



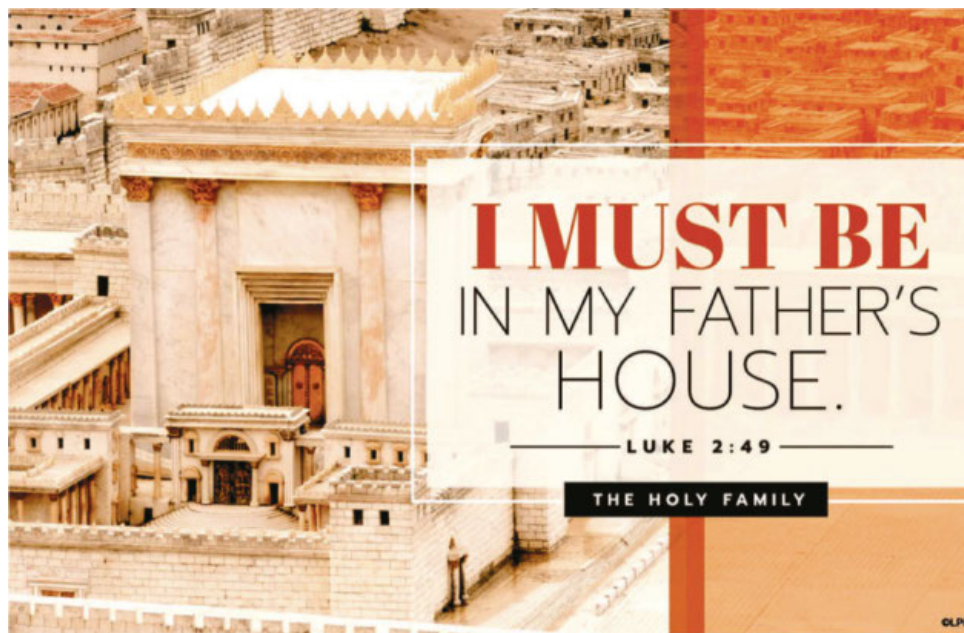
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December 29, 2024

Early Publication Submission

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (Holy day of Obligation) NEW YEAR'S DAY:
Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025 8:30am and 7:00pm. *(No Vigil Mass on New Year's Eve)*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - Vigil, Saturday, Jan. 4: 5:00pm; Sunday, Jan 5: 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Vigil, Saturday, Jan. 11: 5:00pm; Sunday, Jan 12: 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm



Happy 2025

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you who helped with the many preparations required for our special celebration of Christmas.

We would also like to thank everyone for the wonderful gifts, cards and prayers generously given to all of us here at St. Mary.

May the peace, joy and love of Christ reign in your hearts now and in the coming year 2025.

MAY EVERY MOMENT IN YOUR LIFE BE A BLESSING!

Staff of St. Mary

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY, DECEMBER 22
TILL JANUARY 1, 2025. WE WILL RETURN ON JANUARY 2, 2025**



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil:
Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am
& 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am and Daily
Masses are **Live Streamed**
on our website
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DAILY MASS

Mon - Sat: 8:30am

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Live-Stream & in church

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(in church)

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Thursdays - 7:00-8:00pm

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

In gratitude to the Lord, Hannah returned the gift of her son, Samuel. *Is there a gift from the Lord for which you are particularly grateful?*

Second Reading:

As children of God, John teaches us that believers should love one another and believe in the name of Jesus. *In addition to faith and love, what else do you think unites us as children of God?*

Gospel:

Luke presents an anxious experience that Mary and Joseph had as parents raising the young boy, Jesus. *Do you recall a time when your parents were worried or anxious about you?*

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Today's Gospel reading on this Feast of the Holy Family gives us a glimpse into the childhood of Jesus with his Mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph. This is a family like no other — consisting of the very Son of God, Mary, Queen of all Saints, and St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church. Yet as we see in today's Scripture passage, they led a life typical of the families of their day. They experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience even today.

The Gospel passage, from Luke, starts by telling us something about Jesus' parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom." In other words, this Family took seriously the Stewardship of their Time. The "Holy Couple" carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

And when we are faced with the inevitable challenges that come with family life, we will be far better equipped to handle them, just as the Holy Family did. We read just a few verses later in our scripture passage, that Mary and Joseph faced every parent's worst nightmare — they can't find Jesus! What parent cannot relate to this awful moment or at least the fear of such a moment. Perhaps a little child wanders off in the store and is physically missing as young Jesus was. Or perhaps an older child, though physically present, is spiritually or emotionally "missing" through addiction or loss of faith. In these times, too, we can look to the Holy Family for guidance. Mary's very human initial reaction upon finding Jesus — "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety" — comforts us in our own suffering as we realize that our Blessed Mother has been through difficult times in family life, too. The Holy Couple didn't always understand their Divine Son. But they loved Him deeply and gave Him the best of themselves as parents. The Divine Son, though God, obeyed His parents, giving witness to the value of parents and family life.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us commit to steward our families well in 2025, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars. Let's make 2025 a year in our parish like never before. Happy Feast Day, parish family!

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TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

5:1-4a;

Psalms 84;

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24;

Luke 2:41-52

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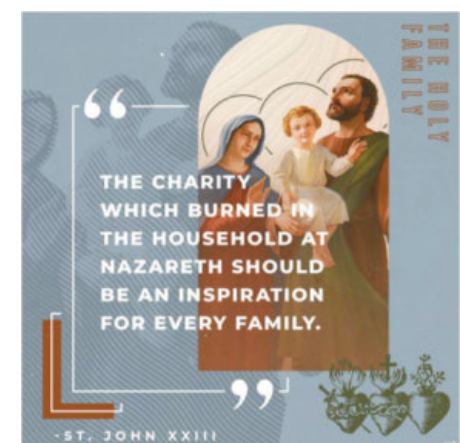
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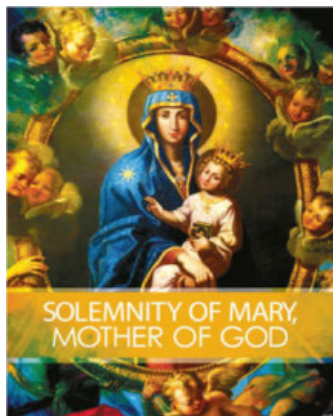
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	12/29	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52
Mon	12/30	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Tues	12/31	St. Sylvester I, Pope 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Wed	1/1	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>); World Day of Peace Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Thu	1/2	Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Fri	1/3	The Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Sat	1/4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Sun	1/5	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	12/30	8:30 am	Antonio Cabral Bettencourt †
Tues	12/31	4:00 pm	Wanda Catalana †
Wed	1/1	9:00 am	Andy Nagorski †
Thu	1/2	8:30 am	Patricia Dominguez †
		7:00 pm	Maria Tran Thi Lieu †
Fri	1/3	8:30 am	Terry Stambaugh †
Sat	1/4	8:30 am	Walter Allspach †
		5:00 pm	Rich Saso †
Sun	1/5	9:00 am	Serge Laplace (<i>special intention</i>)
		11:00 am	Joyce Klose †
		5:00 pm	George Shannon †

JANUARY 1 - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



MASSSES AT 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe you
are really here in
the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything
in the world, and I hunger
to receive you.
But since I cannot receive
Communion at this time,
Feed my soul spiritually.
I unite myself to you now,
as I do when I actually receive
You in Holy Communion. Amen.*

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

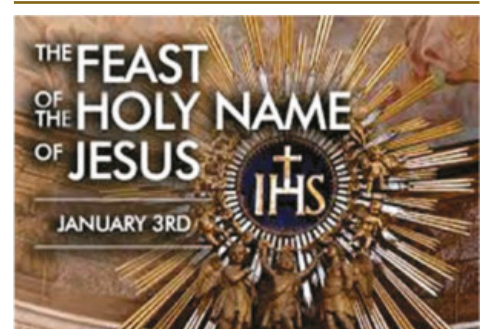
For three days, Mary and Joseph search and worry before finding Jesus in the temple. "Didn't you know where I was?" he says to them, in so many words. We, too, look for Jesus. We, too, know where to find him. Let us never forget and never despair.

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POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: JANUARY

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.



FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship of PRAYER

Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:
Ken Ardent; Marietta Riney; Adam Thielmann; Michelle Antonowicz; Elisabeth Venesualea; Honora Hannan; Frank Nolan; Michelle Schwartz ; Carol Yanz

For those who have recently died:
Herb Robbins; Michael Wheeler; Gerlinde Krick; Patrick Mahoney; Harold George Peth

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.

Stewardship of TALENT



JANUARY 4 & 5

5:00pm: Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ
 9:00am: Sunday: Adult Choir & Piano/Organ
 11:00am: Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ
 5:00pm Sunday: 5pm Sunday Ensemble

St. Vincent de Paul has a very active conference at St Mary! We meet every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in Hofmann Center.



Visit us at stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul

Anyone interested in our work helping the unhoused and working poor in our community please contact conference president Sue Ahmadian at sue.ahmadian@gmail.com

ST. MARY BIBLE STUDY - Did you know we have a bible study group that meets every other Thursday 9:30am - 11am? We are currently studying Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson's program on the bible. Feel free to drop in whenever you have time. Please check the parish calendar for the schedule.

ST. MARY SENIORS - If you are free the 3rd Monday of the month, please join us in Hofmann Center at 12 noon for a meeting of social activity and service to our parish. Bring a sack lunch.



Stewardship of TREASURE

Managing God's Gift To Us

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!

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	Jul. 1 to Dec 15, 2024
Budget	\$ 375,000.00
Actual	\$ 351,159.00
Difference	- \$ 23,841.00

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SUNDAY
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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

This solemnity is a rather recent addition to the cycle of seasons, Sundays, and feasts in our liturgical year. Pope Paul VI enshrined the devotion to Mary into our calendar on January 1 in 1974. It is also a day in our calendar as a World Day for Peace.

A New Year Prayer

We Pray...

For healing ... prepare us for surprises.

For strength ... prepare us for surprises.

For vision ... prepare us for surprises.

For transformation ... prepare us for surprises.

For messengers and messages ... prepare us for surprises.

For community ... prepare us for surprises.

For acceptance - of ourselves & others ...
prepare us for surprises.

For making room at our tables ... prepare us for surprises.

For Truth-seeking ... prepare us for surprises.

For support ... prepare us for surprises.

For Common Ground ... prepare us for surprises.

Walk beside us, O Holy One,

as we question and welcome,

as we challenge and invite,

as we discover and understand,

as we see, touch, taste, smell, and listen for the Newness
awaiting us in 2025.

May we, Your Holy People,

walk forward together side by side. Amen.

- Written by Sister Mary Ann Barret, O.P.



WORLD DAY OF PEACE 2025

On December 12th the Holy See published the Holy Father, Pope Francis', message for the 58th World Day of Peace, which will be celebrated on 1 January 2025, the liturgical Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, who is likewise the Queen of Peace. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is "*Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace*".

This theme aligns with the spirit of the Jubilee Year, focusing on hope, forgiveness, and bringing people together. Inspired by *Laudato Si'* and *Fratelli Tutti*, the message highlights the need for change to build lasting peace in our lives individually, in communities, and worldwide.

In his message, the Holy Father states: "May 2025 be a year in which peace flourishes! A true and lasting peace that goes beyond quibbling over the details of agreements and human compromises. May we seek the true peace that is granted by God to hearts disarmed: hearts not set on calculating what is mine and what is yours; hearts that turn selfishness into readiness to reach out to others; hearts that see themselves as indebted to God and thus prepared to forgive the debts that oppress others; hearts that replace anxiety about the future with the hope that every individual can be a resource for the building of a better world."

Visit <https://bit.ly/4gdqVTQ> to read Pope Francis' full message.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you a non-Catholic who is attracted to the Catholic way of life and interested in becoming Catholic? The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) helps prepare adults to receive the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church. We meet in a supportive, small group setting to learn about Scripture, the Mass, Sacraments, Church, History, Catholic Prayer and Devotional Practices, and Catholic Teachings on Theology, Moral Issues, and Social Justice.

If you would like more information about this process, please contact Michael Lomas - mlomas@stmaryslg.org or call 408-354-3726 x 123



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Celebrate the first American-born saint! St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was born in New York City in the late 1700s and raised Episcopalian. She married William Seton. Together they had five children. He fell ill, and the family moved to Italy for his health. While there, Elizabeth discovered Catholicism. Her husband eventually passed away, but God had more plans for the Seton family. Elizabeth felt a further stirring in her heart. She opened a school for girls in 1808. The calling grew. Within a year, Elizabeth had founded the Sisters of Charity, the first community for religious women established in the United States. Their work established the first Catholic school system in the country. On her feast day this January 4th, pray for our teachers and students!





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AROUND THE DIOCESE

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope," and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.



The 2025 Jubilee will officially open on December 24, 2024, at 7 pm with a Mass presided over by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square. The rite of the Opening of the Holy Door will follow.

SUNDAY, JAN 12 JUBILEE YEAR 2025 DIOCESAN SOLEMN VESPERS - 5pm FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMS OF HOPE AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. JOSEPH.

CATHOLIC CHARITY IMMIGRATION SERVICES.

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County offers workshops and legal consultation. The Know Your Rights workshops are available in several languages. A few parishes are using these legal consultation teams. Your parish can utilize these services by contacting Aditi Aggarwal-Gupta, the Program Manager at (408)325-5254 or aaggarwal-gupta@ccscc.org.

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THE VALLEY CATHOLIC FALL 2024 ISSUE

Read about the Pastoral Plan for Worship and about the CCHD's 2023 Cardinal Bernardin Award Winner Ivonn Rivera's work bringing pop-up masses and listening session to neighborhoods. <https://thevalleycatholic.org/>

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS - FEBRUARY 15, 2025 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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