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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### WEEKEND MASSES:

SATURDAY VIGIL 5:30 P.M.; SUNDAY 8, 9:30,  
AND 11 A.M. (MUSIC WITH SCHOLA CANTORUM)

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

M - F: 8 A.M.; SAT 9 A.M.  
FIRST FRIDAY: 8 A.M. AND 12 NOON  
HOLY DAYS: PLEASE SEE BULLETIN  
NATIONAL HOLIDAYS: 9 A.M. (NO 8 A.M.)

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 4-5 P.M.

BAPTISM: PLEASE CALL RECTORY

MARRIAGE: PLEASE CALL RECTORY SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

## As God's Children, we Serve

The Responsorial Psalm continues the theme of serving the Lord in His holy dwelling place. This same idea is found in today's Gospel, where Jesus calls the temple in Jerusalem, his Father's house. The psalm speaks of making pilgrimage to the Lord's house, the one place where we find ourselves at home and where we can experience God's love unconditionally. Jesus came into the world that we could experience His love here, in His presence. When we dwell in Him, He is our home. • The Second Reading from St. John, speaks of the great dignity the Lord has bestowed on us, not as slaves but as God's children. He treats us with the same respect He treats His only-begotten Son, Jesus. He calls us to share His love and mission here on earth and His glory in heaven, where we shall be like the One we love. We not only share in His image and likeness, but truly are one with Him. We know we are God's children when we keep His commands, living moral, giving lives. The commandments are not rules that imprison, but are guidelines to help us choose what is right and good. They teach us virtue and generosity, especially if we live the greatest law, that of love. • The Gospel scene shows Jesus at age twelve (when He discerned that He was both human and divine) among the teachers in the temple. It is at this time that Jesus declares that His Father is God in heaven. His three-day absence can be seen as preparation for Mary who will be without Jesus again for three days, after He died and was buried. Now, as then, she learns to trust that He must be about His Father's business. As God's children, and with His grace, may we always turn our minds and hearts to Him in trust.

## Prayer of the Week

Let us pray as the family of God who share in his life. • Father in heaven, creator of all, you ordered the earth to bring forth life and crowned its goodness by creating the family of man. In history's moment when

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all was ready, you sent your Son to dwell in time, obedient to the laws of life in our world. Teach us the sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in peace with all men that we may share in your life for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## Attend Mass Virtually!

Even though there is no public Mass at Sacred Heart, you can still attend Sunday Mass virtually online, either by watching the Mass streamed on the parish website or on YouTube. Many people watch on Sunday morning and then go to the church to receive Holy Communion (as long as they arrive before 10:30 am). This is different from when we could attend together as a parish family, but the normality of Sunday Mass, prayers, and Holy Communion is to be treasured in this abnormal time.

## Prayer to the Holy Family

Lord, You intended for the Holy Family to be an example for all, and for the Holy Spirit to enlighten our homes. May we, like them, be able to live according to the family virtues and stand united by the strength of Your love before meeting again for eternity in the joy of Your house. Amen.

## Receiving Holy Communion

Mindful that Communion is the sustenance of our souls, you may

receive Holy Communion in the church vestibule M-F between 8:00 am to 9:00 am, Sat. 9:00 am to 10:00 am, and Sun. 9:00 am to 10:30 am. Please act in a reverential manner as you are in the presence of God. Do not congregate in the vestibule, but either enter the church to pray or leave the church altogether. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Private Prayer in Church

Even though Mass cannot be offered at Sacred Heart during this current phase of the pandemic lockdown, Sacred Heart is open daily for an hour for private prayer. M-F between 8:00 am -9:00 am; Sat. 9:00 am -10:00 am & 4:00 pm -5:00 pm; and Sun. 9:00 am-10:30 am you are welcome to enter and pray quietly, bearing in mind there should be no more than 10 people at any given time in the church. As you pray, please offer prayers for the many victims of the pandemic as well as those who are suffering economically.

## In Our Prayers

### Daily Mass Intentions December 27 -- January 3

<b>Sun</b>	8:00am	For the People of the Parish
	9:30am	No Intention
	11:00am	No Intention
<b>Mon</b>	8:00am	Margaret Mayer (+)
<b>Tue</b>	8:00am	Jose, Anna & Lucy Oliveira (+)
<b>Wed</b>	8:00am	Phil Kiefer (+)
<b>Thu</b>	8:00am	No Intention
<b>Fri</b>	8:00am	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sat</b>	9:00am	Marie Lucas (+)
	5:30pm	No Intention
<b>Sun</b>	8:00am	No Intention
	9:30am	For the People of the Parish
	11:00am	No Intention

### In Memoriam

#### Roger Dhesi • December 19, 2020

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.  
And let perpetual light shine upon him.

### Please Pray for the Sick

Anne Smith, Patrick Valenzuela, Mark Lewis, Tom Duval, Delia Chavez, Dick Grutzmacher, Rick Barbaria, Margarita Enriquez, Marjorie Green, Robert McAleese, Helena Enright, Robin Aurelius, Diana Zuniga, Suzy Riehl, Richard Honey, Dale Wooldridge, Nancy McGarry, Michael Fletcher, Gary Pepe, William Daniel Reed, Stephanie Merenda, Victoria Generoso, Jim Collins, Robert Arkebauer, Libby Basurto, Dena Foster-Cook, Josephine Haddock, G.R. Gurley, Darren Stewart, Marge Mugartegui, Angel Curiel, Phillip Worth, Sonia Damiano, Ava Grace Arnold, Karen Amnon, Mary Terese Henriksen, Pamela Saenz, Stan Boyd, David Hunn, Addison Parker, Brett Stover, Norma Clark, Robert Clark, Jr.

**In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;**

**Advent Giving Tree**

Thank you for making our Sacred Heart Parish Giving Tree a success. Our community has brightened the holidays for dozens of local men, women, and children. The recipients of your generous gifts are deeply grateful.

**Christmas Vacation**

Sacred Heart Parish School is on vacation! Students, faculty and staff are away from school for a well earned vacation. This may be the most welcome break that has ever been! We will return on January 5<sup>th</sup> with a renewed spirit and great hope for a wonderful 2021. Thank you for your prayers and support over the last several months...they have sustained us.

**Pietà Chapel Update**

A mid-project report: the chapel has been returned to its original footprint and ceiling height by removing two interior walls and the false ceiling; a new interior marble floor has been installed; the Pietà statue has been relocated to the south wall; tile has been laid down on the exterior concrete landing and steps; wrought iron fencing and gate has been put in place. The new wall paneling is being fabricated. As soon as the paneling, decorative trim, and new exterior emergency door with side panels are installed, then the ceiling will be painted. Soon the chapel will be open for parishioners to once again enjoy this special place for private prayer and reflection. • The entire Pietà Chapel project, as well as new exterior lighting, and anti-graffiti sealant have been funded, not by the ordinary offertory donations, but from the Parish Building Fund. • Thank you to all who have donated to the Building Fund to make these projects possible.

**Consider Making An End-of -Year Gift**

Many parishioners make a special end of year gift to the Parish. This is very much appreciated, enabling the Parish to meeting the growing expenses of Parish operations. Such a gift has the added benefit of being tax deductible. You may want to designate your gift to the *Sacred Heart Building Fund* for the maintenance and preservation of our church, rectory, and parish hall or to the *Sacred Heart Parish School Endowment Foundation* for school families needing tuition assistance or to *Sacred Heart Church* for general operations. • Like your household expenses, parish expenses continue to increase. • Thank you for considering this end-of-year appeal. And thank you for your regular church contributions.

**Meetings & Events**

**Entrustment to the Holy Family**

O Lord Jesus,  
you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph  
in Nazareth.

There you grew in age, wisdom, and grace  
as you prepared to fulfill your mission  
as our Redeemer.

*We entrust our family to You.*

O Blessed Mary,  
you are the Mother of our Savior.

At Nazareth you cared for Jesus  
and nurtured him in the peace and joy  
of your home.

*We entrust our family to you.*

O Saint Joseph,  
you provided a secure and loving home  
for Jesus and Mary,  
and gave us a model of fatherhood  
while showing us the dignity of work.

*We entrust our family to you.*

Holy Family,  
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.

May we be completely united  
in a love that is lasting, faithful,  
and open to the gift of new life.

Help us to grow in virtue,  
to forgive one another from our hearts,  
and to live in peace all our days.

Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,  
diligent in our work, and  
generous toward those in need.

May our home, O Holy Family,  
truly become a domestic church

where we reflect your example in our daily life.  
Amen.

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!*

this month's food collection. Cristo Rey High School student families will be receiving food not only for the Christmas holiday but additional food for the remaining days of December and into the new year. • Our St. Vincent de Paul food closet is also re-stocked and ready to assist families. •

**Food Collection was Bountiful**

Never underestimate the generosity of caring individuals. Sacred Heart Parishioners and Sacred Heart Parish School Families donated 273 bags of food for

Thank you everyone for your kindness in making sure these children of God have food to eat during this Christmas season.

**Altar Society News**

Our thanks to Josette Borland and her family for hanging the Christmas wreaths and garlands in front of the church and for displaying the Nativity for all to enjoy when they enter the church for private prayer. The colorful poinsettias which also adorn the sanctuary were provided by the Altar Society. We extend our wishes for a Blessed Christmas to all parishioners.

**Holy Communion for Those Staying at Home**

If you, a family member, or friend have chosen to stay at home during the pandemic and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office (916-452-4136 ext. 2). We will try our best to have Holy Communion brought to you. Perhaps a family member or friend would be willing to come by the church to be given Holy Communion for you.

**Priesthood Discernment Retreat**

Are you being called by God to discern your vocation to the priesthood? The diocesan Office of Vocations invites you to contact them to pursue this question. Who can attend this retreat? Young men age 21 or older who are strongly considering the priesthood with a recommendation from their pastor. When and where will the retreat take place? The retreat is scheduled for January 15-17, 2021 at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, south of San Francisco. How can I register? You can contact the Vocations Office for more information at 916-733-0258 or send an email to [msmith@scd.org](mailto:msmith@scd.org).

**Email Addresses**

The parish is compiling a list of email addresses of everyone in the parish (if you have one). Use of email for routine communications will save us quite a lot of money in postage. Please email your address to [shchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:shchurchoffice@gmail.com).

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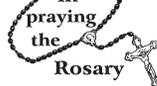
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