

*December 28, 2025  
The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

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# **Feast of the Holy Family**



## ***Mission Statement***

The people of SS. Peter & Paul Parish are called to create and sustain a community of faith in Jesus Christ. We celebrate the life of faith through the Eucharist. As we break bread together, we are inspired to care for others and are challenged to grow in faith through prayer, study, and social interaction

## ***Vision Statement***

All parishioners recognize the challenge of the Gospel and the Eucharist as evidenced by participating in various ministries, inviting and welcoming others, caring for and serving those in need, and promoting peace and justice.

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

**Baptism Class:** Contact Darcy Wharton for Information at ext. 211

**Baptisms:** 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month except during the season of Lent.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:00—4:45 PM  
In the Church or by appointment

### **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

For anyone experiencing chronic illness or preparing for medical treatment, surgery, or long-term care, please call Ext. 201 to arrange an appointment with a priest.

### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

We welcome inquiries from engaged couples! Please call Ext. 201 for information

### **Christian Initiation**

For adult individuals interested in becoming Catholic or for those over six years old who have not received Baptism, please call Ext. 214.

**†MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK†**

Sat, Dec. 27	5:00 PM	S	Ty Do	†	John McGill
Sun, Dec. 28	9:00 AM	S	Community of SSPP	†	Son M. Nguyen
	11:00 AM	†	Rogelio Alonzo	†	John H. Holland
	5:00 PM	S	Joy Dvorak	†	Thanh G. Vu
Mon, Dec. 29	8:30 AM	S	Pacita Villegas	†	Lupe Luna
Tue, Dec. 30	8:30 AM	†	James Nolen	†	Darlene Gates
Wed, Dec. 31	8:30 AM	†	Carla Grana	†	
	5:30 PM	S	Kathleen Griffon	†	Bill Griffon
Thurs. Jan. 1	8:30 AM	†	Alvin Javier Salomon	†	
Fri, Jan. 2	8:30 AM	†	Richard Miller	†	Steve Cooper
Sat, Jan. 3	5:00 PM	†	Larry Arkus	†	Alfred Lujan
Sun, Jan. 4	9:00 AM	†	Ada Lacayo	†	Thomas Kane
	11:00 AM	†	Ninh Van Pham	†	Richard Miller
	5:00 PM	†	Rich Valls	†	Hung Hoang

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Saturday Vigil Mass—5:00 PM  
Sunday Masses—9:00 AM (Live-Stream),  
11:00 AM & 5:00 PM  
Daily Mass (M, T, W, F)—8:30 AM

Parish Office Hours  
Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM—3:30 PM  
Closed 12:00—1:00 PM for lunch

Online Donations  
Use the QR Code Below



Church & Adoration Chapel Hours  
Monday—Friday 9:00 AM—2:00 PM  
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM—6:00 PM



# December 28, 2025 — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

## ⌘ Liturgy 101 ⌘



### The Christmas Season

The liturgical season of Christmas follows Advent. It begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him, including the fact that he was born to die for us.

The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones.

You likely know it by the song title, but the 12 Days of Christmas, or Christmastide, is the period that is the time between the two major Christmas feasts: the Nativity of the Lord on December 25 and Epiphany. Christmas was the major "birth" feast in the ancient Western churches and Epiphany was the major feast in the Eastern churches. The days between them have important significance.

Other Christmas feasts include the Holy Family (Sunday following Christmas), and Mary, Mother of God (January 1). The liturgical season of Christmas ends with the feast of the Lord's Baptism, traditionally, the Sunday after Epiphany.

### Christmas Season Mass Schedule:

*Feast of the Holy Family, December 27/28:  
Regular Weekend Mass schedule*

*Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)*

*Wednesday, December 31: 5:30 pm  
Thursday, January 1: 8:30 am*

*Epiphany of the Lord, January 3/4:  
Regular Weekend Mass schedule*

*Baptism of the Lord, January 10/11:  
Regular Weekend Mass schedule*

All Parish Offices will be closed

December 31st-January 2nd.

Offices will re-open on Monday, January 5th.

### Eucharistic

*First Friday Benediction, Adoration, and Divine Mercy Chaplet* will be celebrated this Friday, January 2, 2026, following the 8:30 AM Mass. Then we will be blessed to continue adoration in the chapel until noon. Please come by and spend some time with Jesus.

### Adoration

If you have any questions, please call Grace Neel at 916-995-3778. The Church and the Chapel are open daily from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM for personal prayer and adoration.

The Rosary is prayed before Mass at 8:00 AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited after each of those Masses. God's blessings.

### POINSETTIA PICK UP

Poinsettia plants may be picked up from the Church between 6:00-8:00 PM after the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, January 4, 2026.



### Prayer for Vocations

Almighty God, please open our minds and hearts to your light and truth as we discern and fulfill our vocations according to your will. May the intercession of our Blessed Mother guide us in our vocations to the priesthood, religious life, marriage, and family life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### Special Collection NEXT Weekend

January 3/4 is for St. Vincent de Paul.



Please make your donation online at: [www.rocklincatholic.org/st-vincent-de-paul-donations](http://www.rocklincatholic.org/st-vincent-de-paul-donations) Or place in the collection basket during the second collection. Thank you for your generosity!

***"If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family."***  
~ Saint Mother Teresa



# GENERATIONS OF FAITH



## YOUTH & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (Kindergarten—8th Grade & Sacrament Preparation)

**Merry Christmas to our students and families!** During this Christmas season, we pray that your homes are filled with the joy, peace, and hope of Christ's birth. May this time of rest and celebration be an opportunity to gather as a family, reflect on God's great gift to us, and carry the light of Christmas into the weeks ahead.

### Upcoming Youth & Family Faith Schedule:

- **Week of December 28th - NO CLASSES THIS WEEK**  
(Christmas Break)
- **Week of January 4th - CLASSES MEET AS SCHEDULED**
- **Week of January 11th - CLASSES MEET AS SCHEDULED**

**Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> - Family Formation Session at 3:30 PM.** This session is for ALL families enrolled in Sunday and Monday classes.

**Please note: January's Family Formation Session will be held ONLY on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.** Students who normally attend classes on Sunday at 3:30 PM, Sunday at 6:15 PM, and Monday at 3:30 PM should attend this Family Formation Session instead of their regular class. **At least one parent or adult per family is required to attend the FAMILY Formation Session with their child(ren).**



Please continue to pray for Nancy during her recovery.

If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Renier in the parish office or [fr.renier@rocklincatholic.org](mailto:fr.renier@rocklincatholic.org)

## FAMILY CONNECTION

In the midst of the Christmas season, it is quite appropriate that our liturgy asks us to pause to consider the Holy Family. In today's Gospel, we hear about how Joseph protected Jesus from danger by relocating the family to Egypt in obedience to God. Following the model of the Holy Family, we might use this feast to recall the responsibility that each family member has to contribute to the good of the family and recommit ourselves to one another. Remind one another that each member of the family contributes to the good of the whole family. Recall that Jesus was also part of a family and that this Sunday we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Pray together that your family will continue to protect and care for one another as Mary and Joseph protected and cared for Jesus.

**OPEN HOUSE**

**St. Rose School**

**JANUARY 25, 2026**  
**11:30AM-1:00PM**

10:30am  
All School Mass

Open House & Book Fair  
Immediately following Mass - 1:00 pm

SCAN BELOW FOR ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

WWW.STROSE.ORG PH. 916.782.1161

65<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
1960-2025



# GENERATIONS OF FAITH



## OCIA Sponsors Needed

The Holy Spirit is indeed at work here at SS. Peter & Paul parish with a growing number of adult Candidates and Catechumens in the OCIA seeking the Sacraments of Initiation.

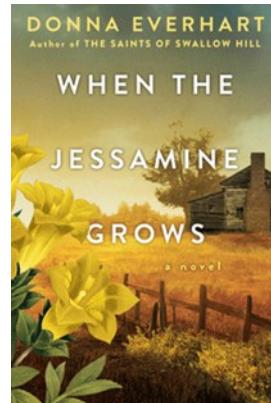
As such, we are in need of Confirmed Catholic adults, who are active in their faith, to accompany our participants on their journey to the Sacraments. What is the role of an OCIA sponsor?

- ◊ **Companion:** accompanying a person who is on a journey toward a deeper relationship with our loving God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.
- ◊ **Guide:** not just walking alongside the person, but also guiding, lending a hand, and helping to notice important things along the way.
- ◊ **Support:** encouraging the person when he/she gets discouraged or confused.
- ◊ **Representative of our SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Community:** connecting the person to our community of faith both at mass and in ministry.
- ◊ **Witness:** beholding the work of the Holy Spirit in the person's journey.

Our OCIA Candidates and Catechumens are a gift to our community and renew our own faith. As such, being a sponsor is incredibly rewarding and provides an opportunity to share and grow in your own faith along the way.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Katie Maynard, Coordinator of Christian Initiation at (916) 624-5827 x214 or email [katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org](mailto:katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org)

## Book Club Selection



Our parish book club has selected *When the Jessamine Grows* by Donna Everhart. This book is an evocative, morally complex novel set in rural 19th century North Carolina, as one woman fights to keep her family united, her farm running, and her convictions whole during the most devastating and divisive period in American history.

Join us on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM in the Dillon Center for our discussion!



## New Divorce Care series begins in January

Our Divorce Care facilitators have graciously agreed to provide another 13-week session beginning January 22<sup>nd</sup>. This series can provide much needed healing during a difficult time. Open to all, so please share this information with family and friends.

To register, visit [www.rocklincatholic.org/divorcecare](http://www.rocklincatholic.org/divorcecare)

## ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS...

Thinking about becoming Catholic...



Do you have an interest in becoming Catholic or were you baptized as a child but have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation?

Our inquiry "Come and See" sessions are held on Monday evenings in the Library building.

For more information about the process, please call Katie Maynard at 916-624-5827 ext. 214 or [katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org](mailto:katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org)



## Coffee and Donuts Pause

The Coffee and Donuts ministry is off for a couple of weeks. They will return January 4th!

## Dance and Pray

Join us **Monday, January 5th at 6:30 PM** in **Classroom #1** (close to the Faith Formation Office).



Remember to wear comfortable clothes, shoes/sneakers, and bring water. We'll move, dance, and pray for about an hour. We found out that putting one of those low-cut no-show socks on the bottom of our shoes/sneakers makes it easier to dance on carpet. Remember to bring a pair.

Feel free to invite a friend to Dance & Pray with us! Email Lucia at [luciadanceandpray@gmail.com](mailto:luciadanceandpray@gmail.com) for more information.

# Crab Feed

**Sat. Feb. 7, 2026**

**6:00 PM**

**\$65 per person**

- **Appetizers**
- **Salad**
- **Pasta**
- **Crab**
- **Dessert Dash**
- **No Host Bar**



**Reserve a Table of 10  
(in one transaction) and receive  
2 bottles of wine for the table!**

**Reservations Close Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>  
at 7:00 PM or when sold out  
No Sales at the Door**



We are in need of a LOT of volunteers and dessert donations for the Crab Feed event.

Please use the link [www.rocklincatholic.org/crab-feed](http://www.rocklincatholic.org/crab-feed) to find the signup genius links AND to purchase tickets.

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& BOY SCOUT TROOP 435

## ROCKLIN TREE Pick-up FUNDRAISER

-ROCKLIN NEIGHBORS-

NEED HELP HAULING AWAY YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE? EACH YEAR OUR SCOUTS COLLECT TREES AND DISPOSE OF THEM AT ROCKLIN COLLECTION SITES TO RAISE MONEY FOR SCOUT ACTIVITIES.

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND SIGN UP TODAY!

DATES:  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27TH  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH



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## Caregivers Ministry

The Caregivers Ministry meets Wednesday, January 7th from 12:00-1:00 PM in Room #1 of the classroom buildings.



If you are providing part-time or full time care to a loved one, we invite you to attend the caregivers ministry gathering. Join with others who share this experience. You will find support, information, and camaraderie. Feel free to bring lunch and a friend.

For more information, contact Jo Kellogg at [jokellogg@gmail.com](mailto:jokellogg@gmail.com)

## BEST \$100 INVESTMENT!

ARE YOU MANAGING MONEY  
**GOD'S WAYS**  
OR YOUR WAY?

No more money stress—ever! It's possible when you know how to control your finances. Join our 9-week, **Financial Peace University class in Room 2**.

Learn how to dump debt, build wealth and be generous. Starts **Monday, March 2, 2026, at 6:30 PM**. Cost is \$99.99.

Register at [www.financialpeace.com/app/classes/1E7968](http://www.financialpeace.com/app/classes/1E7968). Questions? Contact Trudy Rebollo, 916-276-2409.

## Soup for the Soul

With the cold part of winter coming, the SS Peter & Paul Ladies Guild is presenting **Soup for the Soul** fundraiser. Happy Valley Soup, located in Happy Valley, PA, offers over 14 varieties of soups made with the finest freeze-dried ingredients. Easy to make too! Cost is \$9.50 (plus shipping) per bag.



SCAN ME

This fundraiser **begins November 15 and ends February 15**. The funds raised will go back to our parish ministries. More information and the link to order your soup can be found on the Ladies Guild webpage: [rocklincatholic.org/soup](http://rocklincatholic.org/soup).

Be sure to share with family and friends!!

**Handel's Messiah and Ramírez's *Navidad Nuestra***  
**Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**January 2 & 3, 2026 • 7:30 PM**



The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament invites you to two special Christmas-season concerts on **Friday, January 2** and **Saturday, January 3, 2026**, at **7:30 PM** (doors open at 7:00 PM).

Each evening features the Cathedral Choir, Capella Antiqua, and guest soloists Liisa Davila (soprano), Leandra Ramm (mezzo-soprano), Matthew Hidalgo (tenor), and Daniel Yoder (baritone) under the direction of Rex Rallanka.

- Friday, January 2: Handel's *Messiah* (Advent & Christmas portions) sung in English
- Saturday, January 3: Handel's *Messiah* sung in Spanish, featuring a new translation

Both evenings include Ariel Ramírez's *Navidad Nuestra*, a beloved Latin American folk-oratorio celebrating the Nativity.

Join us for this beautiful musical celebration of the Christmas season in Sacramento's historic Cathedral.

**Location:** Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament  
1017 11th Street, Sacramento

**Tickets:** \$20/general - \$10/student; purchase online at: <https://tinyurl.com/49y86nbc>

**More Information:** [www.cathedralssacramento.org](http://www.cathedralssacramento.org)

## 2026 Church Calendars Available

Once again we are offering a church calendar listing all holy days and feast days.



They are available at the entrances to the Church. Please take one per family.



**Special Collection This Weekend December 27/28 is for the Facilities RMI fund**

The monies collected for this fund will be specifically set aside and only used for the Repair, Maintenance or Improvement of the parish facilities. We sincerely hope that you will consider donating to this effort that will help keep SS Peter & Paul's facilities preserved and thriving.

Some of the projects currently in planning are:

- o Additional lighting for the Church
- o New Flooring for the Church
- o Landscaping & Irrigation improvements for the grounds

Please make your donation online at:

[www.rocklincatholic.org/rmi](http://www.rocklincatholic.org/rmi) or place in the collection basket during the second collection. Thank you for your generosity!

*Don't Miss This!*  
**3-Night Parish Retreat**  
*Blessed, Broken, Shared, and Sent!*

**Feb. 1-3**

**6:30 PM**

**at SS. Peter & Paul Church**

*4450 Granite Drive, Rocklin*

Join us in the Social Hall after each presentation for a Wine & Cheese Reception

**Mike Patin**

The "Engagin' Cajun"



All Are Welcome  
Free Will Offering at the Door

More information: [www.rocklincatholic.org/parish-retreat](http://www.rocklincatholic.org/parish-retreat)

LET'S ALL RING IN THE NEW YEAR

in

**L.O.V.E.**



**Couples of All Ages**  
**Mark your calendars and**  
**Come Join SS Peter & Paul's Couples Ministry**  
**for our first**  
**L.O.V.E. Circle of 2026**

**Friday, January 2nd**  
**from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM**  
**in the Multi-Purpose Room**

Join us as we start off the new year of L.O.V.E. with a fun evening of faith sharing, socializing, games and refreshments shared with other parish couples! We are trying to get an accurate count of attendees so we are requesting that you **RSVP by December 30th** at the following web address

<https://rocklincatholic.org/new-years-game-night>

For more information visit the ministry website at  
[www.rocklincatholic.org/love](http://www.rocklincatholic.org/love)  
or contact Katie Maynard at [kmaynard118@gmail.com](mailto:kmaynard118@gmail.com)

**VOCARE - Young Adult**  
**(Ages 18 to 35)**  
**Discernment Retreat**

Join us for a day with Mass, prayer, time for reflection, and talks about the different vocations, learn about the different charisms and ponder where God may be calling you: Married Life, Religious Life, Single Life, or Priesthood.

When: Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 9 AM to 9 PM  
Where: Christ the King Retreat Center  
6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights

Cost is \$100, lunch and dinner included

For more information and registration visit:  
<https://www.scd.org/event/vocare-discernment-retreat-young-adults-ages-18-35>

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

### First Reading—Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. Sirach ran a school for young people in Jerusalem. In today's section, he advises his students on the proper way to honor their parents.

### Second Reading—Colossians 3:12-17

The letter to the Colossians was written around the year 80 A.D. A significant concern in this letter is how the Christian community appears to outsiders. The author offers guidelines so that Christian families will live in such a way that others will notice the difference.

### Gospel Reading—Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Today's gospel tells of Joseph's dream, in which a divine messenger relays Herod's intent to kill the infant Jesus. The angel instructs Joseph to flee with Mary and the child to Egypt, a traditional place of refuge for Israelites. Like many migrants today, they faced a treacherous desert crossing, though the gospel tells none of those details. We can only imagine Mary and Joseph's fear as they stole away under the cover of darkness and all the hardships they endured. Matthew says nothing about what happened when they arrived in a strange place, having to navigate in an unfamiliar language and culture. Who helped them along the way? How did Joseph find work? What did Mary think about Joseph's dreams?

The experience of the Holy Family of having to flee for their lives into a foreign land gives strength and courage to millions of today's migrants. Those living in their countries of destination are challenged by the gospel to consider what kind of welcome they would offer to newcomers if they were none other than Jesus' own family.



*Then Joseph Got Up,  
took the child and his mother by night,  
and went to EGYPT.*

God of love, on this feast of the Holy Family, we call to mind joys and the struggles of family life. By the witness of our lives and the practices of our faith communities, may the church be a place of welcome, healing, support, and protection for all families. Amen.

Registration deadline is Friday, January 23, 2026.