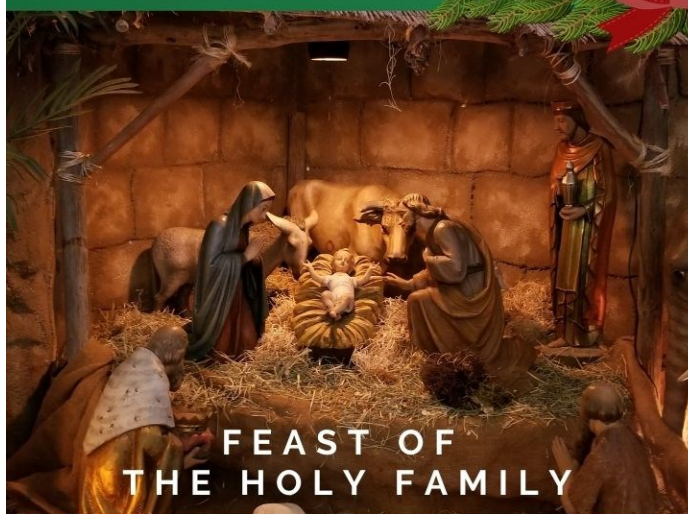
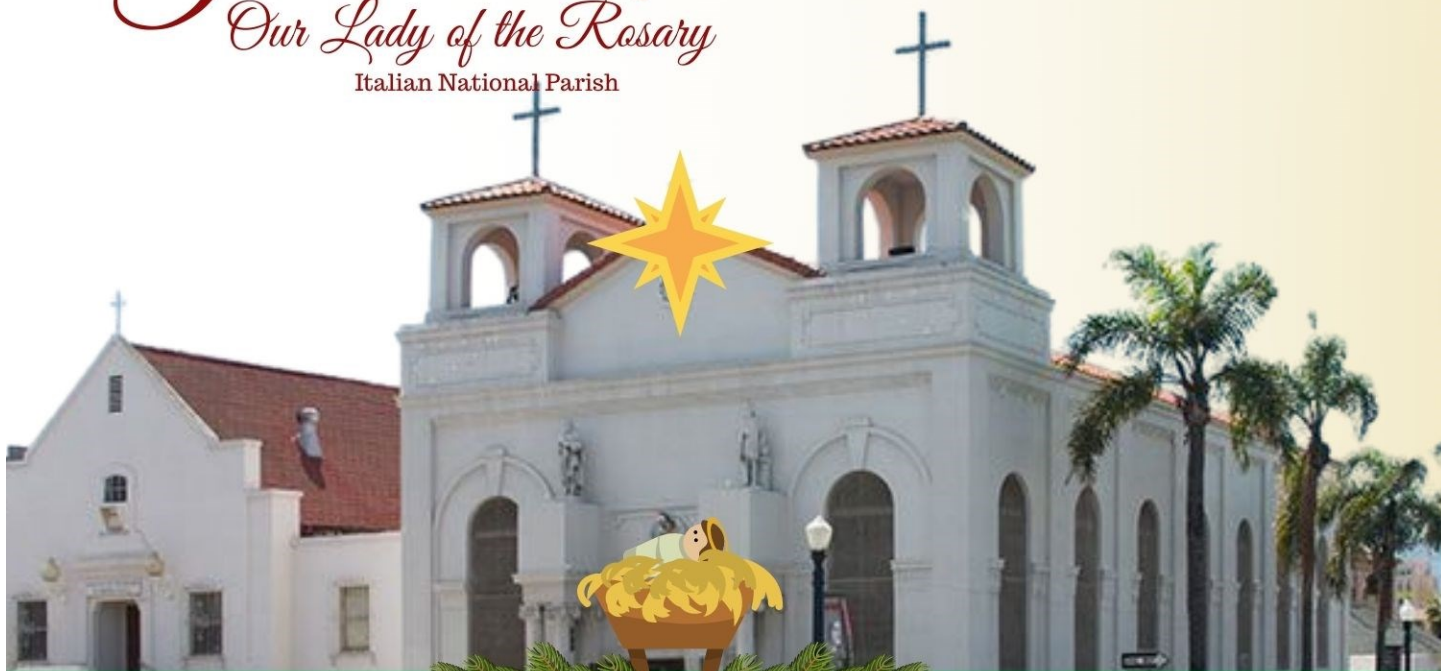


The *Jewel* of Little Italy
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*A prayer in honor of
The Holy Family*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, didst consecrate domestic life by Thine ineffable virtues; grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the example of Thy Holy Family and may attain to its everlasting fellowship. Who livest and reignest world without end.

Amen.

On the feast of the Holy Family, it is tempting to compare our own families to the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Luke's narrative of the twelve year old Jesus in the temple is not a warning for parents to watch their children closely while travelling. The story looks forward to the time Jesus would be "lost" in the tomb after his crucifixion. Just as his parents found him on the third day, so Jesus would rise from the dead on the third day. And Jesus' remark, "I must be in my Father's house" (Lk 2:49) gives us a hint at who is Jesus' family. Luke was well aware that the Temple was considered God's dwelling place. So to call it his Father's house showed that Jesus was the Son of God. Like Jesus, we call God our father, and like Jesus, we are part of a larger family than the one we live with. But remember Jesus was 12 in this part of the gospel. So his duty to God included being obedient to his parents. We too have a tension between obedience to our parents and following God's call, a tension between taking care of our children and giving time to God's children in the church and the community. Let us ask God to help us appreciate what our family obligations really are.



Mission Statement of Our Lady of the Rosary

We, the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, are a pilgrim church. Under the mantle of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we grow as a people of God following Jesus, celebrating the Eucharist, living apostolic service, continuing faith formation and Marian devotions.

We strive to bring the joy of the gospel and imitate Jesus through compassion, mercy and love, especially for the poor and marginalized. We seek to be faithful stewards providing a heart and home for all.

Mass Times

Daily Mass

Monday to Saturday

7:30 am (live streamed)
& 12:00 pm

Saturday Vigil

5:30 pm

Sunday

7:30 am*, 9:00 am, 10:30
am* 12:00 pm (Italian)

*(live streamed)
5:30 pm (Latin)

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The Holy Family

OF JESUS, MARY,
AND JOSEPH

After three days Jesus' parents
found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and
asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

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Michelle Gutierrez
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Our Lady's Gifts

Schedule for
Christmas & New Years Week

Mon, Dec 20 to Thurs, Dec 23
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday
Dec 24 & Dec 30
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Mon, Dec 27 to Thurs, Dec 30
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Closed

Saturday, December 25 & Sunday, December 26
Saturday, January 1 & Sunday, January 2





*Thank you to everyone who gave the gift of the
Piazza View Nativity
this Christmas*



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from Vito & Shirley Altieri

In memory of
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John & Antoinette Canepa
from The Canepa Family

**SAINTS & SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES**

Dec 26: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph; St. Stephen

Dec 27:

Dec 28: The Holy Innocents

Dec 29: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

Dec 30: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Dec 31: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve; First Friday

Jan 1: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day; First Saturday



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
December 26 - January 2**

Sunday, December 27: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Monday, December 28: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18

Tuesday, December 29: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday, December 30: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday, December 31: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Friday, January 1: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday, January 2: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Sunday, January 3: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Mass Intentions

WEEK OF DECEMBER 26 - JANUARY 1

Sunday, December 26

7:30 am Madonna del Lume Society
9:00 am People of the Parish
10:30 am Emma Mercier † Joelle Berti
12:00 pm Pasquale Lo Coco Millie Mussomeli
5:30 pm Bill Redley † C. Martin

Monday, December 27

7:30 am Tevita Dauniban † Sibel Aydemir
12:00 pm Pasquale Lo Coco † Lia Lo Coco

Tuesday, December 28

7:30 am Roselyn LoCoco † Suli Crivello
Julie Olsen (Int) Michael & Sharon Hansen
12:00 pm Garnetta La More † C. Martin

Wednesday, December 29

7:30 am Pasquale Lo Coco † Suli Crivello
David Watson (Int) Michael & Sharon Watson
12:00 pm Aaron Funk † C. Martin

Thursday, December 30

7:30 am Brian Boyd (Int) Sharon Hansen
12:00 pm Roselyn Lo Coco † Joe & Angela Brunetto

Friday, December 31

7:30 am Erlinda Tobias (Int) Gilbert & Melissa Alcazar
12:00 pm Margarita Nguyen † Kevin Lee

Saturday, January 1

7:30 am Perpetual Membership Tevita Dauniban † Sibel Aydemir
12:00 pm Bob Warnes † C. Martin

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

December 26, 2021

Beloved, we are God's
children now; what we
shall be
has not yet been revealed.
— 1 John 3:2a



We consider Christmas as the
encounter, the great
encounter, the historical
encounter, the decisive
encounter, between God and
mankind. He who has faith
knows this truly; let him
rejoice."
-Pope Paul VI

Emmanuel: God is with Us

Could Tolstoy have gotten it wrong when he wrote that all happy families are alike and that unhappy families are each unhappy in their own way? It seems that the opposite is equally true. Because happy families foster the unique talents and interests of each member, each person shines according to their own lights. A happy family's faith, goals, and challenges will be uniquely their own. Unhappy families, on the other hand, might look very similar in their woundedness, their fears and confrontations, and their tendency to give negative interpretations to another's actions.

It is tempting to conclude that family life today is more problematic than ever. It might be reassuring to learn that the feast of the Holy Family was added to the Church's universal calendar because of Pope Leo XIII's concern for the state of family life—one hundred years ago! During this season of Christmas when families are everywhere, we welcome Emmanuel—the God who has pitched his tent among us.



The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – January 1

We celebrate the liturgical feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary on January 1st, which is the Octave of Christmas. Only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave, which is an eight day extension of the feast. The honoring of Mary as the Mother of God can be traced back to the Council of Ephesus in 431. By the 7th century, January 1st was observed as a celebration of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the 13th century, the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ had come to replace the feast honoring Mary; however in 1751, after a push in Portugal for an official feast day celebrating Mary's divine maternity, Pope Benedict XIV allowed Portugal's churches to devote a feast to Mary on the first Sunday in May. Eventually, the feast extended to other countries, and in 1914 began to be observed on October 11. In 1931, Pope Pius XI extended the feast to the entire church, and in 1974, Pope Paul VI removed the feast of the Circumcision of Christ from the liturgical calendar and replaced it with the feast of the "Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God", bringing Mary's feast day back to the first day of the year.


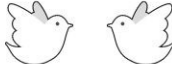






The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer". On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace". New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace", further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.

Written by Bill Chapman, The Holy Family Church, South Pasadena

12 Days of Christmas

When living the liturgical year, first comes the Advent season, then comes the Christmas season. For Catholics, Advent is a season for waiting and preparation. Christmas day starts the Christmas season, which isn't a day but actually continues. In fact, there are 12 whole days of Christmas, and they go all the way through the Epiphany! Sometimes the 12 days of Christmas are referred to as the 12 days of light, so candles and other light sources are often associated with these days. So here we go, how to celebrate the 12 days of Christmas with Catholic kids.

Have you heard of the symbols for the 12 days of Christmas that correlate with the popular song? It is said that starting in the 16th century in England Catholics were being persecuted and it was illegal to practice the faith. So the "12 days of Christmas" song was written as a secret code to help teach children their Catechism. I don't know if this is true or not, but I do think it's an awesome way to teach Catholic kids about the Catechism, so I am totally in! Here is a list of the Catholic symbols as they go with the 12 days of Christmas song. - Catholicicing.com written by Lacy

<p>1st Day of Christmas Partridge in a pear tree</p>  <p>Jesus on the Cross</p>	<p>2nd Day of Christmas Two turtle doves</p>  <p>The old & new testaments</p>	<p>3rd Day of Christmas Three French hens</p>  <p>The 3 theological virtues from 1 Corinthians 13:13- Faith, Hope, and Love</p>
<p>4th Day of Christmas Four calling birds</p>  <p>the 4 Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John</p>	<p>5th Day of Christmas Five golden rings</p>  <p>The Pentateuch (or first five books of the old Testament) Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy</p>	<p>6th Day of Christmas Six geese a laying</p>  <p>The 6 days of creation (before God rested)</p>
<p>7th Day of Christmas Seven swans a swimming</p>  <p>7 gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord)</p>	<p>8th Day of Christmas Eight maids a milking</p>  <p>8 beatitudes given to us by Jesus during his sermon on the mount.</p>	<p>9th Day of Christmas Nine ladies dancing</p>  <p>9 fruits of the spirit as listed in Galatians 5:22-23</p>
<p>10th Day of Christmas Ten lords a leaping</p>  <p>The 10 Commandments</p>	<p>11th Day of Christmas Eleven pipers piping</p>  <p>The 11 faithful apostles</p>	<p>12th Day of Christmas Twelve drummers drumming</p>  <p>The 12 points of faith from the Apostles' Creed</p>



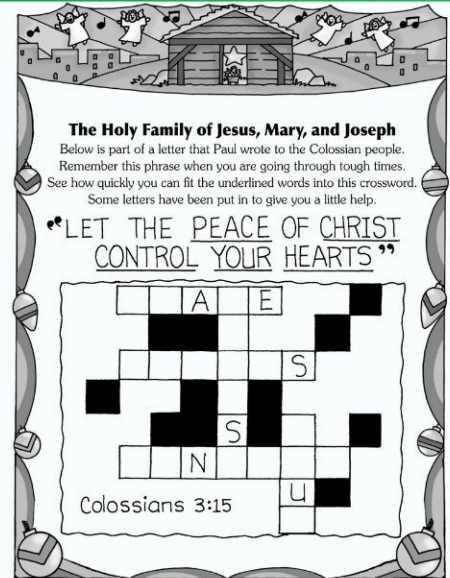
Origin of the word Christmas

The word for Christmas in late Old English is Cristes Maesse, the Mass of Christ, first found in 1038, and Cristes-messe, in 1131. In Dutch it is Kerstmis, in Latin Dies Natalis, whence comes the French Noël, and Italian Il natale; in German Weihnachtsfest, from the preceeding sacred vigil. The term Yule is of disputed origin. It is unconnected with any word meaning "wheel". The name in Anglo-Saxon was geol, feast: geola, the name of a month (cf. Icelandic iol a feast in December).



God's Word for Children

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Carole Oueijan
Trish Guidi
Vincent Coppola
Lisa Uribe
Luis Benitez
Rosie Stanley
Hector & Patricia Serano
Xavier Tan
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Luis Benitez, Jr.
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Giuseppe Scire-Cirene

CONFESSION

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
11:00 am to 11:30 am



Marriage Banns



January 22, 2022
Phillip Bonadonna &
Amanda Rodriguez



January 28, 2022
Andres Loera &
Cassidy Van Vooren



Did You Not Know?

A child's first words are usually a source of excitement and joy for family members. Today we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospel according to Luke. And they are challenging ones. "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" The words astounded, astonished, and great anxiety are used to describe Jesus' extended visit to the Temple. How familiar those emotions are to most parents! Had Jesus' parents forgotten the angel Gabriel's words or the prophecy of Simeon? In Luke's Gospel this passage foreshadows Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem where he will experience his own Passover and again be "lost" for three days. The story of Hannah in the first reading confirms the need and nature of trusting in God's activity in our lives. It seems clear that faithful attention to a family's spiritual life is no guarantee that life will be free from hardship.



We wish you and your family a happy,
healthy and very blessed

2022

From Fr. Joe, Fr. Louis, Fr. Albino,
Dcn. Stephen, Parish & Gift Shop Staff



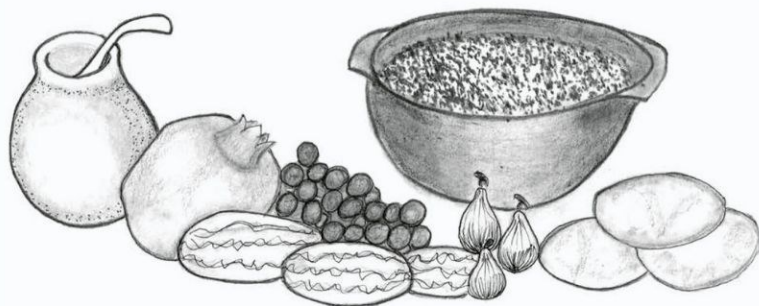
FOR WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We look to this family as a model for our own family to grow in holiness. Like your family, the Holy Family worked together, played together, and prayed together. They cooked and cleaned and ate meals together. But their meals were probably very different.

Bread was their most common food, but it probably was made from barley rather than wheat. Barley grew quickly and cost less to buy. For breakfast Mary might have served cheese and olives with the bread. At lunchtime the family would have had bread again but this time with fruit and grain. Dinner was the most important meal and would have included vegetables cooked into a stew and served in a common dish. Jesus probably used bread to scoop up the food, or even ate with his fingers. Only the rich ate meat regularly because it was very expensive.

What about dessert? There was no ice cream in this hot desert region. The family might have enjoyed sweet figs or dates or pomegranates. Water was very scarce in the Middle East so people drank goat's milk or wine—even the children.

Although the food you eat today might be very different from what Jesus ate, one thing about the meal is probably the same. Before the Holy Family ate together they always took a moment to thank God for the food they were about to eat. Maybe your family does the same.



Ask your family to plan a special meal on this Holy Family Sunday
or perhaps one day this week.
You might want to include some of the foods that Jesus shared with his family.
Be sure to thank God for your food, your family, and your faith.



The Angelus Prayer

V. The Angel of the Lord
declared to Mary:

R. And she conceived the power
of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord
is with thee; blessed art thou
among women and blessed is the
fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy
Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
sinners, now and at the hour of
our death. Amen.

V. Behold the handmaid of the
Lord:

R. Be it done unto me according
to Thy word.

Hail Mary...

V. And the Word was made
Flesh: (Kneel)

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of
God,

R. that we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee,
O Lord, Thy grace into our
hearts; that we, to whom the
incarnation of Christ, Thy Son,
was made known by the
message of an angel, may by
His Passion and Cross be
brought to the glory of His
Resurrection, through the
same Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

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