



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

DECEMBER 2023 BULLETIN

CHALLENGES FOR DECEMBER

We are in the Advent season and we frequently see Advent wreaths in church or in homes. Three questions: (1) How many candles are in an Advent wreath? (2) What colors are they? (3) What does each candle symbolize? [See page 7 for the answers to this month's challenges.](#)

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.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23rd

5:15 pm - Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 24th

Regular Sunday morning Mass schedule - 7:30, 9:30, 11:30

Sunday Evening, December 24th

Caroling 6:30 pm and Christmas Vigil Mass 7:30 pm

Monday Morning, December 25th - Christmas Day

10:00 am (only) - Christmas Day Mass

December 30th

Regular 5:15 Mass

December 31st

Regular Sunday morning Mass schedule - 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 plus 7:30 pm

Monday Morning, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary Mass - 10:00 am

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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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Grupo Guadalupano – Anna Castro

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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MONTHLY CALENDAR

FATHER FRED'S CORNER

- Dec. 2/3 - "Blessing Bag" donations continue each weekend this month.
- Dec. 5 - Men's Club meeting 6:00 pm - pot luck at the Nabrinski residence
- Dec. 7 - Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec. 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 8:30 am Mass
- Dec. 9/10 - Special collection for the retirement fund for women religious.
- Dec. 9 - Knights of Columbus members and guests pot luck following the 5:15 Mass.
- Dec. 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec. 16/17 - Collection to pay off church loan.
- Dec. 25 - Christmas Mass schedule on cover.
- Dec. 28 - Feast of the Holy Innocents
- Dec. 30/31 - Diocesan Ministry Appeal
- Dec. - Pastoral Council meeting cancelled for December
- Dec.- No Finance Committee meeting this month
- Dec.- No Women's Club meeting this month.
- Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary Mass at 10:00 am
- Jan. 6 - Children's Rosary 2:00 pm in church. Children and parents invited.

My Dear Friends, thank God for yet another month. It is no other month than the month of the arrival of the Newborn King, Jesus Christ, the Author of Life.

A lot has gone on before and we give glory to God. We pray for protection and safety in this new month. It is also my prayer that the whole world live in peace especially the war-torn areas. Let us all open new pages in our lives and begin afresh.

I continue to entreat my dear parishioners to share with me any fundraising ideas in order to bring our loan to a close and forge ahead for other projects to be embarked on. The clock is ticking and time is going now. Let us act fast to things right. I would like to thank all those who have already shared with me their talents on how to raise funds. I am still waiting on you to bring more insights into this fundraising.

The schedule for the Yuletide is already out and I hope you will check the calendar and mark the dates for all the events. I am always available at your service, so if you need anything don't hesitate to contact me. We are beginning the Season of Advent already this week and I hope you will enjoy the season. Merry Christmas to you all. I love you and am here to serve you as always.

--- Rev. Fr. Frederick K.A. Kutubebi, Pastor



STEWARDSHIP

OCTOBER PARISH FINANCIAL STATUS

Church Income - Mass collections = \$31,900.00
 E-giving = \$4,800.00
 Church Expenses = \$33,400.00
 (payroll, utilities, insurance, rectory, etc.)

Pay-off Loan - Mass collections = \$16,400.00
 E-giving = \$3,700.00
 Pay-off Loan Expenses = \$20,600.00
 (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).



Holy Family Parish is offering Communion for the sick and homebound. If you are interested (for yourself or others) please contact the parish office.

SUNDAY MASS READINGS FOR DECEMBER

Sunday, December 3rd (First Sunday in Advent)

First Reading from the Book of Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7 - A prayer to God that He not let us flounder. We are sinful and withered like leaves, but we wait for God to do great deeds for us. "We are the clay and you, O God, are the potter. We are the works of your hands."

Responsive Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 - "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

Epistle Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:3-9 - Paul tells the people that the grace of God has been bestowed on them, that they have been enriched, and that they are not lacking in spiritual gifts. They should wait for the revelation of Jesus Christ knowing that God will keep them firm to the end. Know that God is faithful and calls us into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ.

Gospel of Mark 13:33-37 - Jesus told His disciples to be watchful and be alert. We are like the servant whose master has gone on a trip and we are told to keep the property safe, for we do not know when the master will return. He may come home early and find us asleep. Jesus tells them to stay alert and be watchful.

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Sunday, December 10th (Second Sunday in Advent)

First Reading from the Book of Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 - A voice cries out in the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight the way of the Lord. Fill in every valley and make low every mountain and hill. The glory of the Lord will then be revealed. Cry out to the cities of Judah that the Lord comes with power and shepherds His flock.

Responsive Psalm 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14 - "Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

Epistle Reading from the Second Letter of Peter 3:8-14 - The day of the Lord will come like a thief and the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar. Conduct yourselves with holiness and devotion, awaiting the coming of the Lord. According to God's promise, there will then be a new heaven and a new earth.

Gospel of Mark 1:1-8 - The beginning of Mark's Gospel reminds us of the prophecy of Isaiah that tells of the coming of John the Baptist who will herald the coming of Jesus. John preaches in the desert and baptizes in the Jordan River, but tells the people that one more powerful than he is coming who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.

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Sunday, December 17th (Third Sunday in Advent)

First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 - The Lord brings glad tidings to the poor, heals the brokenhearted, proclaims liberty to the captives and announces a year of favor and a day of vindication. The Lord brings joy to His people and salvation to all. The Lord brings justice to all nations.

Responsive Reading Isaiah 61:10 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 - "My soul rejoices in my God."

Epistle Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 5:16-24 - Rejoice; pray; give thanks. Retain what is good; refrain from what is evil. The peace of God makes you holy and prepares you for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Gospel of John 1:6-8, 19-28 - An extended continuation of the story of John the Baptist who came to testify that Jesus is the light of the world. When asked who he was, John said that he is not the Christ nor one of the ancient prophets. He baptizes with water, but one will come after him who is more important and more powerful than he.

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Sunday, December 24th (Fourth Sunday in Advent)

First Reading from the Second Book of the Prophet Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 - When David was settled in his palace and no longer had to fight any enemies, he told the prophet Nathan that he had a luxurious place to live but that the Ark of the Covenant was housed in a tent, which was not befitting the Lord. The Lord spoke to Nathan in a dream and told him to tell David that his kingdom and throne will endure forever through his heirs.

Responsive Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 - "For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."

Epistle Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 16:25-27 - According to the proclamations of Jesus Christ and through the prophetic writings before Him, all should be obedient in faith. Through Jesus Christ, glory is given to God forever and ever.

Gospel of Luke 1:26-38 - The story of the angel Gabriel who was sent to Mary to tell her that she had found favor with God. Mary was afraid of the appearance but Gabriel assured her that the Lord was with her. He then told her that she will conceive and bear a son who shall be named Jesus. He shall be called the Son of the Most High and His kingdom will last forever. Gabriel told Mary that her relative Elizabeth had also conceived a son in her old age. Mary replied, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

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Monday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 52:7-10 - The Lord comforts His people and redeems Jerusalem. All the earth will behold the saving power of God.

Responsive Psalm 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 - "All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God."

Epistle Reading from Hebrews 1:1-6 - In past days, God spoke to the people through the prophets. Now God speaks to the people through His Son. When Jesus purified all from sins, He took his seat at the right hand of God on high. Let all the angels worship Him.

Gospel of John 1:1-18 - The beginning of the Gospel according to John is the familiar "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." The Word became flesh and lived among them, full of grace and truth. The reading continues with the testimony that John the Baptist proclaimed about Jesus. His own people rejected Him but those who believed in Him became children of God.

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Sunday, December 31st (Feast of the Holy Family)

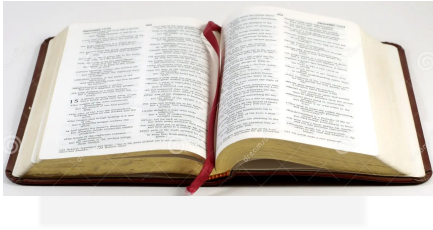
First Reading from the Book of Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 - Fathers honor their children and mothers confirm authority over them. Those children who revere their fathers will live a long life, which brings comfort to their mothers. All should take care of their parents when they turn old; kindness to elders will not be forgotten.

Responsive Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 - "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

Epistle Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:12-21 - We are God's chosen ones and should put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another and forgive one another. Husbands and wives should respect one another and love one another, and children should please the family.

Gospel of Luke 2:22-40 - The story of Mary and Joseph taking the infant Jesus to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord. In the temple, Simeon recognized the infant as divine and told Mary that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many in Israel, and that Mary would have her own heart pierced because of her son. Another prophetess in the temple, Anna, gave thanks to God for her having seen the child who will redeem Jerusalem. The Holy Family then returned to Galilee, to their own hometown of Nazareth, and the child Jesus grew and became filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon Him.

DAILY READINGS FOR DECEMBER



Monday, December 4th

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-5, 6-9
Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 5th

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6th

Isaiah 25:6-10
Psalm 23:1-4, 5, 6
Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7th

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

Friday, December 8th Immaculate Conception

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

Saturday, December 9th

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

Monday, December 11th

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14
Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zechariah 2:14-17
Judith 13:18BCDE, 19
Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 13th

Isaiah 40:25-31
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 14th

Isaiah 41:13-20
Psalm 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13
Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 15th

Isaiah 48:17-19
Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday, December 16th

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

Monday, December 18th

Jeremiah 23:5-8
Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Matthew 1:18-25

Tuesday, December 19th

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

Wednesday, December 20th

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

Thursday, December 21st

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

Friday, December 22nd

1 Samuel 1:24-28
1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8
Luke 1:46-56

Saturday, December 23rd

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24
Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10 and 14
Luke 1:57-66

Monday, December 25th

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Tuesday, December 26th

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

Wednesday, December 27th

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

Thursday, December 28th

Feast of the Holy Innocents

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

Friday, December 29th

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

Saturday, December 30th

1 John 2:12-17
Psalm 96:7-10
Luke 2:36-40

Monday, January 1st

Solemnity of the Blessed Mother

Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

For our young ones to color



BLESSING BAGS



Holy Family is in the middle of a pre-Christmas drive for the unhoused in American Canyon, Napa and Vallejo. We are assembling "Blessing Bags" to distribute to those less fortunate than ourselves, containing personal items and other necessities. Bins are at the entrances to the sanctuary to collect any of the following items. They will be separated and bagged on the 16th for delivery.

Here are the possible items ==>>

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

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

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THE WORLD PEACE PRAYER

Spoken by St. Mother Teresa in July 1981 in an Anglican Church in London.

Lead me from death to life,
 from falsehood to truth.
 Lead me from despair to hope,
 from fear to trust.
 Lead me from hate to love,
 from war to peace.
 Let peace fill our hearts,
 our world, our universe.

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Quoting Pope Benedict XVI, "Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed. Each of us is loved. Each of us is necessary."

MFC thanks all those who participated in our successful Memorial Mass fundraiser for All Souls Day. Over 1000 names were listed on our prayer board in the sanctuary during November. The results are as follows: total collection from the donation envelopes was \$7421; the net amount collected from our advertisers for the souvenir program was \$2,097.29, and the GRAND TOTAL to our Building Fund was \$9,518.29.

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For December, the Knights of Columbus Council members, friends and their families will be having a Christmas party potluck on Saturday, Dec 9th after the 5:15 Mass or about 6 PM. Attendees are encouraged to bring unwrapped children's toys

for donation to be taken to the American Canyon Fire Department for distribution. This will be our last KCs meeting of the year.

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20 BOXES DELIVERED!

The response from Holy Family was amazing: 20 boxes of canned goods were picked up by the American Canyon Food Bank (with the help of a local Reserve unit) to be organized and given to local families in need around Thanksgiving and Christmas time. Speaking of Thanksgiving, thanks to all of you for your generous response to this yearly HF canned food drive ministry.



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MARK YOUR REL. ED. CALENDAR

Confirmation Retreat for the 2nd Year Confirmation students will be on Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Reconciliation will be on Saturday, February 10th, 2024 at 10:00 am.

LECTOR SCHEDULES

1st reader / 2nd reader



A classic Advent wreath is made up of an ever-green garland (left) with candles protruding from it. More modern versions (right) may be religious symbols surrounded by the candles.



Typically, there are four candles, each one to be lit progressively on the four Sundays of Advent - plus frequently a fifth candle that is a Christ candle to be lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to signify the birth of Jesus.

The colors of the non-white candles are standard: three purple candles to signify penance (lit on the first, second and fourth Sundays of Advent), and a rose-colored candle to signify rejoicing (lit on the third Sunday of Advent). It is a one-week respite - called Gaudete or Rejoice Sunday - from the other Sundays of Advent to be joyful about celebrating the pending birth of Jesus. Those other three remind us of reflection and repentance to prepare ourselves to be worthy for the Coming of the Lord. And as already mentioned the final candle is white, the color of purity, light and Godliness, signifying the arrival of the Child Jesus.



The final question asked was what do the four weeks of Advent stand for as represented by the four candles. Different traditions within the Church provide different answers for this question. Here is one such explanation: In order from the first to the fourth Sunday of Advent, they represent Hope, Peace, Joy (rose), and Love, as shown to the left. And then, of course, the white Christ candle.



Weekend of December 2/3

5:15: MFC/MFC
 7:30: Ernie Zambrano / Rose Borja
 9:30: Josie Rubang / Erika Myers
 11:30: Bernie Borges / Kevin Belton (Esp.)

Weekend of December 9/10

5:15: Shirlese Hayes / Catherine Pott
 7:30: Davet Mohammed / Leslie Gaffney
 9:30: Rona Yacob / Betty Lorenz
 11:30: Danny Barcelon / Francisco Jimenez (Esp.)

Weekend of December 16/17

5:15: Romy Blanquera / Rolly Negranza
 7:30: Hemmy Bacareza / Greg Bacareza
 9:30: Teri Urrutia / Bill Walton
 11:30: Juston Sacramento / Mikayla Yturalde (Youth)

Weekend of December 23/24

5:15: Melita Negranza / David Mezzera
 7:30: Roselle Tamora / Ernie Zambrano
 9:30: Josie Rubang / Rona Yacob
 11:30: Cynthia Cruz / Marina Maldonado(Esp.)

December 24/25 Christmas Masses

7:30pm Vigil: Bill Walton / Marie Walton
 10:00am: Rose Tamoro / Numer Tamoro

Weekend of December 30/31

5:15: Debbie Adams / Shirlese Hayes
 7:30: Rose Borja / Davet Mohammed
 9:30: Bill Walton / Teri Urrutia
 11:30: Rose Tamoro / Kevin Belton (Esp.)

January 1 - 10:00 am: David Mezzera

EM SCHEDULES

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

Weekend of December 2/3

5:15: MFC
 7:30: Davet Mohammed
 9:30: Bill Walton (1) / Marie Walton (2) / Betty Lorenz (3)
 11:30: Ana Rosa Aranas (1) / M. Yturalde (2) / Percy Barcelon (3)

Weekend of December 9/10

5:15: David Pott
 7:30: Maria Leach
 9:30: (1) Rex Samaniego / (2) Norma Flores / (3) Dolly Flores
 11:30:(1) Percy Barcelon / (2) Suzette Yturalde / (3) M. Maldonado

Weekend of December 16/17

5:15: David Mezzera
 7:30: Nina Tolentino
 9:30: (1) Erika Myers / (2) Rona Yacob / (3) Betty Lorenz
 11:30: (1) Marnel Yturalde / (2) Danny Barcelon / (3) F. Jimenez

Weekend of December 23/24

5:15: Romy Blanquera
 7:30: Davet Mohammed
 9:30: (1) Rex Samaniego / (2) Dolly Flores / (3) Norma Flores
 11:30: (1) Suzette Yturalde / (2) Percy Barcelon / (3) F. Jimenez

December 24/25 Christmas Masses

7:30pm: TBD
 10:00am: David Mezzera

Weekend of December 30/31

5:15: David Pott
 7:30: Maria Leach
 9:30: (1) Rona Yacob / (2) Betty Lorenz / (3) Erika Myers
 11:30: (1) N. Tamora / (2) Marnel Yturalde / (3) Danny Barcelone