

DECEMBER 30 & 31, 2023
THE HOLY FAMILY



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimittis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

By: The Parish Office Staff

As the old year ends and a new one begins, take time.

The time to remember the struggles you faced, and mistakes you might have made, and maybe even loved ones you lost.

In every year, you experience heartache. This one was no different.

And in remembering, find the seed of hope hidden in yesterday.

Remember how you've been blessed. Relive when you found unexpected strength. Recall where you saw God's great Spirit at work. And know his mercy kept you going all this time.

Recognize his mercy. Ask for his peace.

The peace that pours out every moment of every day from the wounds of Christ.

Prepare us Lord for the New Year. Lift us up and place in our hearts, a renewed desire to know and worship you more. Give us the abundant grace. Shower us with your healing love.

May your eternal Kingdom reign in our hearts and our lives. May the New Year show us once again your eternal mercy and glory.

And let us sing your praises with great joy.

In Jesus name, Amen.



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:00AM,
WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, FOLLOWED BY MASS
AT 12:05PM.

TEMPORARY TUESDAY MASS TIME

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, MASS WILL BE AT 5:30PM.



The Mendocino Knights of Columbus

STEVE JORDAN IS BACK!!

The Knights cordially invite you to the 47th Annual
BEST CRAB FEED ON THE NORTH COAST
Friday & Saturday, January 26 & 27, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

COME AND ENJOY!

Loads of fresh Dungeness crab, fresh salad,
toasted garlic bread, dessert AND entertainment

\$ 150.00 pp — Friday or Saturday Crown Hall Dinner (VIP seating)*
Tickets for *VIP Seating* will go on sale on
Friday, November 10
at KCMendo.org

*VIP seating includes ticket, premier seating, premium wine and assigned servers

\$ 95.00 pp — Friday or Saturday Crown Hall Dinner (General Seating)
\$ 95.00 pp — Saturday Take Out Dinner (includes 2 raffle tickets)
(to be picked up at Crown Hall)

Tickets for **General Seating and Takeout** will go on sale
Monday, November 13 at KCMendo.org

As always, these tickets sell out quickly, so please purchase early

Raffle tickets on sale online, as well as at the event

Seating assignments for the Crown Hall dinners and information for Takeout
pickup will be sent out on January 22, 2024

Questions? info@kcmendo.org or (707) 710-7787



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024.



CALENDARS FOR 2024 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE
OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE TAKE ONE.



Walk for Life West Coast 2024:

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over
California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest
among us at the 19th Annual Walk for Life West
Coast In San Francisco on January 22, 2024. There
will be Mass at 9:30am celebrated by Archbishop
Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The
rally begins at 12:30pm in San Francisco's Civic
Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market
Street, begins at 1:30pm. For more information, visit
www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.

MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 30, 2023 – JANUARY 5, 2024

Saturday (30)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Margarito Martin †
	6:30pm	Antonia Rentería † Mauricio Escobedo † Victor Martín & Raquel Dzul † Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (31)	8:00am	Sherlyn Ramos †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (01)	12:05pm	Jorge Santos † Antonia Rentería †
Tuesday (02)	12:05pm	Espinoza Family
Wednesday (03)	12:05pm	Refugio Yáñez †
Thursday (04)	12:05pm	Moisés Villalpando †
Friday (05)	12:05pm	Theresa Hamilton †
	6:00pm	Refugio Yáñez †

WEEKLY COLLECTION

DECEMBER 23 & 24, 2023...\$1,525.00
MAINTENANCE FUND FOR CHURCH...\$622.00
CHRISTMAS DAY...\$3,177.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL'S MINISTRY
NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
LIABILITY INSURANCE**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!

LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca
Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara,
Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Bertha Valenzuela, Carole Shoptaw, Gina Pivrotto, Angie Gómez,
Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez,
Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann
Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Nick Quin, Mary Servis,
Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN
WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE.

ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED OF
OUR PARISH. FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH
SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE
TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT
REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to
pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call
the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours,
please call 707-813-4188.

WHY DO WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS?

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 964-0229.

Through His Church, God commands us to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. It is a **mortal sin** to miss Mass without a grave reason (*such as illness, being housebound, a first responder rushing to a call, etc.*).

You may wonder why the Church *commands* weekly Mass attendance under pain of sin, rather than simply *suggesting* it. It's important to know why—not only to strengthen our own faith, but also in case any curious non-Catholics ask about it.

The reason for the Sunday obligation is that **we owe God worship as His creatures**. It's not just a nice spiritual ritual or an outward show of being Catholic. God is our Creator. He made us out of *nothing* and keeps us in existence through His own power and will. We owe everything to Him, and our regular worship of Him is how we express our innate desire—and our natural obligation—to offer our Creator homage and gratitude.

Furthermore, without His grace and presence in our lives, our souls and therefore our salvation are in danger. He doesn't *need* our worship—but we *do* need Him.

If we ignore God's command to worship on Sundays, we are putting other things before God, as though He were of secondary importance. And we are destroying our relationship with Him and walking away from the spiritual graces our soul needs to stay alive. As one priest said, skipping Sunday Mass?

God knows that, due to our fallen nature, we struggle to do what we should, feel confused about it, and are *even tempted not to*. That's why He gives us clear commandments. The Third Commandment prescribes weekly worship of God: **"Thou shalt keep holy the Lord's day."** And Jesus commanded: **"Do this in memory of me"** (Luke 22:19).

If Mass on Sunday were just an option—and skipping it were not a sin—can any of us honestly say we would never, *ever* miss a Sunday Mass?

We—and the Church—know the answer.

The Mass is the pinnacle of our faith here on earth. However, despite its beauty, we understand that can be sometimes be difficult to to remain attentive and prayerful. One of the best ways to receive the gift of the Mass is by prayerfully preparing for it before it starts.



**WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT:
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides
"ParishSOFT Giving," an online giving software!**

To get started, you can go to olgcinfb.org.

From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose or a one-time donation, and can be set up with a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account!

