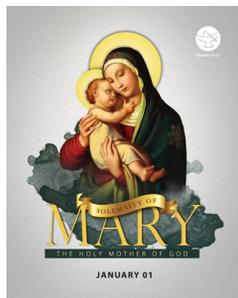


## DECEMBER 31, 2022 – JANUARY 1, 2023 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



### MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

At some point in time, most people will find themselves needing to watch over another person. This is true for parents and children of course; for others, perhaps an aging parent or spouse; a friend or neighbor living alone after surgery. At these times, along with the caregiving of the moment, there is often a focus on the future, a wondering about what will come. Quite naturally for the new mother Mary there is this future focus, with many possibilities for her to hold in her heart. She reflects quietly in the midst of the very hectic series of events that follow the birth of her child: hurrying shepherds who go and tell the wondrous news to others, then those others sharing their amazement. Luke tells us that Mary keeps all of this, and reflects on it in her heart. Mary is watching over Jesus as mothers do, watching over each and every moment.



### CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

*By Carlin & Deacon Dave Gould.*

*Co-Directors of the Marriage & Family Life Office*

Greetings Family;

The Feast of the Holy Family, which is normally celebrated on the first Sunday after Christmas, is on Friday, December 30th this year, as the first Sunday after Christmas will be January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary.

The Holy Family is the model for us all of what it means to be a family. A new family begins when a man and a woman get married and commits their whole life to each other and to any children that might come from that union. One important aspect of a marriage ceremony is when the couple vows to be open to life and to accept children willingly from God. With the arrival of children, the husband and wife can now celebrate becoming a father and a mother!

What a joy, a privilege, and a responsibility it is to become parents. The Holy Family is the example, the ideal model for us. We can learn what it means to be parents and faithful spouses by their actions. Fathers can ponder on the virtues of St. Joseph. Though scripture does not record any of his

spoken words, his actions spoke louder than words. He had great moral strength, was chaste, faithful, humble, industrious, and a steadfast protector, willing to escape to Egypt with his family to guard them from harm. St. Joseph provided food, shelter, and clothing and educated Jesus in the faith and taught him a trade. Fathers, these too are your duties to your wife and children.

Mothers, ponder Mary's virtues. Mary was receptive to God's will, giving her fiat, her "Yes" to the angel Gabriel. She too was chaste, moral, faithful, generous of her time, visited her pregnant kinswoman Elizabeth, created a nurturing home for her own family, and lovingly cared for her child, Jesus. And in the Gospel of John 2:5 she sets the example for all of us when she tells the waiters at the wedding feast in Cana, "Do whatever He (Jesus) tells you."

As parents, remind your children of their value and dignity as God's (and your) beloved children. Encourage them to develop their talents and skills as they grow and mature. Teach your sons to embrace their masculinity and live the virtues of moral strength, courage, and humility. Teach your daughters to embrace the dignity of their femininity and to live the virtues of purity, sensitivity, and generosity. But most important of all, frequent the sacraments with your children as a family, especially the Eucharist at Mass and frequent Confession.

So, on this Feast of the Holy Family (December 30th), do something special with your family. Some ideas are: go on a hike, cook a meal together, play a board game, if you don't already, start the tradition of praying a family rosary together, or go around the dinner table and share a virtue you most admire in each family member. As the Holy Family is an example for us all, be a "Holy Family" to those around you, by doing whatever Jesus calls you to do.

We wrote a prayer that we hope you will offer for your family on the Feast of the Holy Family:

**O God, our most heavenly Father;  
You have created us out of love and saved us in your mercy, and through the bond of marriage, you have established our family and willed that it should become a sign of Christ's love for His Church.  
We pray that you shower your blessings upon our family gathered together here. Enable each one of us to love and support one another in the spirit of the Holy Family. Give us the strength to be responsive to the needs of our family and loving witnesses to our Catholic faith in all we say and do.**

**We ask you Father, to protect and watch over our family, so that by the strength of your grace we may enjoy health and prosperity, possess the gift of your peace, and, we, as the Domestic Church, may bear witness in this world to your glory.**

**Dear Holy Family, pray for us.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

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

### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS 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.



### Happy New Year 2023!

I know this past year has had its fair share of ups and downs but good or bad, these experiences have shaped who we are today and who we will be in the future.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2023.**



FRIDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> IS FIRST FRIDAY AND WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT WE HAVE 2 MASSES:

AT 11:30AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY ENGLISH MASS AND 5:30PM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY SPANISH MASS.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, WE HAVE MASS FOR OUR BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AT 9:00AM.



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.



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

## MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 31, 2022 – JANUARY 6, 2023

Saturday (31)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba †
	6:30pm	Mauricio Escobedo † Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (01)	8:00am	César Salazar †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (02)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (03)	12:05pm	Refugio Yáñez †
Wednesday (04)	12:05pm	Octavio Berrettini & Family †
Thursday (05)	12:05pm	Bruno & Camila Benedetti †
Friday (06)	12:05pm	Dempsey & Cesarina Murada †
	6:00pm	Alan Rentería (healing)

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2022...\$3,411.50  
MAINTENANCE FUND....\$750.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE**  
**NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR MAINTENANCE FUND**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!**

### Prayer at the Manger: With Mary and Joseph

May we follow the faithful, loving witness of Mary and Joseph as we seek to bring Jesus, your Word, into the world.

May we always follow his Gospel, now and forever. Amen.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11  
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:30AM WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.