read the "book of the law" for seventy years.** The Law was very important to the Jews, more so than the law is to us [we have the Eucharist, the fulfillment of the law.] The Law was the heart of their religion, the relationship with God. Nehemiah tells the people, "Do not be saddened this day... but to rejoice.."

-Peter Kreeft, Food for the Soul

A Christian's Formation Continues Throughout Life

Today we read the beginning of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, who tells us he has resolved to **write down the life of Christ so that we may know the truth of the teachings we have received.** Each of us, according to the unique circumstances of his life, has the **obligation to know Christ's doctrine in depth.** This obligation lasts for **as long as our path here on earth continues**

We must never allow ourselves to think we have had **sufficient formation.** We must never be satisfied with the **amount of knowledge about Jesus Christ and his teaching** that we have so far acquired. **Love always seeks to know the beloved better.**

A Christian needs to **have the answers** which enable him to **counter the attacks of the enemies of the Faith,** and to know how to present them in an **attractive way, with clarity, and with precision.**

~In Conversation with God

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.
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Masses: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday 5:30 p.m.

Adoration:

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Confession: After Mass or by
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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 of Reading Between the Lines

Simple methods of writing in code were used by Julius Caesar and Charlemagne. Some personal papers of England's Charles I were so obscure they they weren't deciphered until about 1850. Ordinary people fascinated with this concluded that the meaning was not in the written lines but in the space between them. Writing between the lines with invisible ink strengthen this notion. Reading between the lines came to suggest the finding of inferences in any document.

~Webb Garrison, Why You Say it



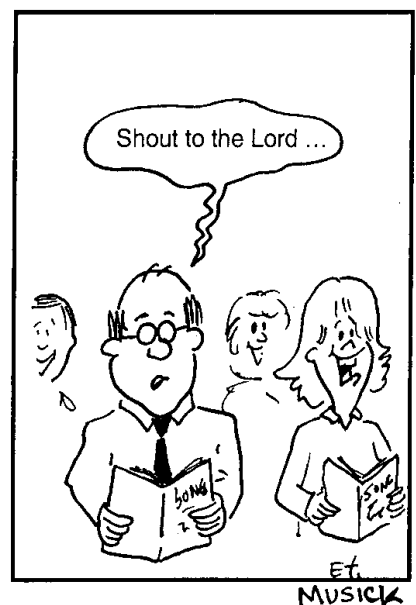
Community Dinner:

Wednesday, Jan. 29,
6:00pm Holy Family
Social Hall

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 25th.:

4:30 p.m.: Nancy Fregulia+

Sunday, January 26th.:

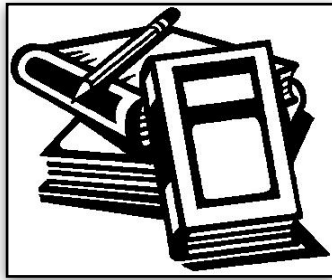
10:30 a.m.: Kim Metzeler+

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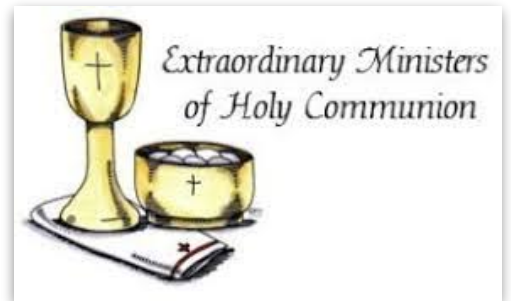
TRADING BOOKS

Volume I of **Modern Saints**, by Ann Belli is an easy read of saints and would-be saints born after 1750. Included is a short biography of St. John Bosco, whose feast day is this Friday.

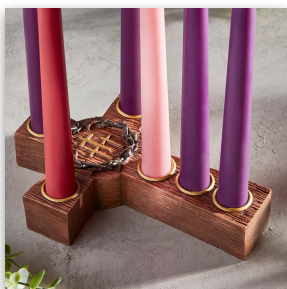
I was surprised by the number of other saints that John Bosco had interactions with, as a teacher, a co-worker, or in visions. I read about “the monk with a gun,” the saint of “the every day grind,” and the horrific deaths of the martyrs of Uganda. Tuberculosis was the cause of death for many. What was especially interesting was that each entry has a picture(s) or photograph of the person.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED!

We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at **Saturday Vigil Mass!** We will train you, and you will be scheduled once a month. Please contact **Amanda Evans to volunteer at 916-276-7280 or a-e-evans@comcast.net.**



Lenten Crosses

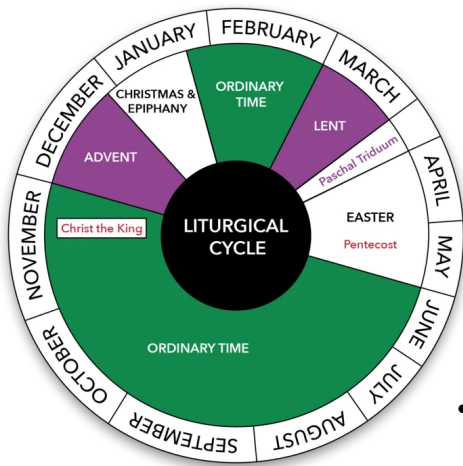


Anyone wishing to purchase this item, **please turn in request by January 29**, so we can place the order and it arrive before Lent begins!

\$30.00 per set including candles

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Name _____ Phone: _____

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What Is Ordinary Time?

Ordinary Time can seem **unremarkable at first glance**. But this liturgical season offers insights into what it means to live as Christians, not in the peaks of celebration or valleys of penance, **but in the steady, everyday journey of faith**.

It is a time to

- grow in virtue,
- cultivate habits of prayer,
- and deepen our relationship with Christ through the quiet constancy of daily life.

St. Josemaría Escrivá said that **our daily life provides the ordinary material for holiness**.

Ordinary Time also gives us an opportunity to recognize those **“ordinary” people who live closest to us**.

I heard a priest recently say that we have an obligation to recognize those around us, not only those who are less fortunate, but those we might not always notice as we should. He was talking about those people in our own homes and in our families. He said: **“Oftentimes we don’t really see the people right in front of us.”**

**Let us love one another as God loves each of us.
And where does this love begin? In your own home.
~ St. Teresa of Calcutta**

