



# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

## DECEMBER 2022 BULLETIN

### CHALLENGE FOR DECEMBER

Last year at this time, the challenge for that December was to determine which stories typically found in nativity plays were scripturally true (such as shepherds being told where the baby Jesus could be found) and stories that were merely legend (such as “three kings” visiting the baby in the stable). This year’s December challenge asks you to think about which nativity story is your favorite. Which one from Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John? [See pg. 7 for some insights on all the Gospel Christmas stories.](#)

### HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

*May God bless each family present and bless our entire Holy Family Parish. Make it like the family of your Son. May our moments of sorrow give way to the seasons of joy. May the memory of harsh words fade before the warmth of a loving touch. May the tears of sorrow be replaced by the music of laughter. May resentment be banished from our families. And may forgiveness reign in our hearts today and everyday. Amen.*

### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

In your daily devotions, we ask that you pray for all the sick members of our parish as you pray for your own loved ones. Please let Father Fred know of any special needs or intentions for his prayers. Here is a possible prayer for you to recite during December for those who are sick:

*Dear God, I am so grateful for the people You have sent to me. They are wonderful friends and family. I pray that You will watch over them all. Heal them from illnesses and infirmities. Protect them from injuries. Help them regain their strength and health as necessary. I pray that You will bless family and friends. Bless their hearts that they will not be burdened with anxiety, fear, and sorrow. Bless their minds. Help them think clearly with hope. I pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

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## Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Friday: 8:30 AM

Saturday: 5:15 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Every 3rd Sunday @ 11:30 AM - Youth Mass

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Knights of Columbus – Grand Knight John Fahey

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## Sacraments / Sacramentals

Marriage Prep (6 month notice please) - Fr. Fred

Baptism Prep (3 month notice) - Deacon Victor

Reconciliation - See Fr. Fred after Mass

Quinceañera Celebration - Call Office Secretary

Sacrament of Anointing - Contact Fr. Fred

Blessings - Contact Fr. Fred



**Holy Family Catholic Church**

**American Canyon, CA**

# MONTHLY CALENDAR

- Nov. 27 - 4 weeks of Advent begin
- Dec. 2 - Vespers (evening prayer) 5:00pm.  
See explanation below.
- Dec. 3 - Children's Rosary 2:00 pm in church.  
Children and parents invited.
- Dec. 3 - Global Holiday Faire - see pg 6 for info.
- Dec. 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Mass at 8:30 am
- Dec. 9 - Vespers (evening prayer) 5:00pm
- Dec. X - No Men's Club meeting this month.
- Dec. 10/11 - Special offering for the retirement  
fund for women religious.
- Dec. 15 - Women's Club Christmas dinner 6pm -  
contact Liz or Nancy for full details, or  
call or text to 707-246-2212.
- Dec. 16 - Vespers (evening prayer) 5:00pm
- Dec. 17 - MFC Christmas party at St. Basil's -  
contact Frank Lee for details.
- Dec. 17/18 - Special collection to help payoff  
the church loan.
- Dec. XX - No Pastoral Council Meeting nor Fi-  
nance Committee Meeting in December.
- Dec. 23 - Vespers (evening prayer) 5:00pm
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass TBA - stay tuned  
for fliers, web site, and push notices.
- Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Masses TBA - watch for  
fliers, web site info and push notices.
- Dec. 31 / Jan. 1 - Mass schedule for that week-  
end will be published at a later time.

## VESPERS

Vespers are a traditional evening prayer based on the psalms. Deacon Mike will be conducting vespers (the word comes from the Latin word for "evening") each Friday in Advent at 5:00pm in church. ALL are invited to come and pray at any or all of the sessions. Take the accompanying flier home as a reminder.

## STEWARDSHIP

### OCTOBER PARISH FINANCIAL STATUS

- Church Income = \$30,300  
(all Masses and e-giving)
- Church Expenses = \$26,100  
(payroll, utilities, insurance, rectory, etc.)
- Pay-off Loan Income = \$23,400
- Pay-off Loan Expenses = \$20,600  
(Mortgage payment, interest)

**Thank you all for your continued generosity.**  
*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have."  
 - Hebrews 13:16*

# FATHER FRED'S CORNER

Our Pastor, Father Kutubebi, will be returning from Ghana in early December and will be with us during the holiday season. During his absence, we have had the pleasure of **Father Bala Putchakayala**, MSFS, being the celebrant for our Masses. Father Bala is a member of the order of the Missionaries of Saint Francis de Sales. He is from the diocese of Guntur in Andhra Pradesh, India, but is on loan to the Diocese of Santa Rosa where he has served us for over a month and will then be assigned to other churches in the diocese to fill-in as needed. A big THANK YOU to Father Bala for joining us, and we invite him back in the future if the need arises on a particular Sunday.



## CHRISTMAS FUN

Now that Thanksgiving has passed, we should still show our thankfulness for our many blessings. For this Christmas challenge, fill in each blank with something you are thankful for, making sure that each item begins with the appropriate first letter.

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## SUNDAY MASS READINGS FOR DECEMBER

### Sunday, November 27th (First Sunday of Advent)

**First Reading from Isaiah 2:1-5** - A vision seen by Isaiah concerning a perfect nation built on principles of righteousness. There will be no more war. The word of the Lord will stream forth from Jerusalem. The House of Jacob will walk in the light of the Lord, and God's reign will come forth from the mountain top.

**Responsorial Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9** - "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

**Epistle Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14** - Awake from your slumber. The time of the Lord's coming is near. Throw off your darkness and put on light. Conduct yourselves without debauchery, rivalry or jealousy. Make no provisions for actions of the flesh, but put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel of Matthew 24:37-44** - Jesus tells his followers that no one knew the day of the flood before Noah entered the ark. So too, no one knows the day that the Son of Man will return. When it happens, some will be taken and some will remain. So be watchful and stay awake. Jesus uses a parable: If the master of a house knew when a thief would come to break in, he would stay awake and stay vigilant and not let his house be broken into. So too, you must all be prepared, for you do not know when the Son of Man will come.

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### Sunday, December 4th (Second Sunday of Advent)

**First Reading from Isaiah 11:1-10** - A foretelling of the coming of the Messiah who shall bring peace to the world. He shall bring the spirit of wisdom and counsel and knowledge. The wolf shall lay down with the lamb, the cow and the bear shall be neighbors, and the child shall guide them. There will be no harm on the holy mountain. All will be glorious.

**Responsorial Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17** - "Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever."

**Epistle Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:4-9** - May you think in harmony with one another and may your voice speak in one accord to glorify the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Welcome one another as Jesus welcomed you.

**Gospel of Matthew 3:1-12** - The story of John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus, preaching in the wilderness, telling all to repent. John uses water to baptize in repentance but one coming after him will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

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### Sunday, December 11th (Third Sunday of Advent)

**First Reading from Isaiah 35:1-6, 10** - Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return in glory and everlasting joy. The Lord will come to save you. The eyes of the blind will see. The ears of the deaf will hear. The tongues of the mute will sing.

**Responsorial Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10** - "Lord, come and save us."

**Epistle Reading from the Letter of James 5:7-10** - Be patient until the coming of the Lord. Be patient as does the farmer waiting for the crops. Do not complain about one another; if you do, you may be judged. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**Gospel of Matthew 11:2-11** - John the Baptist was in prison. When he heard that Jesus was preaching, he sent his disciples to ask if Jesus was the one who was destined to come after him. Jesus told John's followers to report back to John that the blind, lame, deaf and lepers were cured; and the poor had the good news preached to them. When they went off, Jesus continued to teach the crowds about John and the good that he did to prepare the way of the Lord.

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## CONTINUED SUNDAY MASS READINGS FOR DECEMBER

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### Sunday, December 18th (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

**First Reading from Isaiah 7:10-14** - The Lord will give the people a sign: a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

**Responsorial Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6.** - "Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory."

**Epistle Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 1:1-7** - Through Jesus Christ's, Our Lord, we have become apostles of the Lord. We have been directed to bring the name of the Lord to the Gentiles and all the beloved in Rome. You are to be called holy; and thus, may the grace and peace of the Lord be with each of you.

**Gospel of Matthew 1:18-24** - One portion of the story of the birth of Jesus, specifically the interplay between Joseph and the angel who explains to Joseph that Mary has conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and the child shall be named Jesus; and he will save His people from their sins.

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### Saturday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)

**First Reading from Isaiah 62:1-5** - You shall be vindicated and kings shall call you a new name. Your land shall not be forsaken or desolate but your land will be a delight. The Lord will make your land His spouse.

**Responsorial Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29** - "For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."

**Epistle Reading from Acts 13:16-17, 22-25** - Paul tells those in Antioch that God had lifted up their ancestors and held them up when he led them out of Egypt. He removed Saul and lifted up David as their King. From David, God brought a savior to Israel. It was this Savior, Jesus, that John heralded, proclaiming a baptism of repentance. It was of Jesus that John proclaimed that one holier than he would be coming whom John would not be worthy of unfastening his sandals.

**Gospel of Matthew 1:1-25** - The genealogy of Jesus from Abraham to Joseph through the House of David. This is followed by a repeat of the story of the birth of Jesus as told by Matthew in last Sunday's Gospel.

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### Sunday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

**First Reading from Isaiah 62:11-12** - The Lord proclaims to the ends of the earth that a savior is coming. You shall be called holy people who have been redeemed by the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12** - "A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us."

**Epistle Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus 3:4-7** - Kindness and generous love from God comes to us not because of what we have done but because of the mercy of God. God has renewed us by sending us the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Thus we become heirs in the hope of eternal life.

**Gospel of Luke 2:15-20** - When the angels left the shepherds, they said among themselves that they should go to Bethlehem to see what the Lord has made known to them. Thereupon, they found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in a manger. They told all they encountered what the angels had told them, which Mary kept in her heart; and the shepherds returned to their fields glorifying and praising God for all they had been told and all they had seen for themselves.

**DAILY READINGS FOR DECEMBER**



Thursday, December 1st

Isaiah 26:1-6  
Psalm 118:1 and 8-9,  
19-21, 25-27  
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 2nd

Isaiah 29:17-24  
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14  
Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, December 3rd

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26  
Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5-8

Monday, December 5th

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 85:9-14  
Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 6th

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 96:1-3 and 10-13  
Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 7th

Isaiah 40:25-31  
Psalm 103:1-4, 8 and 10  
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 8th  
(Immaculate Conception)

Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
Psalm 98:1, 2-4  
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12  
Luke 1:26-38

Friday, December 9th

Isiah 48:17-19  
Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6  
Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday, December 10th

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11  
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16,  
18-19  
Matthew 17:9, 10-13

Monday, December 12th  
(Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Zechariah 2:14-17  
Judith 13:18, 19  
Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 13th

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13  
Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18,  
19 and 23  
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 14th

Isaiah 45:6-8, 18, 21-25  
Psalm 85:9-14  
Luke 7:18-23

Thursday, December 15th

Isaiah 54:1-10  
Psalm 2, 4-6, 11-13  
Luke 7:24-30

Friday, December 16th

Isaiah 56:1-3, 6-8  
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8  
John 5:33-36

Saturday, December 17th

Genesis 49:2, 8-10  
Psalm 1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 17  
Matthew 1:1-17

Monday, December 19th

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25  
Psalm 71:3-4, 5-6, 16-17  
Luke 1:5-25

Tuesday, December 20th

Isaiah 7:10-14  
Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 21st

Song of Songs 2:8-14  
Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12,  
20-21  
Luke 1:39-45

Thursday, December 22nd

1 Samuel 1:24-28  
1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-8  
Luke 1:46-56

Friday, December 23rd

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24  
Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10 and 14  
Luke 1:57-66

Saturday, December 24th

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12,  
14, 16  
Psalm 89:2-5, 27 and 29  
Luke 1:67-79

Monday, December 26th

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
Psalm 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16, 17  
Matthew 10:17-22

Tuesday, December 27th

1 John 1:1-4  
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12  
John 20:1 and 2-8

Wednesday, December 28th  
(Feast of Holy Innocents)

1 John 1:5-2:2  
Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-8  
Matthew 2:13-18

Thursday, December 29th

1 John 2:3-11  
Psalm 96:1-3, 5-6  
Luke 2:22-35

Friday, December 30th

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5  
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday, December 31st

1 John 2:18-21  
Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13  
John 1:1-18

Post-Christmas special: The WalMart in AmCan is giving away all their old, used batteries. They're giving them away free of charge!

## TIME'S RUNNING OUT

The Women's Club See's Candy sale will end on December 2nd, so time is short. It's chocolates for a good cause (pay off the loan) - what could be sweeter? Also called: Yum-raising! Orders for chocolates and gift cards online only at ==>

[https://www.yumraising.com/secure/holyfcc\\_holy\\_family\\_wc\\_christmas\\_sees\\_sale\\_9/candy?h=CatOra7775&c=em7820](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/holyfcc_holy_family_wc_christmas_sees_sale_9/candy?h=CatOra7775&c=em7820)

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Our canned food and non-perishable food drive was an amazing success with over 30 boxes delivered to the American Canyon Emergency Food Pantry. We showed how we give thanks for our own blessings by helping to bless others!

## AND NOW . . .

Our giving continues: Holy Family is putting together a pre-Christmas drive for the homeless in American Canyon, Napa and Vallejo. We will be assemble "Blessing Bags" to distribute to those less fortunate than ourselves, containing personal items and other necessities. These bags can contain the following items. In your generosity, please bring any items to church in the next couple of weeks (by December 15th) and place them in the boxes at the entrance to the sanctuary. The items will be separated and bagged on the 16th for delivery. Here are the possible items ==>

√ band-aids	√ baby wipes	√ toothbrushes
√ wash clothes	√ hand sanitizers	√ toothpaste
√ floss	√ hand warmers	√ deodorant
√ combs	√ shampoo	√ conditioner
√ sunscreen	√ chapsticks	√ soap
√ new socks	√ new underwear	√ first aid kit
√ hand lotion	√ hygiene items	√ gift cards
√ energy bars	√ trail mix	√ raisins
√ peanuts	√ dried fruit	√ juice boxes
√ candy	√ beef jerky	√ tea packets

Holy Family Parish continues to express our collective appreciation for your ongoing charity.

## ADVENT'S HERE!

As we enter the Advent season, here's something that might pique your interest: The Center for Education & Spirituality (run by the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose) is hosting a program of Advent preparation on Sunday, December 11th. It will be online (Zoom) from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. It will be facilitated by Sister Celeste Arbuckle and will use scripture, music, poetry and quiet reflection to help us start our Advent journey, and (in Sister's words) "Deepen our YES to Christ."

For more information call (510) 933-3546 or go to: <https://ces-event.myshopify.com/products/advent-journeying-to-yes>. Registration is required in order to receive the materials. For that, go to: <https://bit.ly/3EKsDmb>. A \$30 materials fee is requested.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, celebrates the sinless lifespan and Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, celebrated on December 8, nine months before the feast of the Nativity of Mary, celebrated on September 8. Mass at Holy Family 8:30 am on the 8th to honor Mary.

**LECTOR SCHEDULES**

1st reader / 2nd reader

Were you prepared for another trick question? The content of various Nativity pageants and Christmas plays are taken from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke and various other non-biblical traditions and some folklore about the birth of Jesus. But the Gospels of Mark and John have zero stories about Bethlehem and the nativity - only Matthew and Luke do. Mark's Gospel begins with the public ministry of Jesus with His time in the desert followed by His baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan. John's Gospel begins with a proclamation of the beginning of time and moves into the ministry of John the Baptist, followed by the ministry of Jesus.

As far as the birth of Jesus, Matthew stresses that part of the nativity story that concentrates on Joseph, the Magi and the flight to Egypt (see below), while Luke stresses the part that concentrates on Mary, the birth of John, and the shepherds. This year's scripture readings on the 24th and 25th are taken from Luke's Gospel, with one Mass using the beginning of Matthew and its genealogy leading up to Joseph.

A suggestion to each of you during this Christmas season: Spend some time reading the accounts of the birth of Christ using Matthew 1:18-2:23 and Luke 1:5-2:40.

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The Holy Family's Flight to Egypt?



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**REMINDERS**

- † Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 11:30 am Mass each Sunday.
- † Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: please pick up your cross medallion before Mass, be ready for the single file procession, and return the cross after Mass to the Sacristy.

Weekend of November 26/27

5:15: David Mezzera / Melita Negranza  
7:30: Ernie Zambrano / Roselle Tamoro  
9:30: John Collins / Frank Lee  
11:30: Nidia Romabiles / Xochtil Rivera (Esp.)

Weekend of December 3/4

5:15: MFC / MFC  
7:30: Davet Mohammed / Greg Bacareza  
9:30: Josie Rubang / Betty Lorenz  
11:30: Rose Tamoro / Marina Maldonado (Esp.)

Weekend of December 10/11

5:15: Debbie Adams / Melita Negranza  
7:30: Roselle Tamoro / Ernie Zambrano  
9:30: Bill Walton / Marie Walton  
11:30: Danny Barcelon / Marco Pomatz (Esp.)

Weekend of December 17/18

5:15: John Collins / Rolly Negranza  
7:30: Hemmy Bacareza / Roselle Tamoro  
9:30: Eunice DeLeon / Carol Strausborger  
11:30: Christiana Mahoney / Justin Sacramento

Weekend of December 24/25

Saturday time TBA: Catherine Pott / David Pott  
Sunday times TBA: Greg Bacareza / Davet Mohammed  
Sunday times TBA: Frank Lee / Josie Rubang  
Sunday times TBA: Rose Tamoro / Kevin Belton (Esp.)

Weekend of December 31 / January 1

will be listed in next month's bulletin

**EM SCHEDULES**

Weekend of December 26/27

5:15: Rolly Negranza  
9:30: Bannie Lee / Maria Leach  
11:30: Kevin Belton / Danny Barcelon

Weekend of December 3/4

5:15: MFC  
9:30: Carol Strausborger / Erika Myers  
11:30: Numer Tamoro / Francisco Jimenez

Weekend of December 10/11

5:15: David Pott  
9:30: Dolly Flores / Arlene Collins  
11:30: Percy Barcelon / Suzette Yturralde

Weekend of December 17/18

5:15: David Mezzera  
9:30: Bill Walton / Nina Tolentino  
11:30: Marina Maldonado / Numer ZTamoro

Weekend of December 24/25

Saturday Time TBA: Rolly Negranza / Romeo Blanquero  
Sunday times TBA: Bannie Lee / Resurrección Samaniego  
Sunday times TBA: Numer Tamoro / Francisco Jimenez

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**Question:** Which real-life person is Santa Claus based on?

**Answer:** The Christian Bishop St. Nicholas

Read his story at: <https://www.stnicholascenter.org/who-is-st-nicholas>