



AND HIS MOTHER KEPT ALL THESE THINGS IN HER  
HEART. - LK 2:51

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THE HOLY FAMILY

SU MADRE CONSERVABA EN SU CORAZÓN TODAS  
AQUELLAS COSAS. - LC 2, 52

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LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

## *Feast of the Holy Family*

*“.....families are not a problem; they are first and foremost an opportunity”*  
*Amoris Laetitia #7, Pope Francis*

An important and basic assumption in Catholic Social Teaching is the good of the family. The family demonstrates the experience of the love of God and contributes to the well being of society. All institutions are challenged to promote the dignity and importance of the family. All efforts to promote justice should result in enhancing the quality of family life (i.e. employment, housing, health, education). The good of a society is measured by its promotion of family life.

Every year, on the Sunday after Christmas, we remember the Holy Family. We recall that Jesus was born in very difficult circumstances. Mary and Joseph were complying with the census of the Roman Empire. They were on the road and they could not find any place to stay. Jesus was born in a stable. There were threats on the life of Jesus. I would suspect that in the social circles of Mary and Joseph the pregnancy of Mary was a source of gossip. Mary was confronted with the prospect of great sorrow on hearing the words of Simeon and Anna when Jesus was presented in the temple. In this Sunday's Gospel we hear the story of finding Jesus in the temple as a glimpse of dealing with Jesus, beginning to declare that he was the Messiah. The story resembles a typical clash of understandings and expectations in family life.

The stories of the events of the birth of Jesus and his growing up teach us that the Holy Family experienced challenges as every family experiences challenges. These events remind us that Jesus shared in our human condition. In doing so we appreciate that the human condition is holy. God planned that Jesus was born in humble, struggling circumstances, and not in a palace with servants at his beck and call. I think that this teaches us about the sacredness of the struggle. Our life is sacred because in our struggle we love and support one another. We grow when we continually are mindful of the needs of one another, and we sacrifice to care and support one another. Following the teaching of Pope Francis, family life can be the opportunity to encounter God as we seek to deal with the day to day crisis and build a community of understanding and trust.

There are many who say that we live in a time when challenges to family life are unprecedented. Many social commentators will say our tendency toward narcissism makes family life all the more challenging. However, if we look at family life as an opportunity and the essence of family life is self giving love, family life can be instrumental in transforming our society and the world. If we continue, for example, to have reverence and respect for one another, put our material aspirations in check, and discipline our use of electronic media, we can demonstrate to the world the power of the example of the Holy Family.

..... a word about New Year

The coming of the New Year gives us an opportunity for sincere and heartfelt prayer. The Covid 19 Virus and our general social unrest made 2021 a challenging time. Many of us experienced personal difficulty and sickness this past year. We may look forward to better year. We pray that we may also do our part to making the world a better place. Perhaps we can be more attentive to the teachings of the Gospel and a better effort to commit our selves for the well being of our family and our parish community. May you and your family have a blest 2022.

Fr. Larry



**Monday, December 27, 2021**  
 9:00 am Food Pantry  
**Tuesday, December 28, 2021**  
 6:30 am Prayer Group  
**Wednesday, December 29, 2021**  
**Thursday, December 30, 2021**  
 6:00 pm Encuentros  
**Friday, December 31, 2021**  
**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

# Prayer REQUESTS

Deacon Jim  
 Benjamin Mendoza  
 Francisco Mendoza  
 Maria Eugenia Mendoza  
 Brother Ed  
 Amy Avalos

# MASST INTENTIONS

**Sunday, December 26, 2021**  
 8:00 am + JoAnna Eich  
 10:00 am + Bertha Zepeda  
 + Elida Vargas  
 12:00pm Burgess & Buss Families  
 2:00 pm Familia Flores Martinez  
 + Guadalupe Flores  
 + Jose Angel Vargas  
 6:00 pm + Elvira Pizano  
 + Jesus Nunez  
**Monday, December 27, 2021**  
 8:30 am + Isabel Moreno  
**Tuesday, December 28, 2021**  
 8:30 am + Inocencia Ayala  
**Wednesday, December 29, 2021**  
 8:30 am  
**Thursday, December 30, 2021**  
 9:00am + Venancio Mendez  
**Friday, December 31, 2021**  
 4:00pm  
 7:00pm  
**Sunday, January 2, 2022**  
 8:00 am + JoAnna Eich  
 10:00 am + Pedro & Maria Barrios  
 Aniversario de Bodas  
 12:00pm Deceased Food Pantry Workers  
 2:00 pm Edgar Ruiz Flores \*Cumpleaños\*  
 + Guadalupe Martinez  
 + Francisca Martinez  
 6:00 pm + Pedro Garcia

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Feast Sunday, 26 December 2021

**Family Life.** Even the pre-teen Jesus astonishes and worries his parents as they fret over their child! Those of us who are parents know this stress. But all of us, even us aged ones, are still children of God, dearly loved and called to be obedient.

How will I obey God this day?  
 What commandment will I keep?  
 What mercy work will I do?

## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, December 30th and Friday, December 31st due to the New Year

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el jueves 30 de diciembre y el viernes 31 de diciembre debido al Año Nuevo.

### ADVENT SCHEDULE CALENDARIO de ADVIENTO

**December 31 Solemnity of Mary (vigil)**  
 4:00pm Mass (English)  
 7:00pm Misa (Español)

**January 1, 2022 Solemnidad de María**  
 11:00am Mass (Bilingual)

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## *Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia*

*“..... las familias no son un problema; son ante todo una oportunidad”  
Amoris Laetitia # 7, Papa Francisco*

Un supuesto importante y básico en la Doctrina Social Católica es el bien de la familia. La familia demuestra la experiencia del amor de Dios y contribuye al bienestar de la sociedad. Todas las instituciones tienen el desafío de promover la dignidad y la importancia de la familia. Todos los esfuerzos para promover la justicia deben tener como resultado mejorar la calidad de la vida familiar (es decir, empleo, vivienda, salud, educación). El bien de una sociedad se mide por la promoción de la vida familiar.

Todos los años, el domingo después de Navidad, recordamos la Sagrada Familia. Recordamos que Jesús nació en circunstancias muy difíciles. María y José estaban cumpliendo con el censo del Imperio Romano. Estaban en el camino y no pudieron encontrar ningún lugar para quedarse. Jesús nació en un establo. Hubo amenazas contra la vida de Jesús. Sospecho que en los círculos sociales de María y José el embarazo de María fue fuente de chismes. María se enfrentó a la perspectiva de un gran dolor al escuchar las palabras de Simeón y Ana cuando Jesús fue presentado en el templo. En el evangelio de este domingo escuchamos la historia de encontrar a Jesús en el templo como un destello del trato con Jesús, comenzando a declarar que él era el Mesías. La historia se asemeja a un choque típico de entendimientos y expectativas en la vida familiar.

Las historias de los eventos del nacimiento de Jesús y su crecimiento nos enseñan que la Sagrada Familia experimentó desafíos como cada familia experimenta desafíos. Estos eventos nos recuerdan que Jesús participó en nuestra condición humana. Al hacerlo, apreciamos que la condición humana es santa. Dios planeó que Jesús naciera en circunstancias humildes y de lucha, y no en un palacio con sirvientes a su entera disposición. Creo que esto nos enseña sobre el carácter sagrado de la vida. Nuestra vida es sagrada porque en nuestra lucha nos amamos y apoyamos unos a otros. Crecemos cuando continuamente somos conscientes de las necesidades de los demás y nos sacrificamos para cuidarnos y apoyarnos mutuamente. Siguiendo las enseñanzas del Papa Francisco, la vida familiar puede ser la oportunidad de encontrarnos con Dios mientras buscamos lidiar con la crisis del día a día y construir una comunidad de comprensión y confianza.

Son muchos los que dicen que vivimos en una época en la que los desafíos a la vida familiar no tienen precedentes. Muchos comentaristas sociales dirán que nuestra tendencia hacia el narcisismo hace que la vida familiar sea aún más desafiante. Sin embargo, si vemos la vida familiar como una oportunidad y la esencia de la vida familiar es el amor propio, la vida familiar puede ser fundamental para transformar nuestra sociedad y el mundo. Si continuamos, por ejemplo, teniendo reverencia y respeto por los demás, si ponemos a raya nuestras aspiraciones materiales y disciplinamos el uso de los medios electrónicos, podremos demostrarle al mundo el poder del ejemplo de la Sagrada Familia.

..... unas palabras sobre el año nuevo

La llegada del Año Nuevo nos brinda la oportunidad de orar sinceramente y de corazón. El virus Covid 19 y nuestro malestar social en general hicieron de 2021 un momento desafiante. Muchos de nosotros experimentamos dificultades y enfermedades personales el año pasado. Podemos esperar un año mejor. Oramos para que también podamos hacer nuestra parte para hacer del mundo un lugar mejor. Quizás podamos estar más atentos a las enseñanzas del Evangelio y un mejor esfuerzo para comprometernos por el bienestar de nuestra familia y nuestra comunidad parroquial. Que usted y su familia tengan un feliz 2022.

Padre Larry



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a *blessed*  
**New Year**

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