## DECEMBER 28 & 29, 2024 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



"We have in the Holy Family, the highest possible models of perfection – Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

As God, Jesus is essentially holy.

By means of the Hypostatic Union, this sanctity is transmitted also to His human nature.

The holiness of Jesus was only gradually revealed as He grew older because He wished to be like us in everything, save in sin.

As the Gospel says, He "advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and men" (Lk 2:52).

Jesus gave us an example of holiness which we should find easier to imitate because it was eternally increasing all the time." - taken from *Meditations* for Each Day by Cardinal Bacci

# **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

#### First Reading:

In gratitude to the Lord, Hannah returned the gift of her son, Samuel. Is there a gift from the Lord for which you are particularly grateful?

#### **Second Reading:**

As children of God, John teaches us that believers should love one another and believe in the name of Jesus. In addition to faith and love, what else do you think unites us as children of God?

## Gospel:

Luke presents an anxious experience that Mary and Joseph had as parents raising the young boy, Jesus. Do you recall a time when your parents were worried or anxious about you?



New Year's Mass Schedule

**January 1, 2025** 10:00 am (English) 12:00 pm (Spanish)

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1, 2025
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD
IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

# Give a Gift for the children of our Catholic School

Our school is growing! With quite a few new students enrolling mid-year at SJSDR, we need to expand our books and supplies. There is still time! Will you help us? Take an ornament from our giving tree in the vestibule. On the back of each ornament is an item we need to add, its price and a link to our Amazon wish list. You can either purchase the item directly or donate the price to the school! God bless you for all your support!

#### Much To Be Thankful For At SJSDR Catholic School

As we complete our Advent preparations for the coming of Our Lord and Savior, I would like to share a few of the many blessings for which we are thankful at SJSDR this season. Last year we began with just 7 students in grades K-4. Today we have 17 students in grades K-8. We have added two amazing intern teachers to our staff, Miss Noemi Hernandez and Miss Kenlly Reves, who bring to us an invaluable set of skills, together with their hard-earned bachelor's degrees from two prestigious universities. Four of our students are successfully working above grade level in mathematics and reading. All of our students are progressing well, while bringing joy to every day at school. And while it is our central focus to instill in our students the beauty of our Catholic Faith while instructing the students in an academically challenging curriculum, we are happy that, through the hard work and sacrifices of our families, our parish, and our benefactors, we have successfully paid our bills, raising approximately \$100,000 every year, and leaving no debt to our parish, since the first day of our founding four years and five months ago. Thank you to all of you who have supported our work here. Your generosity is creating beautiful futures for the children of our parish and of our community! Thank you from all of us at SJSDR!

P.S. In this season of giving, please consider donating to our work. Your support can mean the difference in helping us to serve more students, bringing the blessings of a Catholic education to every family of our parish, regardless of income level! Your donations are 100% tax-deductible.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **DECEMBER 28, 2024 - JANUARY 3, 2025**

Saturday (28)	5:00 p.m.	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba †
	6:30 p.m.	Victor Martín & Raquel Dzul † Candelaria & Raquel Campo †
Sunday (29)	8:00 a.m.	Mark Graves †
	10:00 a.m.	Missa pro populo
Monday (30)	12:05 p.m.	NO MASS
Tuesday (31)	5:30 p.m.	Alfredo Barba †
Wednesday(01)	10:00 a.m.	Missa pro populo
	12:00 p.m.	Sherlyn Ramos †
Thursday (02)	12:05 p.m.	Guillermo Jiménez (healing)
Friday (03)	12:05 p.m.	Refugio Yañez †
	6:00 p.m.	Margarito Martin†

# **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

DECEMBER 21 & 22, 2024...\$1,926.00 MAINTENANCE FUND ...\$840.00

#### **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:**

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY

# SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

LIABILITY INSURANCE

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Gerardo Escobedo, Cuca Soto, Yolanda Soto, Rosalío Martínez, Felix Santillán, Esperanza Barba, Bertha Valenzuela, Gina Pivirotto, Angie Gómez, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Martha Sánchez, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker & Ofelia Ybarra.

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

Edgar Salinas, Uriel Osorio, Nerio Salazar, Jovany Baez, María de la Luz Ramírez, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.



WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT THIS FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2025 IS FIRST FRIDAY AND THERE WILL BE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT 11 AM, FOLLOWED BY ENGLISH MASS. ALSO, THERE WILL BE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT 5:30 PM, FOLLOWED BY SPANISH MASS. SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025 IS FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AND THERE WILL BE MASS AT 9 AM.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

#### **ATTENTION**

CALENDARS FOR 2025 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH.



#### WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT:

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now offers "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, set up recurring giving on a date you want or a one-time donation, and you can set it up with your credit card, debit card, checking or savings account!

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office 707-964-0229 ext 1.



May the blessings of God be showered on you and your family this year.

Wishing you and your family a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely, The Parish Office