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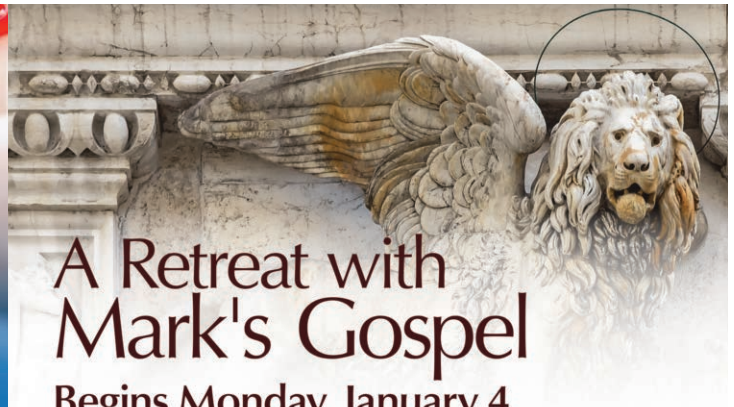
Tuesday, December 29  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Serra Center

*You can save a life!*

*Please know:*  
Only healthy people are encouraged to come give blood. In fact, donors must be feeling well and free of respiratory illness symptoms, including fever, to be eligible to donate.

We are checking donors' temperatures upon check-in and masks are required to be worn by all donors. We are using CDC guidelines for social distances at our donor centers and blood drives.

To schedule an appointment call (805) 543-4290 or visit [www.padreserra.org/news/blood-drive](http://www.padreserra.org/news/blood-drive)


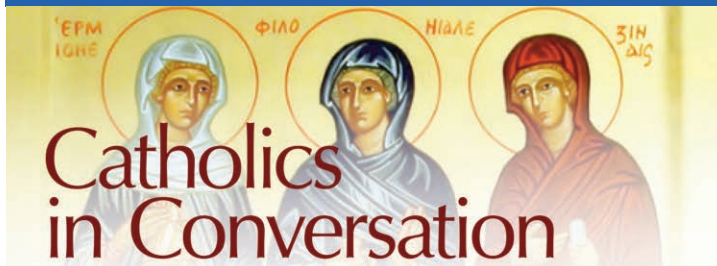
## A Retreat with Mark's Gospel

Begins Monday, January 4  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm, via Zoom

*Mark's Gospel presents a distinctive portrait of Jesus, emphasizing how Jesus is both the powerful Son of God and the suffering Son of Man. The Gospel of Mark also portrays Christ in action.*

*Combining prayerful reflection and careful biblical scholarship, this 16-week study will help us to grow ever more faithful in our own attempts to follow Jesus in our own lives.*

To participate:  
Rita DaCorsi, [ritadacorsi@yahoo.com](mailto:ritadacorsi@yahoo.com)


## Catholics in Conversation

Women Deacons: Past, Present & Future  
Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28  
7:00 pm, via Zoom

*Celebrate the New Year with a conversation from the comfort of your home reading, reflecting upon and discussing the women as deacons in the Catholic Church. The four conversations will provide a space for spiritual reflection on women's contributions. Reading material will be provided.*

For questions about this exciting look into the experiences of women and the possibility of new way of working as a Church community, contact Anne Hansen [ahansen47@gmail.com](mailto:ahansen47@gmail.com), (805)443-0812 or Teresa Runyon [teresa@padreserra.org](mailto:teresa@padreserra.org). (805) 482-6417

Register for Zoom: [www.padreserra.org/cic](http://www.padreserra.org/cic)




## New Year's Mass

### The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Friday, January 1  
10:00 am, online

*Begin the New Year celebrating Mass. It is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, the World Day of Peace, and the first day of New Year's resolutions. Visit [www.padreserra.org/mass](http://www.padreserra.org/mass)*





# Joy to the world

**GATHERING**

Joy to the World



1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let  
 2. Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let  
 3. No more let sin and sor - row grow, Nor  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And



earth re - ceive her king; Let ev - 'ry  
 us our songs em - ploy; While fields and  
 thorns in - fest the ground; He comes to  
 makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries



heart pre - pare him room And heav'n and na - ture  
 floods, rocks, hills and plains Re - peat the sound - ing  
 make his bless - ings flow Far as the curse is  
 of his right - eous - ness, And won - ders of his



sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And  
 joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -  
 found, Far as the curse is found, Far  
 love, And won - ders of his love, And



heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 as, far as the curse is found.  
 won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748  
 Tune: ANTIOCH, CM; arr. from George F. Handel, 1685-1759, in T. Hawkes' Collection of Tunes, 1833

## Glory to God

Jason Stoll

## REFRAIN:

Glo-ry to God in the high - est — Glo - ry — to — God —  
 Glo - ry to God in the High - est — and on earth, peace — to — peo -  
 - ple of — good will. —

## VERSE 1:

We praise You, — we bless you — we a-dore you — we glo-ri-fy you,  
 we give — you — thanks — for Your great glo - ry —  
 Lord God hea - ven - ly King O — God al - migh - ty Fa -  
 - ther Lord Je - sus — Christ — on - ly be - got - ten Son —  
 Lord - God Lamb of God Son of — the — Fa - ther

## VERSE 2:

You take aw-ay — the sins — of the world have mer - cy — on — us.  
 — You take a - way — the sins — of the world re - ceive our — prayer  
 — You are sea - ted at — the — right — hand — of the Fa -  
 - ther — have mer - cy — on us. —

## VERSE 3:

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One You a-lone are the Lord —  
 You a - lone are the Most — High Je - sus — Christ —  
 With the Ho - ly — Spir — it in the Glo-ry of God the — Fa -  
 - ther. —



**Reading 1**

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

**Reading 2**

Colossians 3:12-17

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:22, 39-40

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 128: O Blessed Are Those

Paul Inwood



O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!  
By the labor of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper.
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;  
you children like shoots of the olive around your table.
3. Indeed thus shall be blest all those who fear the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life!

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Let the *peace* of *Christ* control your hearts:  
Let the *word* of *Christ* dwell in you richly.

Colossians 3:15a, 16a

**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,*  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again  
from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the  
living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

"Jubilation Mass"

James Chepponis



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**INTERCESSION RESPONSE**

"Mass of the Father's Love"

Divinum Mysterium, arr. Carol Browning



Hear us Lord, O hear our prayer.

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**PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS****O Little Town of Bethlehem**

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;



1. A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
2. While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
3. So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
4. Cast out our sin and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



1. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light:
2. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3. No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin,
4. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



1. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
2. And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
3. Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
4. O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Text: 86 86 76 86; Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.

**EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS**

“Walking in the Air” Mass      Howard Blake, arr. Dominic MacAller & Dan Houze

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Lord God of



hosts. heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_ *Fine*

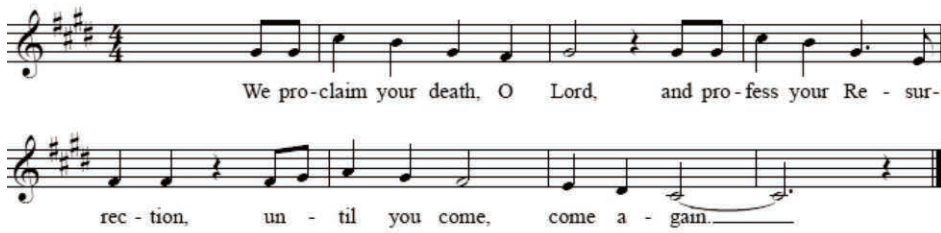


Bles - sed, \_\_\_\_\_ bles - sed is he,




he who comes in the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho

**Memorial Acclamation A**



We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Re-sur-  
rec-tion, un-til you come, come a-gain.

**Great Amen**



A - men, A - men, A - - -  
men. A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

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**Lamb of God**

Bob Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:  
1-2. have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.  
7 grant us peace, grant us peace.

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**Spiritual Communion**

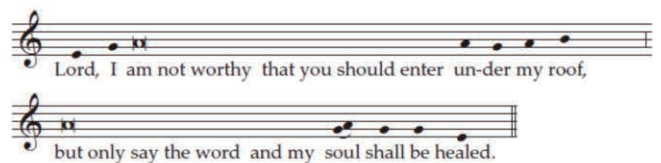
O God, you are my God,  
it is you I seek!  
For you my body yearns;  
for you my soul thirsts,  
in the land parched,  
lifeless and without water.  
I look to you in the sanctuary  
to see your power and glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips shall ever praise you.  
I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands,  
calling on your name.  
My soul shall be filled,  
as with choice food,  
with joyous lips my mouth  
shall praise you!  
I think of you upon my bed,  
I remember you through  
the watches of night.  
You indeed are my savior and,  
in the shadow of your wings,  
I shout for joy.  
My soul clings fast to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

*Psalms 63:2-9*



**Invitation to Communion**

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**ALL:** 

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter un-der my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## COMMUNION SONGS

## Child of the Poor

Scott Soper

(to be sung as the counter-melody with *What Child Is This*)

Verses

1. Help-less and hun-gry, low-ly he lies, wrapped in the  
2. Who is the strang-er here in our midst, look-ing for  
3. Bring all the thirst-y, all who seek peace; bring those with

1. chill of mid-win-ter; comes now a-mong us, born in-to  
2. shel-ter a-mong us? Who is the out-cast? Who do we  
3. noth-ing to of-fer. Strength-en the fee-ble, say to the

1. pov-er-ty's em-brace, new life for the world.  
2. see a-mid the poor, the chil-dren of God?  
3. fright-ened heart: "Fear not: here is your God!"

Refrain

Who is this who lives with the low-ly, shar-ing their sor-rows,  
know-ing their hun-ger? This is Christ, re-vealed to the  
world in the eyes of a child, a child of the poor.

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## What Child Is This?

Verses

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is  
2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are  
3. So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas-ant, king, to

1. sleep-ing? Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet, While  
2. feed-ing? Good Chris-tian, fear: for sin-ners here The  
3. own him; The King of kings sal-va-tion brings, Let

Refrain

1. shep-herds watch are keep-ing? This, this is Christ the  
2. si-lent Word is plead-ing.  
3. lov-ing hearts en-throne him.

King, Whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing; Haste,  
haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Ma-ry.

Text: 87 87 with refrain; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871; William C. Dix, 1837-1898. Music: Trad. English melody, 16th cent.; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.





**SENDING FORTH**

**Angels We Have Heard on High**



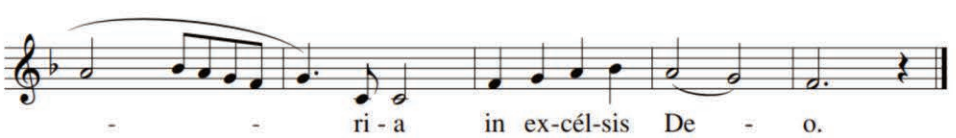
1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing  
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous  
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the  
 4. See him in a man - ger laid Whom the choirs of



o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply  
 strains pro - long? Say what may the tid - ings be  
 an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee  
 an - gels praise; Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid,



Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
 Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.  
 Christ the Lord, the new - born King.  
 While our hearts in love we raise.



Text: *Les anges dans nos campagnes*; French, c. 18th C.; tr. from *Crown of Jesus Music*, London, 1862  
 Tune: GLORIA, 7 7 7 7 with refrain; French traditional

## Merry Christmas (Still)!

Dear Faith Family,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas!

Do you know what is great about our Church? Although it may seem like Christmas ended on Friday night, our Church loves to celebrate Christmas for weeks, even after we've opened our presents and spent time with family. I know I probably write about this frequently, but it's a good reminder for myself as well.

If we believe in the life-changing fact that God became man for our eternal lives, we should extend the party even further! With such a huge event in our lives, it is worth taking time so reflect on the joy of the birth of our savior.

According to the liturgical calendar, Advent actually ends on Christmas Eve. But once that ends, we officially begin celebrating the Christmas season which ends with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which is usually the second Sunday of January.

If the calendar lays out this plan, how should we celebrate? That's where the beauty of this time really shines, because it is absolutely up to you!

Daily devotions? Sure! Giving yourself an extra deadline to deliver gifts to loved ones? Of course! Baking cookies in the shape of John the Baptist? Why not?! In whatever way you want to celebrate, feel free to do so. The goal is to hold onto the glory of the Incarnation beyond the scene of the Nativity. Joy should not be confined only within Christmas day. The birth of our Lord should encompass our lives every day of the year.

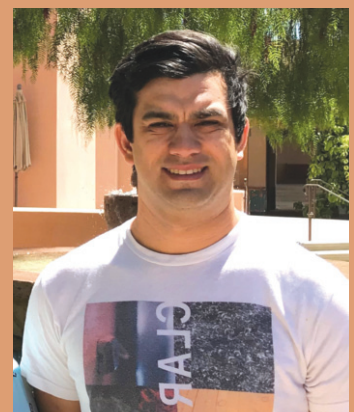
To be honest, this might be the year to really dive into the joy of our Savior. It's not a well kept secret, but this year has been difficult. Why not give ourselves a reason to pursue joy even further?

So I just want to say Merry Christmas to all of you! It may seem a couple days late, but in reality, it's only just begun.

God Bless,



Brett Becker  
Youth and Young Adult Minister



## Children

*12 months to Grade 8.*

### Little Church ~ January 10

Age 3 through kindergarten. Wishing you a Happy and Holy New Year, videos resume On January 10. Ms.Soraya is putting together a video for Little Church families. Children will have so much fun learning through Bible stories and songs. Spaces still available to join Little Church. To receive videos please contact [soraya@padreserra.org](mailto:soraya@padreserra.org)

### Spark! ~ January 4

Grades 1 to 5. Happy New Year! Sessions resume on January 4. Send your pictures in the largest size available to [photo@padreserra.org](mailto:photo@padreserra.org) or use #pspsparkathome and tag @padreserra on Instagram. Visit the gallery at [www.padreserra.org/spark-at-home](http://www.padreserra.org/spark-at-home)

### Three: Sixteen ~ January 6

Middle School Ministry. Happy New Year. Sessions resume on January 6. Send your pictures in the largest size available to [photo@padreserra.org](mailto:photo@padreserra.org)

### Online Mass Activities

Feast of the Holy Family (see page 13)

## High School

*Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome! [youth@padreserra.org](mailto:youth@padreserra.org)*

### 4:12

Join Brett and peer leaders for fun and fellowship via Zoom. Ask [brett@padreserra.org](mailto:brett@padreserra.org) to add you to our GroupMe to keep you updated.

### Confirmation Y1 ~ January 10

Happy New Year! Sessions resume on January 10. Please contact [youth@padreserra.org](mailto:youth@padreserra.org) for more information.

## Young Adults

*Everyone 18 to 39ish is welcome! [www.padreserra.org/young-adults](http://www.padreserra.org/young-adults)*

### Bible Study and More

We are gathering via Zoom twice a month on Thursdays, 7:00 to 9:00 pm until the current COVID-19 situation is resolved. We will be doing a Bible Study with some other activities mixed in. See our Instagram [@pspyoungadult](https://www.instagram.com/pspyoungadult) or Facebook [@PadreSerraYA](https://www.facebook.com/PadreSerraYA) for other events! For more information please contact [brett@padreserra.org](mailto:brett@padreserra.org)

## Youth Leadership

*Everyone 14 to 39ish is welcome!*

### Peer Leaders

Ask [brett@padreserra.org](mailto:brett@padreserra.org) to add you to our GroupMe to keep you updated. Peer leaders help engage our Confirmation candidates by acting as mentors and facilitators during our weekly Confirmation sessions, our annual retreats, and at 4:12 youth nights. If you are confirmed and are interested in joining our team contact [youth@padreserra.org](mailto:youth@padreserra.org)

## Adults

### Men's Ministry December 30

*Illuman* is a ministry for men, by men, to honor the uniqueness of male spirituality. Bimonthly group gatherings are designed to help guys become better, more authentic men. 7:00 pm online. Contact Dave [dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com](mailto:dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com)

### Living Liturgy Bible Study

Dr. Paul Ford offers a weekly reflection and study of the upcoming Sunday scriptures so we can better understand the good news message of Jesus Christ and how He is present in our lives. Until we can meet in person again, he will email a pre-recorded lesson each week or access them on our [website](#).

### Los Angeles Congress ~ February 2021

Congress is going virtual, February 19 - 21. For \$35, you will experience keynote presenters, dynamic workshops, entertainment, intercultural prayer experiences, and more ... all from the comfort of your home. Registration is now open: [recongress.org](http://recongress.org)

### The University Series ~ Begins February 18

This 5-week Lenten adult formation series is going virtual. Some of your favorite presenters, relevant faith topics, and quality learning ... all from the comfort and safety of your own home. Fr. Patrick is presenting a series on scripture, so be sure to watch for details.

## In the Community

### Virtual Nun Run ~ January 30 - February 6

The Sisters of Notre Dame annual fundraiser will be a virtual run from California to Rome! You can join the hybrid event to walk/run the entire distance, every mile counts towards our goal. Choose to run/walk one day or add your miles from multiple days to help us get enough miles to get to Rome. [Learn more/register today](#).

## Becoming Catholic

### New Year's Resolutions

Have you or someone you know been thinking about joining the Catholic Church but not yet taken that next step to inquire? Make it one of your New Year's resolutions! For more information please contact Catherine at (805) 482-6417 x331 or [catherine@padreserra.org](mailto:catherine@padreserra.org)

## Other Notes



*May this year 2021 bring with it beautiful and lovely. Have a wonderful New Year!*

### Office Closed for the Holiday!

Monday, December 28

Thursday, December 31 at noon

Friday, January 1

### Watch! New Webpage

We record our events, workshops, and presentations as often as we can. Please share with others. Visit [www.padreserra.org/watch](http://www.padreserra.org/watch)

## Faith Sharing Question

*Reflection questions for every gathering around any table*

### Luke 2:22-40 ~ Jesus' consolation

In today's gospel, we hear the promised Messiah referred to as "the consolation of Israel." How have you, do you, experience Jesus as consolation and comfort? How might you be a consolation to your family and friends right now?

## Prayer Life

### Pray for Our Sick

Casey Allen, Lisa Alonzo, Kathy Berru, Karen Bonelli, Shirley Brown, Michele Burger, Lynette Burns, Katie Ceurvorst, Bette Church, Brian Church, Tom Church, Thomas Collins, Lori Conley, Baby Wyatt Davis, Dora Doles, Kalei Durand, Noelani Durand, Joe Flores, Chella Freeberg, Sharon Garcia, Tawfik Haddád, Jerry Hanlon, Tish Hearne, Stephanie Hooper, Mary Hopple, Mary Ann Kratochvil, Barbara Layton, Rosemary Maldonado, Glenn Mingay, Frances Mullen, Jeff Paoella, Lou Ann Paoella, Delia Quintana, Jesse Ramirez, Lolita Reyes, Connie Rigney, Mike Robles, Joseph Scordamaglia, Eugene Singer, Jackson Soyster, baby Penelope Swartz, Francisco Tapia, Sara Tapia, Larry Thibault, Linda Vesey and Tom Vesey. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

### Remember Our Dead

*Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently:*

Liesa Comeau, RIP

Beloved sister of Judy Miller

Richard Del Giorno, RIP

Art Hernandez, RIP

Joan Frechetti, RIP

Thomas McCarty, RIP

Luz Villarama, RIP

Beloved mother of Marlon Villarama

*May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.*

### Prayer Opportunities

Daily Readings: [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org)

Parish Book of Intentions: [www.padreserra.org/intentions](http://www.padreserra.org/intentions)

Prayer Chain: Prayers anytime

Shirley (805) 482-2617 [brownshehorn@gmail.com](mailto:brownshehorn@gmail.com)

or visit [www.padreserra.org/prayer-requests](http://www.padreserra.org/prayer-requests)

Stations of the Cross: [www.padreserra.org/stations](http://www.padreserra.org/stations)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: [www.padreserra.org/news/olph](http://www.padreserra.org/news/olph)

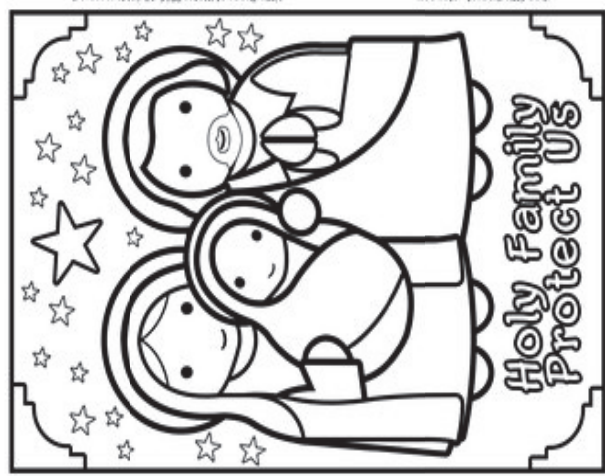
Blessed Sacrament Chapel: [www.padreserra.org/prayer](http://www.padreserra.org/prayer)

## Giving

### Stewardship Means Sharing

Give God the first serving, the first portion of our gifts. Giving is not based on the church's need, but on our need to give back to God as a way to say 'thank you.' *"It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith not only with words but with our actions"* - Pope Francis

**Feast of the Holy Family**  
**Nourishing the Spirituality & Well-Being of Our Families**  
 Sunday, December 27, 2020



**Create Your Own Holy Family Prayer**

Color the beautiful image of the Holy Family and reflect on how you can make space for Mary, Joseph and Jesus at your home especially if you are feeling overwhelmed by the pandemic.

**WRITE YOUR OWN PRAYER:** End your prayer with these words:

*Holy Family, protect us and guide our way.  
 Please be with us everyday.*

With your family say the prayer together.



**Holy Family Fill-in the Blank**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ includes Mary, Joseph and Jesus.
2. It is important to nourish our \_\_\_\_\_ for our well-being during this pandemic.
3. Our homes and families are considered the \_\_\_\_\_ Church.
4. We are called to \_\_\_\_\_ our families.
5. The Holy Family is a great \_\_\_\_\_ for our lives and to live by with our families.
6. Honor your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The Feast of the Holy Family is typically falls **after the week** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Feast of the Holy Family**

The Feast of the Holy Family, usually celebrated on the Sunday following Christmas, marks a time to honor Mary, Joseph and Jesus. It is also an occasion to consider the holiness inherent in domestic church. Jesus was born into a family who nurtured, protected, taught, and raised him to adulthood. Mary and Joseph are there to model what it means to live by faith and trust in God through difficult times. They journeyed through tough terrain to avoid the persecution of their baby, Jesus Christ, and protect him. Similarly, we place our faith in God to journey with us as we navigate this pandemic and nurture our spirituality and well-being.

**Amen**

**Activities to Do As a Family**

- ☒ Use the Feast of the Holy Family (December 27) to plan a family date. Discuss what makes your family "holy" and what you each admire about the Holy Family.
- ☒ Look for ways to extend Christmas charity to families in need through programs/ministries that provide resources and services especially during this time.
- ☒ Spend some time with God and tell Him your fears during this pandemic and then ask Him to calm your fears and know he is with you.
- ☒ Attend Sunday Mass (Virtually/In-Person) to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family and embrace this special day.
- ☒ Reflect on Sunday's Scriptures readings as a family in your home or nature and how what they speak to your heart to stay grounded.

**Holy Family Sunday Readings**

- Reading 1**  
 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
- Responsorial Psalm**  
 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
- Reading 2**  
 Col 3:12-21
- Gospel**  
 Lk 2:22-40

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