



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

SEPTEMBER 2023 BULLETIN

CHALLENGE FOR SEPTEMBER

We are all familiar with the apparitions of Mary depicting the Blessed Mother as Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Guadalupe, but which of the following are also approved apparitions of Mary? Our Lady of Knock, Our Lady of Assisi, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Our Lady of Medjugorje. All? Any? None? [See page 7 for the answer to this month's challenge.](#)

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.

OUR CANNED FOOD DRIVE IS A "GO"

The Women's and Men's Clubs is hosting our beginning-of-school-year canned food drive during September to benefit the American Canyon Food Pantry. As before, large bins have been placed in the entry to the church to receive your donations of cans and nonperishable foods.

This collection will be taken on the weekends of September 9/10, 16/17 and 23/24. For our past food drives, Holy Family members have been VERY generous and this has been appreciated by the Food Pantry. We know that everyone will respond equally this time around.



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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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Karina Servente

Knights of Columbus – Grand Knight Romeo

Blanquera

Missionary Families of Christ – Frank Lee

Sacraments / Sacramentals

Marriage Prep (6 month notice please) - Fr. Fred
Baptism Prep (3 month notice) - 2nd Wednesdays
of each month at 6:00pm at the church

Reconciliation - See Fr. Fred after Mass

Quinceañera Celebration - Call Office Secretary

Sacrament of Anointing - Contact Fr. Fred

Blessings - Contact Fr. Fred

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Holy Family Catholic Church

American Canyon, CA

MONTHLY CALENDAR

FATHER FRED'S CORNER

- Sept. - Finance Committee TBA - stay tuned.
- Sept. 2 - Children's Rosary 2:00 pm in church. Children and parents invited. See page 6 for added information.
- Sept. 4 - Labor Day
- Sept. 5 - Men's Club meeting. Potluck at 6:00 pm at the Walton residence. All men invited.
- Sept. 8 - Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady
- Sept. 17 - Blessing of CCD teachers 11:30 Mass
- Sept. 19 - Women's Club meets noon at church.
- Sept. 16/17 - Collection to pay off church loan.
- Sept. 21 - Knights of Columbus Council meeting, 7:00 pm in the CCD or Knights room.
- Sept. 26 - Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm in the church office.
- Oct. 7 - Children's Rosary 2:00 pm in church.

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STEWARDSHIP
JULY PARISH FINANCIAL STATUS

Church Income - Mass collections = \$18,000.00
 E-giving = \$4,675.00
 Church Expenses = \$22,000.00
 (payroll, utilities, insurance, rectory, etc.)

Pay-off Loan - Mass collections =\$14,900.00
 E-giving = \$ 4,050.00
 Pay-off Loan Expenses = \$20,600
 (Mortgage payment, interest)

Save yourself the weekly hassle of looking for parish envelopes and writing checks. Consider E-giving online that can be automatically taken out of a bank account. It's simple. Just go to: <https://giving-parishsoft.com/App/Giving/holy402264>

Thanks to those already using E-giving (see above).



HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

Mr Dear And Faithful Parishioners, welcome to another new month. September is full of blessings and the month runs very fast with such a supersonic speed.

I would like to seize this opportunity to thank Father John very much for covering for me whilst I was away. He is such a great priest and I hope you enjoyed him very well. If you had any evil spirit tormenting you he was the man to contact and if you didn't then you missed it. I told you prior to his arrival.

My vacation was full of sadness with a couple of deaths from my family and also a lot of misunderstandings at Holy Family with regard to the choir. Nobody should be a target and nobody should target my Deacon. We had series of meetings with the Diocesan Human Resource Personnel and some changes had to be made. All the musicians or pianists were involved and they all had to comply with no exceptions. There were ample opportunities to ask questions for clarifications. There was no need for any quabbles and that made me feel uneasy during my vacation. You can seek clarifications for certain things but no particular individual has any right to meet the finance council according the Code of Canon Law. The Church in a civil way functions the same as any business. I am sad that things happened the way it did but I hope you can calm your troubled spirits. There will be a lot of changes due to the bankruptcy filings and we all have to comply with the changes that are being made. I went through the same at the hospital and all my comforts were slashed in half and I had no question to ask. It was a "take it or leave it" kind of procedure.

May the good Lord give us all docile hearts and peace to worship Him. Remember, it is always God first and we all come under Him. My warmest regards to you all. AMEN.

- - -Your Pastor, Father Frederick K.A. Kutubebi

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SUNDAY MASS READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 3rd (Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading from the Book of Jeremiah 20:7-9 - Jeremiah feels self-pity for speaking about the Lord, at which, the people laughed and mocked him. The word of the Lord has brought Jeremiah derision and reproach, but still, he feels the need to continue speaking the name of the Lord for he cannot endure holding it within himself.

Responsive Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 - "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."

Epistle Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 12:1-2 - Paul urges the people to offer their bodies as a living sacrifice, which is holy and pleasing to God. Do not give in to the evils of the times. Renew your mind. Discern the will of God. Do what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Gospel of Matthew 16:21-27 - Jesus alerts His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, where He will suffer at the hands of the religious leaders and then be killed. When Peter tried to persuade Jesus not to go to Jerusalem, Jesus chided Peter as an obstacle, telling Peter not to think as humans do, but to think as God does. Jesus warned all of the disciples that anyone who wants to follow Him must deny himself and take up his own cross. In the end, people will be repaid according to their conduct.

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Sunday, September 10th (Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading from the Book of Ezekiel 33:7-9 - The Lord says that if someone does not speak out to dissuade the wicked from their ways, then the wicked will die and the silent person will be held responsible. But if someone warns the wicked, trying to turn him away from his ways, but he doesn't repent, that person will save himself.

Responsive Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 - "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Epistle Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:8-10 - The one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments not to commit adultery, not to kill, not to steal and not to covet, are all summed up in the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil hence is the fulfillment of the law.

Gospel of Matthew 18:15-20 - Jesus told His disciples that if anyone sins against them, tell that person his fault between the two of you. If he does not listen, take witnesses to warn him. If he still refuses to listen, tell the church. If he still does not listen, treat him as an outcast. If two people agree and pray for something, the Father grant sthe prayer. A memorable line: "For where two or three are gathered in My name, there I am in their midst."

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Sunday, August 17th (Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading from the Book of Sirach 27:30-28:7 - Wrath and anger are hateful things to be avoided. Vengeance belongs to the Lord not to people. Forgive injustices or you will not be healed yourself. Do not refuse mercy to another; seek pardon for your own sins. Set enmity aside; overlook faults. Follow God's covenant.

Responsive Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12 - "The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion."

Epistle Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 14:7-9 - We do not live for ourselves. If we live, we live for the Lord. If we die, we die for the Lord. Christ lived and died so that He would be Lord of the dead and living.

Gospel of Matthew 18:21-35 - Peter is admonished not to forgive people just seven times but seventy-times-seven (the Jewish equivalent of infinity). Jesus then told the parable of the king who settled account with his servants. A servant who could not pay the king back asked for mercy and it was granted. That same servant went to another servant and demanded repayment for a loan. When that servant asked for time to repay, the first servant refused and threw the other in jail until the debt was repaid. Others reported this to the king, who was irate with the first servant who had his own debt written off but would not show mercy to his fellow servant. The king was so angry that he handed over the first servant to be tortured. The moral: forgive others from your heart.

Sunday, September 24th (Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 55:6-9 - Seek the Lord everywhere; call to Him when you are in need. Let others who are wicked seek the Lord's mercy themselves. Heaven is high above the earth and the Lord's thoughts are equally high above our thoughts; and His ways are high above our ways.

Responsive Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 - "The Lord is near to all who call upon him."

Epistle Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:20-24, 27 - Paul tells the church community of Philippi that he would gladly depart this life to be with Christ for his own benefit, but that it would be better for him to remain on earth for their benefit.

Gospel of Matthew 20:1-16 - Jesus tells his disciples yet another parable. This one of the landowner who hires laborers to work in his vineyard. He hires some in the morning, some at noon, and some in the afternoon. When the landowner settles up with the workers, he gives the same compensation to all three groups. The morning group complained that they should get a greater reward, but the landowner said that everyone agreed to work for the usual wage and that the landowner was free to give rewards as he sees fit. Even late-comers can earn the same reward, the landowner says. The Gospel ends with the familiar line: "Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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Sunday, October 1st (Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading from Ezekiel 18:25-28 - If someone says that the Lord's way is not fair, is that the Lord's way or their ways that are unfair? If a virtuous person turns toward iniquity, they will die. But if a wicked person turns away from wickedness and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life.

Responsive Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 - "Remember your mercies, O Lord."

Epistle Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:1-11 - Paul's preaches to the people: Maintain a mind full of the Spirit and of Christ. Maintain compassion, mercy and love. Do nothing out of selfishness or vanity. Be humble and look out for others. Maintain the same attitude as in Christ Jesus who humbled Himself, becoming obedient even to the point of death. At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Gospel of Matthew 21:28-32 - Jesus preached to the chief priests and elders the story of the two sons: one who said he would not work in the father's vineyard, but did so anyway. And the other who said he would work in the father's vineyard, but stayed home instead. Jesus asked them which son did the father's will. He then admonished the priests and elders who spoke a good story but did not act it out. On the other hand, tax collectors changed their ways and were saved.

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Philippians? Who's that? The Christian community at Philippi (/fi 'lɪpaɪ, 'fɪlə paɪ/; **Greek:** Φίλιπποι, *Philippoi*) dates back to 50 A.D. when Luke and Paul visited there on a religious missionary journey. Philippi itself was founded by Philip of Macedonia (the father of Alexander the Great) as a Greek colony. When the Romans conquered the area, it became a Roman colony and the citizens there were granted Roman citizenship. As a non-Jewish settlement, Luke and Paul were successful in converting it to become a Christian community. Paul by himself visited Philippi again on a second journey and then remained in contact with the new Christians there by sending letters and sending his own disciples to carry words of encouragement to the Philippians. Most of the letters were to motivate the people to continue being united in their faithfulness to Christ. A group of these letters were later put together to become known as **The Epistle of Paul to the Philippians**. After quite a few Sundays where St. Paul's Letter to the Romans has been used in the readings of Mass, we now transition to a group of letters to this different community.

DAILY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER



Monday, September 4th

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Psalm 96:1, 3-5, 11-13
Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 5th

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 6th

Colossians 1:1-8
Psalm 52:10, 11
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, September 7th

Colossians 1:9-14
Psalm 98:2-4, 5-6
Luke 5:1-11

Friday, September 8th

(Nativity of Blessed Mother)

Micah 5:1-4
Psalm 13:6
Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Saturday, September 9th

Colossians 1:21-23
Psalm 54:3-4, 6 and 8
Luke 6:1-5

Monday, September 11th

Colossians 1:24-2:3
Psalm 62:6-7, 9
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 12th

Colossians 2:6-15
Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11
Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 13th

Colossians 3:1-11
Psalm 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, September 14th

(Feast of the Holy Cross)

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Friday, September 15th

(Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows)

1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14
Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11
John 19:25-27

Saturday, September 16th

1 Timothy 1:15-17
Psalm 113:1-4, 5 and 6-7
Luke 6:43-49

Monday, September 18th

1 Timothy 2:1-8
Psalm 28:2, 7, 8-9
Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 19th

1 Timothy 3:1-13
Psalm 101:1-3, 5, 6
Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 20th

1 Timothy 3:14-16
Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, September 21st

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5
Matthew 9:9-13

Friday, September 22nd

1 Timothy 6:2-12
Psalm 49:6-10, 17-20
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 23rd

1 Timothy 6:13-16
Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 4, 5
Luke 8:4-15

Monday, September 25th

Ezra 1:1-6
Psalm 126:1-3, 4-5, 6
Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 26th

Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-5
Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 27th

Ezra 9:5-9
Tobit 13:2, 3-4, 7-8
Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 28th

Haggai 1:1-8
Psalm 149:1-6 and 9
Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 29th

Feast of Archangels Michael,

Gabriel, and Raphael)

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 138:1-5
John 1:47-51

Saturday, September 30th

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15
Jeremiah 31:10, 11-13
Luke 9:43b-45

QUICK QUIZ

Did you notice that most of the daily Gospel readings this month are taken from Luke? Which of these statements is false about Luke?

- A. Luke also wrote the Acts of the Apostles.
- B. Luke was at times a companion of St. Paul.
- C. Luke most likely was a physician.
- D. Luke is named as having been at the cross with Mary
- E. Luke was of Greek descent.

The answer (incorrect statement) is the first capital letter at the upper left corner of this page below HOLY FAMILY.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 5TH

Religious Education Classes

Begin September 5th, 2023

Check your schedule. Thanks.
Parent meeting on first day of class.

Clases de Educación Religiosa Empiezan

5 de Septiembre 2023

Por favor revise su horario. Gracias.
Reunión de padres el primer día de clases.

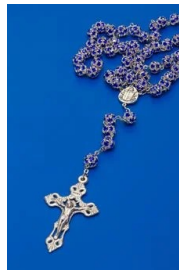


**Blessing of CCD teachers during the
11:30 Mass on Sunday, September 17th**

MONTHLY ROSARY

A children’s rosary is held on the 1st Saturday of each month at Holy Family Church from 2 to 3 pm. All youth and their parents are invited to participate and pray together.

In the meantime, check out the following website for the Children’s Rosary Society, a prayer group movement for children. Look for the video *Children’s Rosary - a View from Heaven* to watch with your child: childrensrosary.org



RELAY . . . RELAY . . . RELAY

How successful were our Holy Family team efforts at this year’s Relay?? Sixty-five of our luminaries were displayed around the track at the event. Our combined American Canyon team raised \$19,800, ranking second among all teams participating. And a total of over \$107,000 has been raised through the efforts of all participating teams. Good job, all!



Missionary Families of Christ

The Missionary Families of Christ (MFC) will have a Christian Life Seminar (CLS) here at Holy Family on **Saturdays, Sept. 23 & 30 from 1-4 pm**. All parishioners are invited. Registration forms available in the lobby.

To commemorate All Souls Day, MFC is organizing a Memorial Mass Service at Holy Family Church on **Saturday, October 28 at 10:00 am**. If you wish to have your departed loved ones included in the Memorial Mass and their names included in the souvenir program, envelopes will be distributed after the weekend Masses starting the second weekend in Sept. Any parishioner who wants a photo included in the souvenir program, please contact Bannie Lee (415-297-5322) or Eunice de Leon (510-861-7106). Donations are tax deductible. All are welcomed to attend.

SANTA ROSA DIOCESE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

Saturday, September 23rd, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Theme: “Liturgy, Devotion and the Most Holy Eucharist”

Mass, prayer, speakers and workshops.

Program information can be found at:

<https://files.ecatholic.com/26315/documents/2023/8/SR%20Congress%20Brochure%202023.pdf?t=1693251309000>

Scroll down to see the various workshops.

Take your own lunch or food trucks on site.
Fliers with registration are in the lobby of church.

A GREAT RESULT

Thanks to all who made the recent “Aloha Knights” dinner dance a big success. Receipts totaled over \$17,000 (ticket sales, raffle, desert auction and water) and expenses were a little over \$5,000 (food, venue rent, music and food for work party). Part of the net will be presented to Father Fred to apply toward the church building fund loan-payoff funds. We hope to have an appreciation event for all who coordinated, supported, helped, assisted and prayed for the success of the event. Got a theme for next year’s dinner dance?



LECTOR SCHEDULES

1st reader / 2nd reader

Three of the four are actual Marian apparition sites: For starters, **Knock Shrine**, is a pilgrimage site and shrine in the village of Knock, County Mayo, Ireland, where a local group of men, women and children, age 5 to 75 reported an apparition of Mary in 1879. A unique feature of this apparition was that in addition to Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint John the Evangelist, and angels also appeared. People who claim to have been cured by praying to **Our Lady of Knock** still leave crutches and sticks at the spot where the apparition is believed to have occurred. Each Irish diocese makes an annual pilgrimage to the Shrine and the nine-day Knock Novena there attracts pilgrims every August.



Weekend of September 2/3

5:15: MFC / MFC
7:30: Roselle Tamoro / Ernie Zambrano
9:30: Teri Urrutia / Bill Walton
11:30: Danny Barcelon / Marco Pomatz (Esp.)

Weekend of September 9/10

5:15: Catherine Pott / David Mezzera
7:30: Greg Bacareza / Hemmy Bacareza
9:30: Eunice DeLeon / Rona Yacob
11:30: Suzette Yturralde / Marina Maldonado (Esp.)

Weekend of September 16/17

5:15: Frank Lee / Leslie Gaffney
7:30: Roselle Tamoro / Davet Mohammed
9:30: Bill Walton / Marie Walton
11:30: Christian Mahoney / Justin Sacramento (Youth)

Weekend of September 23/24

5:15: Melita Negranza / Shirleze Hayes
7:30: Rose Borja / Ernie Zambrano
9:30: Bernie Borges / Betty Lorenz
11:30: Danny Barcelon / Marco Pomatz (Esp.)

Weekend of September 30 / October 1

5:15: Debbie Adams / Rolly Negranza
7:30: Roselle Tamoro / Davet Mohammed
9:30: Josie Rubang / John Collins
11:30: Cynthia Cruz / Nidia Romabiles (Esp.)

EM SCHEDULES

Eucharistic Ministers' stations: (1) Knights of Columbus Room (2) Lobby (3) CCD Room

Weekend of September 2/3

5:15: MFC
9:30: Nina Tolentino (1) / Maria Leach (2) / Rona Yacob (3)
11:30: Francisco Jimenez (1) / Marnel Yturralde (2) / Numer T. (3)

Weekend of September 9/10

5:15: David Pott
9:30: Maria Leach (1) / Norma Flores (2) / Dolly Flores (3)
11:30: Ana Rosa Arenas (1) / Numer T. (2) / Marnel Yturralde (3)

Weekend of September 16/17

5:15: Bannie Lee
9:30: Resurrección S. (1) / Dolly Flores (2) / Nina Tolentino (3)
11:30: Numer T. (1) / Francisco Jimenez (2) / Suzette Y. (3)

Weekend of September 23/24

5:15: David Mezzera
9:30: Erika Myters (1) / Bill Walton (2) / Dolly Flores (3)
11:30: Francisco Jimenez (1) / Numer T. (2) / Marnel Y. (3)

Weekend of September 30 / October 1

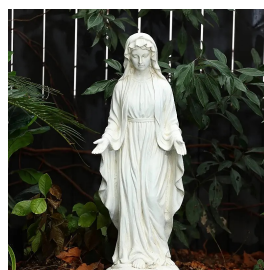
5:15: Leslie Gaffney
9:30: Nina Tolentino (1) / Resurrección S. (2) / Maria Leach (3)
11:30: Rose Tamoro (1) / Percy Barcelon (2) / Marina M. (3)



The Carmelite Order was begun by hermits who lived on Mount Carmel in the Holy Lands. The chapel at their monastery was dedicated to the Blessed Mother. In 1287, Fra Simon Stock, Prior General of the Order, had a vision of Mary in which she gave him the Brown Scapular. This sacramental has formed a part of the Carmelite apparel ever since. In Stock's vision, Mary promised that those who died wearing the

scapular would be saved. It symbolizes her special protection and calls wearers to consecrate themselves to her. A statue of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel** was displayed in our sanctuary for a time recently, with Mary holding the Christ Child along with a scapular.

The third vision from our list began in 1981 and were ongoing apparitions of Mary to six children in Megjurgorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina. Pilgrims to the site reported almost daily appearances of Mary over a forty year stretch, including dramatic conversions, visions, rosaries turned to a gold color and other miracles. Three of the children continue to experience **Our Lady of Megjurgorje** visions once a year, although pilgrimage visits to the area have diminished over the years.



So from our original list, only Our Lady of Assisi is not a genuine apparition of Our Blessed Mother. Assisi is well-known, however, as being the home of St. Francis (patron of Pope Francis) and St. Claire.

