

# Holy Family

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



### Office Hours

Monday ~ Thursday 8am to 3pm  
Closed Fridays

### Parish Office Closed

December 31st, 2021  
Parish Office will resume on  
Monday, January 3rd, 2022

### Saturday Masses

7:30am ~ English Mass  
4:00pm ~ English Mass

### Sunday Masses

8am & 12Noon English  
10am, 2pm & 5pm Spanish

### Daily Masses

7:30am Mondays through Saturdays  
Thursdays Spanish Mass

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
After morning Mass until 2pm

### English & Spanish Confessions

Saturdays 8am-10am

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December 26th, 2021



## THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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# Mass Intentions

## Sunday, December 26th

8:00am Christmas Novena  
 10:00am Patricio Valdez Flores +  
 12Noon Pro-Populo  
 2:00pm Christmas Novena  
 5:00pm Multiple Intention  
 Arturo Zepeda +  
 Luis Sandoval +

## Monday, December 27th

7:30am Christmas Novena

## Tuesday, December 28th

7:30am Christmas Novena

## Wednesday, December 29th

7:30am Christmas Novena

## Thursday, December 30th

7:30am Christmas Novena

## Friday, December 31st

7:30am Christmas Novena

## Saturday, January 1st Mother of God (NO 7:30am Mass)

10:00am Christmas Novena  
 1:00pm Rafael Angel Valdez, Sp. Intention  
 4:00pm Tony & Nilda Bernadas, Sp. Intention

## Sunday, January 2nd

8:00am Multiple Intention  
 Jesus Flores +  
 Olga Jimenez +  
 10:00am Pro-Populo  
 12Noon Christmas Novena  
 2:00pm Rafaela Serrato +  
 5:00pm Dario Castro +

# This Week

Sun. December 26 3:00pm Ruah  
 Mon. December 27 No Activities  
 Tue. December 28 No Activities  
 Wed. December 29 No Activities  
 Thu. December 30 No Activities  
 Fri. December 31 No Activities  
 Sat. January 1 10:00am English Mass  
 1:00pm Spanish Mass  
 Sun. January 2 3:00pm Ruah

Immaculate Conception  
December 8th, 2021  
\$ 4,389.00



Sunday Collection  
December 11th & 12th, 2021  
\$ 12,578.00

4pm - \$1,686.00~ 8am - \$2,944.00  
 10am - \$2,468.00 ~ 12pm - \$1,693.00  
 2pm - \$2,234.00~ 5pm - \$1,553.00

Mañanitas/5:30am Mass  
December 12th, 2021  
\$ 3,202.00

Due to early publication of  
 our bulletins, collection figures of  
 December 18th and 19th, 2021  
 Will be featured in a future bulletin.

CSA Update:  
Goal ~ \$93,552.00  
376 Families Pledged ~ \$104,797.00  
Received to date ~ \$93,078.50  
We owe ~ \$473.50

Thank you for your contributions

Happy New Year to all from  
 the staff of Holy Family!



Fr. Steve, Fr. Tony, Magnus, Patti,  
 Esmeralda, Vicky, Lucy, Gustavo,  
 Karla, Connie, Ken and Thomas



Dear Parishioners,

It seems like we were just in Mass yesterday or Friday for Christmas or Christmas Eve, and now we are back today to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. What is up with that? The feast of the Holy Family falls on the first Sunday after Christmas during the Octave (or eight days) of Christmas. This year the Sunday falls on December 26<sup>th</sup>, and therefore the feast (my feast day) of St. Stephen is not celebrated. Next Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany or Three Kings (which is normally celebrated on January 6<sup>th</sup>), and on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord that ends the Christmas season.

On behalf of Father Tony and me we extend Christmas blessings on all families. We pray that Christmas was a time that you were able to celebrate with your family and friends, but we are also aware of many who celebrated Christmas with a sense of loss due to the death of a loved one or not being able to be with family and friends. We wanted to wish you God's blessings upon all, especially during these uncertain times.

We wanted to thank all who helped make the La Posadas and the Christmas celebrations beautiful. Thank you for those who decorated the church and chapel, those who served from the altar servers, to lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, ushers, sacristans, and choirs. Without your help, the celebrations would not have been as wonderful as they were. But most importantly, we want to thank all of the parishioners who attended Mass and support Holy Family. Without your presence, there would be no reason to celebrate Mass. Thank you.

This coming week we celebrate the feasts of St. John the Apostle, The Holy Innocents, and next Saturday, New Year's Day and Mary the Mother of God (the end of the Octave of Christmas). As we approach the end of a new year and the beginning of a new year, we reflect on the past year and make resolutions for a new year. As we reflect back and look forward, how have you grown in your relationship with God and others? Where do we need to grow in our faith? How can I worship God better?

Today we pass out calendars for the New Year and we also say goodbye to Magnus Igbokwe, our seminarian, who will be moving on to another assignment starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. We wish Magnus good luck. Stop by after Mass and send your greetings with him.

I pray that the Light of Christ will continue to bless you and your families as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. May Jesus, Mary and Joseph be a model and guide to bless and strengthen your families! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Steve Hoffer  
Pastor of Holy Family

Queridos Parroquianos,

Parece que ayer estábamos en Misa o el viernes por Navidad o Nochebuena, y ahora estamos de regreso hoy para celebrar la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia. ¿Qué pasa con eso? La Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia cae el Primer Domingo después de Navidad durante La Octava (u ocho días) de Navidad. Este año el domingo cae el 26 de diciembre y, por lo tanto, no se celebra la fiesta (mi fiesta) de San Esteban. El próximo domingo 2 de enero celebramos la Fiesta de la Epifanía o Reyes Magos (Que normalmente se celebra el 6 de enero), y el domingo 9 de enero celebraremos la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor que cierra la temporada navideña.

En nombre del padre Tony y de mi parte extendemos las bendiciones de Navidad a todas las familias. Oramos para que la Navidad sea una época que hayas podido celebrar con tu familia y amigos, pero también somos conscientes de muchos que celebraron la Navidad con una sensación de pérdida por la muerte de un ser querido o por no poder estar con la familia y amigos. Queremos desearle las bendiciones de Dios para todos, especialmente durante estos tiempos de incertidumbre.

Queremos agradecer a todos los que ayudaron a hacer hermosas Las Posadas y las Celebraciones Navideñas. Gracias a quienes decoraron la Iglesia y Capilla, quienes sirvieron, desde los monaguillos, Lectores, Ministros Extraordinarios de Comunión, Ujieres, Sacristanes y Coros. Sin su ayuda, las celebraciones no hubieran sido tan maravillosas como lo fueron. Pero lo más importante, queremos agradecer a todos los feligreses que asistieron a Misa y apoyan a la Sagrada Familia. Sin su presencia, no habría motivo para celebrar Misa. Gracias.

La semana que viene celebramos las fiestas de San Juan Apóstol, Los Santos Inocentes y el próximo sábado, el día de Año Nuevo y María la Madre de Dios (el final de la Octava de Navidad). A medida que nos acercamos al final de este año y al inicio de un nuevo año, reflexionamos sobre el año pasado y hacemos resoluciones para un nuevo año. Mientras reflexionamos y miramos hacia adelante, ¿Cómo ha crecido en su relación con Dios y con los demás? ¿Dónde necesitamos crecer en nuestra fe? ¿Cómo puedo adorar mejor a Dios?

Hoy repartimos calendarios para el Año Nuevo y también nos despedimos de Magnus Igbokwe, nuestro seminarista, que pasará a otra asignación a partir del 1 de enero. Le deseamos buena suerte a Magnus. Pasa después de la Misa y dale tus saludos a él.

Oro para que la Luz de Cristo continúe bendiciéndolos a ustedes y a sus familias mientras celebramos la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia. ¡Que Jesús, María y José sean un modelo y guía para bendecir y fortalecer a sus familias! ¡Feliz navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo!

Sinceramente de ustedes en Cristo,

Padre Steve Hoffer  
Párroco de Holy Family

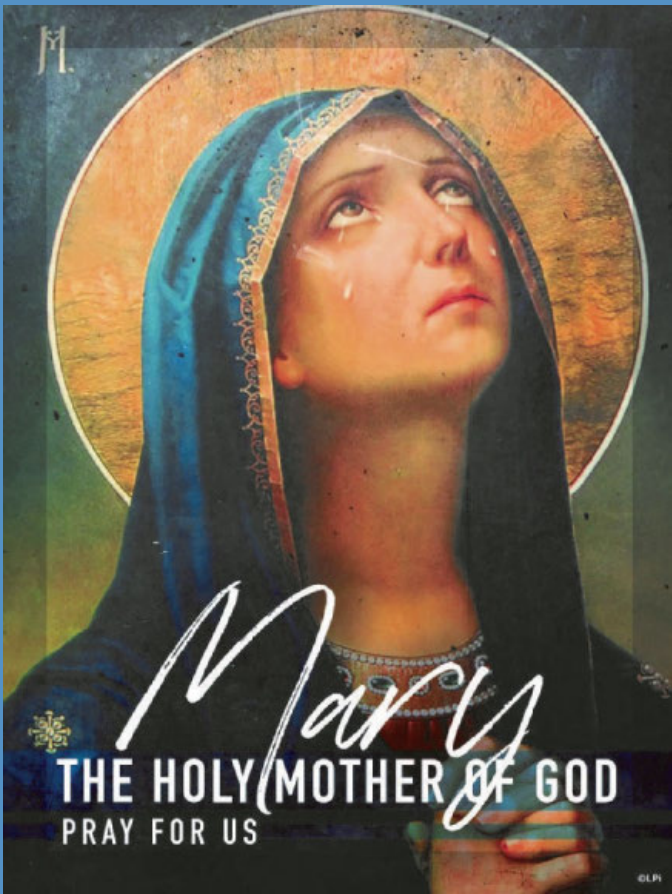


# Mother of God

Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

10:00am ~ Mass (English)

1:00pm ~ Mass (Spanish)



**Congratulations to the winners of  
Guadalupe Raffle!**

**1st Place ~ \$ 1,000.00  
Anita Mathieu**

**2nd Place ~ \$ 500.00  
Hector Salazar**

**3rd place ~ \$ 300.00  
Juan Cuellar-Morones**



**DON'T FORGET**

## 2022 Activity Sheets

If you have not submitted an activity sheet please pick one up in the Parish Office. Please turn in as soon as possible to better assist you with the date and time for meetings, prayer group or other special events etc. **Activity sheets are needed for all events.**

Activity sheets must include date, time and anything that is related to event prep.

Most weekend are already reserved, please submit yours as soon as possible.

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Si no ha llenado una hoja de actividades, obtenga una en la Oficina de la Parroquia. Por favor entregue lo mas pronto posible para asistirlo mejor con la fecha y hora de las reuniones, grupo de oracion o otr o eventos especiales, etc. **Se necesita hoja de actividades para todos los eventos.** Las hojas de actividades deben incluir fecha, hora y todo lo relacionado con la preparaci3n del evento. La mayor3a de los fines de semana ya est3n reservados, env3e los suyos lo antes posible.

Si no ha completado uno, no estara en el Calendario Parroquial.

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

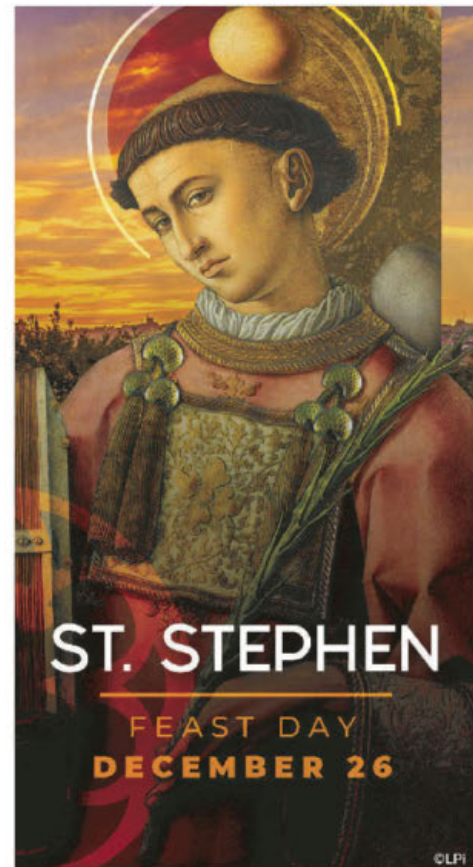
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
- Monday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tuesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Saturday:** New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
- Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD."  
(1 Sm 1:27-28)



## PSALM

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)



## SECOND READING

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)



## GOSPEL

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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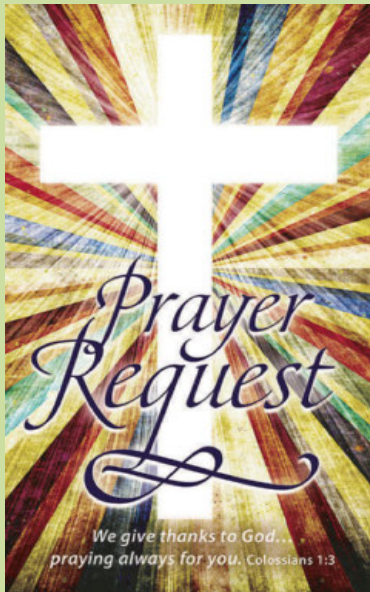
## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.



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Por favor recuerda Holy Family todavía debe pagar sus cuentas. Puedes traer tu donación semanal a la oficina cuando estamos abiertos, de Lunes a Jueves de 8am a 3pm poner en la ranura de correo si estamos cerrados, o enviar por correo a la oficina parroquial. También se pueden hacer contribuciones electrónicamente puede acceder al sitio web en Facebook (Iglesia Católica de la Sagrada Familia) o visite [www.holyfamilylv.org](http://www.holyfamilylv.org)  
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**Why Register to the Parish?**



Why is it so important that we register in a parish?  
 Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. Often people attend Mass at a parish for months or sometimes years, but never officially register. Registering at Holy Family is the expression of your commitment to being part of our parish community. Being a registered parishioner also makes the process much simpler when it is time for receiving sacraments, registering for faith formation (religious education), sponsoring a sacrament recipient and even planning funerals. We are often asked to provide affidavits for baptism and confirmation sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. So, are you a registered parishioner? If not, please register.

Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the Church.

*(Young adults 18 and over, living in their parent's household should be registered separately. This is especially IMPORTANT for marriage and baptism preparation.)*



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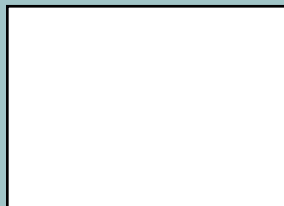

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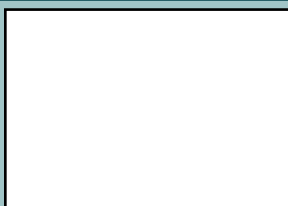
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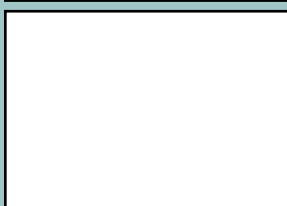
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