

**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**

December 31, 2023

My eyes have seen your salvation, which
you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

-- Luke 2:30-31



Daily Mass

Week of January 1st – 5th

- Monday: **9:00 New Year's Day!**
- Tuesday: 8:00 Maria Inchauspe+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Leroy Vares+
- Thursday: 8:00 Elizabeth "Betty" Murphy+
- Friday: 8:00 Leroy Vares+

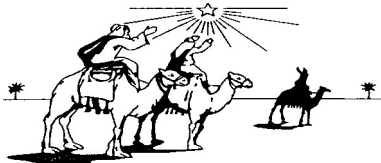


Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Marian Flandrick, Mike Abell, Sunny Ray, Tara Singh, Kerrie Roye, Mark Lutz, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini, Pamela M., Rita Jurin, Julia and Cecilia Uyeda.

The Holy Star!

*O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.*

-- William Cullen Bryant



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Holiday Services

Feast of the Holy Family – December 30th

5:00 p.m. – Mass

Sunday, December 31st

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Day – January 1, 2024

9:00 a.m. – Mass



The child grew to maturity and was filled with wisdom



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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Christmas celebration continues this week with the Feast of the Holy Family. The Gospel of Luke recounts their journey to Jerusalem to commemorate the Passover when Jesus was twelve years old. After the feast, thinking that their son was with relatives, Mary and Joseph began the return trip home. When they realized that Jesus was not travelling with their extended family, they backtracked to Jerusalem and found him in the Temple discussing Mosaic law with the religious leaders of the community. Luke goes on to describe Mary and Joseph's astonishment and anxiety over Jesus' behavior and his nonchalant response to their concern. It is a perfect snapshot of the relationships that exist within a family.

Concern, anxiety, misunderstanding and hurt are some of the emotional responses that we feel when we interact with members of our family. But it is also from our families that we learn how to practice the virtues of compassion, humility, gentleness, kindness, patience and forgiveness.

Like Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we sometimes experience difficulties within our families. But, these troubles are outweighed by the virtue that bonds all the above virtues together, **Love!**

As we enter into the New Year, let us pray that God will strengthen us in our love for our families, both at home and in our faith community.

Love, Fr. Leo

Today's Readings!

First Reading -- Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

Psalms -- Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

Second Reading -- Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

Gospel -- The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

Parish Office Holiday Hours!

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2024. We will be back on Tuesday, January 2nd. Have a happy and safe New Year!

2024-2025 Corpus Christi School Applications!

Are you thinking about joining our School community of Corpus Christi? Do you know someone who is looking for a new school? Tell your friends and neighbors that our application for the 2024-2025 School Year is now available on our School website! The application deadline for submission is Friday, January 12th, so encourage them to apply now. Thanks for helping us spread the word!

Thank You!

The Living Our Faith Ministry would like to thank you for your continued donations to the Alameda County Community Food Bank. Since October, when our online donation drive began, we have raised \$452.40. Additionally, the barrels in the Gibson Center are filling up with non-perishable items. Please remember that this food drive (including both canned food items and online donations) is ongoing and you are welcome to continue to make donations throughout the year. There are flyers in the Church on how to donate online. Thank You very much for your generosity and know that Corpus Christi wishes everyone a Blessed and Happy New Year!



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**Readings For The Week
January 1st -- 6th**

- Monday: First Reading Numbers 6:22-27;
Psalm 67;
Second Reading Galatians 4:4-7;
Gospel Luke 2:16-21
- Tuesday: First Reading 1 John 2:22-28;
Psalm 98;
Gospel John 1:19-28
- Wednesday: First Reading 1 John 2:29-3:6;
Psalm 98;
Gospel John 1:29-34
- Thursday: First Reading 1 John 3:7-10;
Psalm 98;
Gospel John 1:35-42
- Friday: First Reading 1 John 3:11-21;
Psalm 100;
Gospel John 1:43-51
- Saturday: First Reading 1 John 5:5-13;
Psalm 147;
Gospel Mark 1:7-11

Blessing for the New Year!



*Let us bless the Lord, now
and for ever.*

*God of time and of eternity, you sent
us your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to announce
a year of your favor, a year of grace, when glad
tidings are preached to the poor, when liberty is
proclaimed to all who are held captive.*

*Bless, O Lord, this new year.
Grant us and all the world a year of peace.
With care we will keep count of the days
and weeks,
the months and seasons,
and all the years of our lives,
until at last we shall pass from time into the
glorious and timeless dominion of
Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, ever and ever.*

Amen.



Please Note!

Coffee and donuts will be on a winter break until Sunday, January 7th!

Christmas Caroling Pictures!

Pictures from Sunday, December 17th Christmas Caroling are available for viewing and free downloads at: <http://www.dennimpics.com/Parish/Christmas/2023-Christmas-Carol-Sing-Along>. The password is: frleo. Both are case sensitive and without spaces. For free download, click on the down arrow in the lower right corner of the photo.

Children of Eternity!

You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy.

-- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton