

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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Good News

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (C) Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 / Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 / Luke 2:41-52

Adolescence can bring family life into an upheaval for both parents and adolescents alike. At its heart, adolescence is an urge for independence, a silent instinct to be part of the larger world. It is a calling sewn by God's Spirit into the very fabric of being human.

At its best, family life can be the staging ground for that movement outward. Hannah recognized this when she believed that her young son Samuel was chosen for a specific role in life. It moved her to bring Samuel to the temple to be raised there in growing service to the community. Ultimately Samuel became a charismatic leader of the Hebrew people who would anoint both Saul and David as king.

That same calling seemed to take time to unfold in the awareness of Joseph and Mary who wondered why Jesus stayed behind in the temple. "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" asked Jesus of them (Luke 2:49).

All of us are meant to live more than a life of satisfaction for ourselves or even the fulfillment of our parents' dreams. We may find ourselves asking a young person what they want to be when they grow up.

A more valuable question might be what they think God wants them to be. While the Spirit of God does not usually ask us to be something contrary to our inclinations, the call of service to the needs of the human family is an added piece to the puzzle of what someone's life might look like.

—Father Joseph Juknialis

If Jesus was a Jew, why are we Catholic and not Jewish?

Jesus was a first-century Jew, as were his first disciples. They continued their Jewish practices after Jesus' resurrection, but they believed and proclaimed that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah, the fulfillment of Judaism.

Such claims inevitably led to clashes with Jewish authorities, as when St. Stephen, the first martyr, was charged with blasphemy and stoned to death in Jerusalem in the year 36 (Acts 6-7).

Nevertheless, Jesus' followers initially saw themselves as reformers of Judaism—not founders of a new religion. The Acts of the Apostles traces the first thirty years of this community of believers, from Jesus' ascension in Jerusalem to Paul's imprisonment in Rome. It details the beginnings of their separation from Judaism, as when the Jewish disciples wanted to impose certain practices of Mosaic Law on the Gentile disciples—circumcision, for example (Acts 15:11).

Acts and the epistles also chronicle the expansion outside of Jerusalem to the Mediterranean region, where, for example, in Antioch, the disciples of Jesus were called Christians for the first time (Acts 11:26). The first written reference to "Catholic Church" is from St. Ignatius of Antioch around the year 107. Catholic means "universal."

"The Church is catholic: she proclaims the fullness of the faith.... She is sent out to all peoples. She speaks to all men. She encompasses all times" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 868).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

May the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, watch over all families.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Weekdays Tues. thru Fri. 8:30 AM*

Confessions: Sat. 4 to 4:30 PM or by appt.

***Wed. Jan. 1st (New Year's Day) is a Holy Day of Obligation: The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God—Mass at 9:30 am (no evening Mass)**

First Friday Holy Hour is January 3rd at 9 am, following 8:30 Mass. It is also the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Hope you can join us!

A huge THANK YOU to the Altar Society for the lovely Christmas Dinner on Dec. 13th! Thanks also to our Men's Group for all of your help! And thank you to everyone who attended and made it such a joyful celebration. Congratulations to Susan Colby, who won the Christmas Basket Raffle!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FATHER JOSH! (Dec. 30th). We are so blessed to have you at Our Lady of the Snows!

The Jubilee Year of Hope began on December 24, 2024, and ends on December 28, 2025. This Jubilee Year, called by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, is an opportunity for every Catholic to make real our call to be Pilgrims of Hope. Please take a brochure about Jubilee Year 2025 (on the table in the Social Hall). Look for announcements in future bulletins about special activities and events in our parish and in our diocese for the Jubilee Year. More information is available online at www.scd.org/Jubilee2025.

Please take a moment to say a prayer for all of our sick and deceased parishioners.

Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits
The Orans Posture

The "orans position" is the gesture whereby the priest, in the leadership prayers that he says in Mass, extends his arms out to the sides, with his hands open, and facing out. The priest does this in several parts of the mass: during the Collect after he says "Let us Pray," during the concluding prayer at the Prayers of the Faithful, during the Preface, the Eucharistic Prayer, etc.

The Orans position has its roots very early on in our Jewish tradition when priests and rabbis would address the Father with open arms in prayer on behalf of their people. For us Christians, however, it symbolizes something even more; the open arms of Jesus Christ as He is crucified on the cross, offering Himself on behalf of the people to the Father.

From the early Church to today, the Orans position that the priest does in Mass has come to symbolize priestly prayer on behalf of the congregation, as he becomes the mediator between them and the Father.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday Dec, 15th

See Next Week's Bulletin

--- This Weekend's Ministry Schedule ---

Eucharistic Ministers Lector

SAT. 5:00 PM Cynthia Riggins, Nita Jimenez
 Toni Pleau

SUN. 9:30 AM Jessica Dowling Larry Gibbs
 Julie Chavez, volunteer

Email us at: olslakealmanor@gmail.com

Sunday Mass is live on Facebook: <https://fb.me/ourladyofthesnowslakealmanor>.

Our website, ourladyofsnwsparish.org.

To receive our bulletin by email, contact Steve DeWitt: cranmorti@gmail.com or call him at 530-258-4222.

ONLINE GIVING: simply click the "Donate Now" link on our website ourladyofsnwsparish.org. There are also information cards in the Social Hall.

Commemorative Bricks can be ordered for \$100. Forms are available in the Social Hall. Contact Steve DeWitt at 530-258-4222 or email him at cranmorti@gmail.com for information.

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

Genny Amante †	Alma Kopernik	Diana Pallari †
Joe Beuchat	Ronald Longacre †	Miguel Pena †
Vernon Burgess	Lou Ann Martin †	Kerry Phillips †
Lucia Carillo †	Pat Martin	Linda & Dennis Porter
Al & Estelle Cartlidge	Priscilla McEfee †	Janet Saitone †
Reuben Chavez †	Jack Meissner †	Lori Sinclair
Ron & Fran Dennis	Mary Meissner	Frances Smith †
Mary Deveny †	Diane & Larry Miller † †	Rikki Taddei
Dolores Gard †	Fran Moale †	Marcella Unalles †
Paul Gray	Dante Najera †	Ruby Vocke †
Dan Higgins	Colin & Susan O'Brien † †	John Willhoit
Aubrey Hawkins †	Kathy O'Donnell	Carole Zimmerman †
Jane † & Reed Hilliard	Lawrence Oliver †	
Matthew Hunt †	Scott Oswald †	
Nancy Janus †	Francis Ouellette	
Erin Kelly	Cindee & Mitchell	
Karen Klemek †	Padula † †	

Weekly Mass Intentions

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December 28	Saturday	5:00 pm	Mike Willhoit
December 29	Sunday	9:30 am	Ronald Longacre Diane & Larry Miller & Genny Amante † † † †
December 30	Monday	—	NO MASS
December 31	Tuesday	8:30 am	Dante Najera †
January 1st Holy Day Of Obligation	Wednesday	9:30 am	Reuben Chavez †
January 2	Thursday	8:30 am	Rikki Taddei
January 3	First Friday	8:30 am Holy Hour - 9	William Gibson †

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Please join the Holy Father throughout the month of January 2025 in praying for his special intention for that month: "For the right to an education—Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected."

Mama's Angel Tree: The Altar Society extends a big thank you to all who placed gifts under Mama's Angel Tree in our Social Hall. You helped to spread love and joy at Christmas to those truly in need. Please continue to pray for all of those who are served by Mama's Crisis Pregnancy Center in Susanville.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers—The new schedule (Jan. through April) is on the table in the Social Hall. Thanks and God bless you for your ministry!

Please remember if you are in need of spiritual guidance, special anointing, or just information—call the Rectory (530-259-3932) for an appointment. We are here to help and to ease your burden.