



# HOLY FAMILY

HOLY ROSARY MISSION

FATHER INNOCENT SUBIZA, PASTOR



## *Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy*

*"Mercy is heartfelt sympathy for another's distress, impelling us to succor him if we can.*

- St. Augustine

On this the last day of the Novena of Divine Mercy, the prayer is **"bring to Me souls** who have become **lukewarm** and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy." I think of the "lukewarm souls" in my life: my children who I raised to practice the Catholic faith, but in the years after leaving home have chosen to neglect this. They remind me of Thomas who would not believe the apostles who said **"We have seen the Lord."** On this Divine Mercy Sunday, I pray especially for them that Christ may say to them as He did to Thomas: "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but **believe.**"

## The Divine Mercy Message

The message of Divine Mercy and its corresponding devotion come to us through the writings of **St. Maria Faustina Kowalska**, a Polish nun who received apparitions of Our Lord Jesus from **1931 until her death seven years later. At Jesus' instruction**, Faustina recorded her visions in her Diary, including the extensive words that Christ spoke to her and, through her, **to the whole world.**

***God's merciful love is greater than all sin, greater than all evil and greater than death itself. Mercy is the greatest attribute of God - it is His love poured out on us sinners. No matter what we have done, God wants us to repent and turn to His mercy with trust.***

~ Fr. George Kosicki, Tell My Priests

The **message** of Divine Mercy is the **same message** that Christ brought to the world nearly **2,000 years ago - "Repent and believe"** - except that He is now proclaiming this message in our own time in a **more urgent way.**

### 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.

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, April 6:

4:30 p.m.: Josie Tejada+,  
Philip Tejada+,  
Maria Guerra+,  
Andrea Bonta Hurley (sp. int.)

#### Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7:

8:30 a.m.: Lawrence and  
Hazel Martini+, Ana Liliana  
Silva Mendoza+,  
Philip Tejada+

#### 10:30 a.m.: Aceira Plazola+

#### Tuesday, April 9:

8:30 a.m.:

#### Wednesday, April 10:

8:30 a.m.: Chuck Howes+

#### Thursday, April 11:

8:30 a.m.: Fr. Burns+

#### Friday, April 12:

8:30 a.m.: Elizabeth Murray+

### Collection

March 31, 2024

Sunday: \$3,699.00

*Thank you for your  
generosity!*



## NEW PRAYER GROUP FIRST MEETING

**Wednesday, April 10**

**1:30 p.m.**

**at Holy Family Fr. Burns Parish Hall**

**Open to all** Holy Family/Holy Rosary parishioners.

**Contact Lisa Smock with questions or  
transportation**

**(916) 601-6316 or ladsmock@icloud.com**

### *Eucharistic Prayer*

**Dear Jesus,  
help me to always believe in  
You and protect me against  
the temptations of the evil  
one to doubt.**

**Amen, Alleluia!**



We are looking for two volunteers to help **count our collection Tuesdays after Mass.** Please contact the **parish office or Father Innocent** if you are able to help.  
**530-832-5006**

### 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.

**Spanish Mass:**

3rd. Saturday 7:00 p.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

**Phone:** 530-832-5006

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www.holyfamilyportola.org

### Bulletin Submissions

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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.

www.holyfamilyportola.org

**Send submissions to:**

granitebaymom@icloud.com



## EUCCHARIST MIRACLE OF SIENA

In the **Eucharistic Miracle of Siena, Italy in 1730** thieves were able to enter San Francesco's Church in Siena and **steal the chalice containing 223 consecrated Hosts**. After three days, on August 17th, the 223 consecrated Hosts were **found intact**. The Hosts were immediately taken back to the church of San Francesco in a solemn procession. **With the passing of time the Hosts did not change in appearance.**

In 1914, Pope St. Pius X authorized a test. The edited report of the test stated: "The Sacred Hosts of Siena are the classic example of the **perfect conservation of particles from unleavened bread**, consecrated in the year 1730, and constitute a unique and most interesting phenomenon which **reverses the natural laws of conservation of organic matter**... It is strange, surprising, abnormal... the laws of nature have been reversed.

**Pope John Paul II**, during a visit in the city of Siena on September 14, 1980, said regarding the Hosts: "**It is the Real Presence!**"

The permanent miracle of the Sacred Hosts is available to see even today.

## Catholic Studies Portola

**Pray like a Catholic: How to enrich your spiritual life**

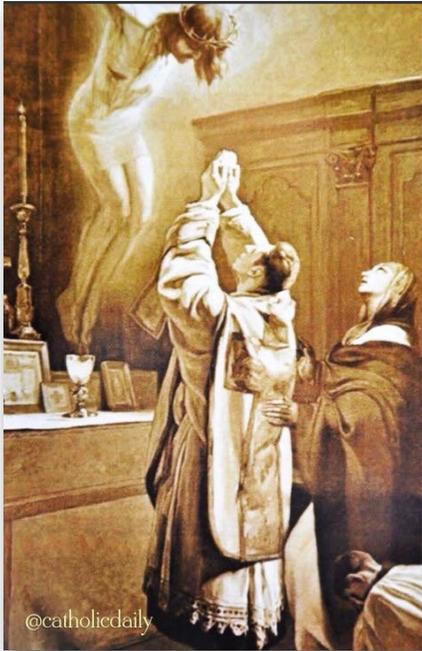


**April 18 at 6:00 p.m. in Father Burns Hall**

**Hope to see many of you there!**

**Bring a snack or beverage to share.**

James Cavanagh, facilitator  
916-701-1543, call or text



ONCE YOU UNDERSTAND THE EUCHARIST, YOU CAN NEVER LEAVE THE CHURCH. NOT BECAUSE THE CHURCH WON'T LET YOU BUT BECAUSE YOUR HEART WON'T LET YOU.

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### On the Lighter Side

They tell the story of a small prairie farm community that **hadn't had rain in over a year**. The ground looked like cracked leather.

One day they decided to call a meeting at the church and **pray for rain**.

That evening every person in town showed up, **but a ten-year-old boy was the only one to bring an umbrella**.

~John Grogan's Help, I've Fallen & Need a Good Laugh!

## Why is Easter Greater than Christmas?

If Easter had not happened, Christmas would have no meaning. If the tomb is not empty, the cradle makes no difference. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, then he really is just a misguided Jewish rabbi with delusions of grandeur. If Easter is not true, then Christmas is only the story of an obscure baby born in an out-of-the-way village in a forgotten land 2000 years ago. It is Easter that gives Christmas its meaning.

- Dr. Ray Pritchard

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### Community Supper

**When:** Wednesday, April 24

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** Father Burns Hall

**Host:** Holy Family Church

