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INDOOR MASS SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 26, 2021

100% Capacity

Parishioners/attendees/guests are required to wear
face masks upon entering the church.

SATURDAY VIGIL
***5:15 pm English**

SUNDAY

6:30 am / 8:30 am

***10:15 am - interpreted for the deaf**
12:00 pm / *1:45 pm Español / 5:15 pm

DAILY MASS-Effective September 22, 2021
***8:15 am & 5:30 pm**

*Daily Mass in Spanish every Wednesday at 5:30 pm
Misa diaria en español cada miércoles a las 5:30 pm*

(There is no 5:30 pm Mass from Memorial Day through Labor Day)
Above schedule in effect until further notice.

Thank you for your understanding.

***Masses are Live-stream**

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CONFESIONS (CONFESIONES)

Saturday (sábado): 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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December 26, 2021



The Holy Family OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

After three days Jesus' parents found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and asking them questions.
Luke 2:46

26 de diciembre de 2021

La Sagrada Familia

DE JESÚS, MARÍA Y JOSÉ

Al tercer día los padres de Jesús lo encontraron en el templo,
sentado en medio de los doctores,
escuchándolos y haciéndoles preguntas.
Lucas 2:46

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

One God, One people in Christ, One community of love guided by the Holy Spirit to impact lives.
Un Dios, Un pueblo en Cristo, Una comunidad de amor guiada por el Espíritu Santo para impactar vidas.

MASS INTENTIONS - INTENCIÓNES DE MISASSUNDAY - DOMINGO 12/26

6:30 am Joseph Joaquin, Jr. †
 8:30 am John M. McFarland †
 10:15 am Natividad & Reynaldo de Leon †
 12:00 pm Louis Mansur †
 1:45 pm Raymunda Simoes †
 5:15 pm Jennifer McMurtrey †

MONDAY - LUNES 12/27

8:15 am Ruthann Martinez †
 5:30 pm Augustina Rosario †

TUESDAY - MARTES 12/28

8:15 am Marie Link †
 5:30 pm Deceased Members of the Macias Family †

WEDNESDAY - MIÉRCOLES 12/29

8:15 am Urbano Murguia †
 5:30 pm Melissa "Missy" Serl †

THURSDAY - JUEVES 12/30

8:15 am Crystal Manly †
 5:30 pm Rosa Diaz Ibarra †

FRIDAY - VIERNES 12/31

8:15 am Intentions of The Bell Family
 5:15 pm Eugenio Estipona †

SATURDAY - SÁBADO 01/01

8:15 am Intentions of Diane McFarland Lopez
 5:15 pm Intentions of Julie Campos

SUNDAY - DOMINGO 01/02

6:30 am Intentions of Joan Campanella
 8:30 am Intentions of Jane Corpuz
 10:15 am St. Catherine's Parishioners
 12:00 pm Julia Ramirez †
 1:45 pm Armando Fernandez †
 5:15 pm Laurie Torkelson †

† Symbolizes Soul of Deceased



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
 Lk 2:16-21
- Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

LITURGY CORNER**December 26 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

December 27 - St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

December 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; *St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr*

December 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

December 31 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; *St. Sylvester I, Pope*

January 1 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph the first Christian family. The family is a necessary good for peoples, an indispensable institution and foundation for society. The family is also a school that enables men and women to grow to the full measure of their humanity...O God, who in the Holy Family left us a perfect model of family life lived in faith and obedience to your will, help us to be examples of faith and love for your commandments." -Pope Benedict XVI

Saint John son of Zebedee, brother of James; authored the book of Revelation and the most spiritual of the gospels; symbolized by the eagle (Ezekiel 1). He was the only apostle at the foot of the cross, and to whom Jesus entrusted his Mother, "*When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.* -John 19:26-27

The Holy Innocents "*the first buds of martyrdom*", St Augustine; King Herod learned of the birth of the newborn "King of the Jews" and intended to murder him. Jesus escaped into exile with Mary and Joseph. In a rage, Herod slew all Jewish males under the age of two in Bethlehem. Eternal life triumphs over evil. The Holy Innocents live victorious in heaven. -Magnificat

Saint Thomas Becket as archbishop of Canterbury defended the freedoms and rights of the Church, he was killed by order of Henry II. "*I am no traitor and I am ready to die. For the name of Jesus and the protection of the Church I am ready to embrace death.*"

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.*

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128.*

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].*

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

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Brothers and Sisters,

Our four-week Advent journey comes to its glorious fulfillment this holy time, when we celebrate the birth of our Lord into this world. We mark Jesus' birth as a tiny baby two thousand plus years ago. Into a humble, lowly stable the Light of the World was born. Into our humble, lowly hearts let the Light of the World shine forth. The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) carries such importance that it is an entire liturgical season lasting nearly three weeks.

In the church of "Ara Coeli" in Rome, there are 124 stone steps covered during the Advent and Christmas season, with small statutes of the baby Jesus. Translated the church's full name is the Basilica of St. Mary of the Altar of Heaven. People from all across Rome and beyond, travel to the church to place their small statutes of the infant on the church's steps. The church has been a place of pilgrimage for centuries welcoming people from around the world. This Advent custom of placing a small statute of the baby Jesus on these steps shows that the tradition is alive and well in many hearts.

Seven centuries before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah in our first reading at the Midnight Mass gave hope to his people by predicting the day when a messiah would bring everlasting peace and justice to the kingdom. In Paul's letter to Titus, he reminds us that by delivering us from sin, Jesus enabled us to live virtuously as we await Jesus' coming at the end of time. Finally at that Mass, we hear Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. God's gift of himself to the world. Here is a piece of Christmas scriptural trivia for you: St. Luke is only one of the two evangelists who tell the story of Jesus' birth. The other is St. Matthew.

The gospel at Midnight Mass tells us that angels proclaimed Jesus' birth to poor shepherds as they watched over their sheep on the hills surrounding Bethlehem. The general population of the city commonly considered shepherds useful in caring for sheep and not much else! In contrast, the Magi (Wise Men) who travelled to Bethlehem had excellent credentials, "except" that, as non-Jews, they were still the "wrong" people too. Yet God chose both the shepherds and the Magi as witnesses to the incarnation.

Caesar Augustus never knew it was his own edict ordering a census that would lead to Jesus being born in Bethlehem. I doubt the shepherds in the Bethlehem hills nor the Magi on their journey from the east planned on being remembered in the gospels or on countless Christmas cards that would be given and received by people they would never meet. That the "wrong" people would hold such an important part in this story is a statement of hope and joy to us all.

If we stop to think about it, Christmas isn't it about whether we "deserve" Jesus to be born into our hearts and lives. In one way or another, we can all probably identify in some way with the "wrong" people, the shepherds, the Magi, even Caesar Augustus. The truth is that we don't "deserve" Jesus, we don't deserve Christmas. Christmas is God's gift to all of us. It is a declaration that Jesus came for everyone, regardless of social status and credibility in the eyes of others.

May Jesus be born this season in our hearts. May we welcome the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph into our homes and lives.

Merry Christmas,

Faithful



2021 DDF—We met the DDF Assessment for the year. There is still time to donate to the DDF benefiting St. Catherine's Parish. 100% of your donation will directly support St. Catherine.

Thank you very much for your continued support! Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

STEWARDSHIP . . . Thank you for supporting your parish, St. Catherine of Alexandria!
Thank you for your generous contribution. God bless you.

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022
 Summary of Weekly Sunday Offering
 December 12, 2021**

	<u>Actual Collection</u>	<u>Budgeted Collection</u>
December 5th	\$ 17,190.80	\$ 16,000.00
December 12th	\$ 19,683.48	\$ 16,000.00
Actual Collection	\$ 388,571.67	
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$ 362,000.00</u>	
YTD Collection Overage	<u>\$26,571.67</u>	

**2021 Diocesan Development Fund
 December 12, 2021**

Total Pledges Made	\$ 100,223
Less: DDF Assessment	69,750
Total Pledges made to the Parish	<u>\$ 30,473</u>
Total DDF Pledge Payments	\$ 98,432
Less: DDF Assessment	69,750
Cash to the Parish (PDF)	<u>\$ 28,682</u>
Number of donors	405
Parishioner's participation %	14%

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH FINANCIALLY.

PLEASE SUPPORT DDF-2021.

VINCENTIAN CORNER

The St. Catherine's conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the SCoA parish staff and parishioners for their prayers and financial support. Your contributions during our fiscal year of 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2021 made all of the following possible throughout the Covid-19 Pandemic:

- 1928 people assisted with food
- 474 food bags delivered to 239 families through non-contact personal home visits
- 1126 Emergency Food Bags provided to the Ministry Center for distribution
- \$39,639 provided in food and financial assistance
- \$869 of conference expense (98 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to serve our clients)
- 3701 hours volunteered helping families throughout the city of Riverside
- 26 families sponsored for 2020 Christmas

Thank you for your prayers and your generous donations during this difficult year which allowed St. Vincent de Paul volunteers continue to make a difference in your community. We wish you and your families a Blessed Holiday Season!



We need **COOKIES, CRACKERS, MACARONI & CHEESE** for the grocery bags given to those in need of assistance with food.

Donations can be dropped off at St. Catherine's Ministry Center, 7005 Brockton Ave., Riverside, CA 92506
M-F 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Thank you

Feeding the Hungry Ministry WARM BLANKETS & SOCKS NEEDED

Cold weather is coming on and it is hard to get warm without socks or blankets.

Those less fortunate than us are in need of our help. We are asking for donations of **NEW SOCKS AND CLEAN, GENTLY USED BLANKETS. All items must be sealed individually with plastic or in a trash bag.** Donations can be dropped off during weekend Masses in the container located at the entrance of the church or at the Ministry Center Monday-Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Thank you for helping those in need!

"Truly, I say to you, whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me" - Matthew 25:40



Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be
has not yet been revealed.
— 1 John 3:2a



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st - The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord.
Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 am, it is not a holy day of obligation, however, what a wonderful way to start the New Year!

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY A CHRISTMAS DAY PRAYER

Praise to You, Lord God!
You have become one of us -
- You have become a human being, while still retaining all your power and holiness as God!
You, O Lord, made the journey of the unborn child. By being an embryo, a fetus, and a newborn, you joined all unborn and newborn children to you!

From the beginning of history, O Lord, You were the Creator of every human life. Now, with Christmas, You join Yourself in an unthinkable way with the life You created.
Let this Christmas, O God, fill all of us with awe and wonder at how close human life is to You. Cleanse the world of all that tarnishes and rejects this gift. Purify our hearts of all that fears this gift. Let our Christmas joy be the joy of welcoming *every human life!* Amen! -<https://stpeterparish.com/pro-life-prayers>



Closing of Year of Saint Joseph

December 8, 2020 ~ December 26, 2021

Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father and
guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.
-Pope Francis



Saint Sylvester as Pope (years 314-335) he organized public worship and dedicated the Lateran basilica in Rome (honored as the episcopal seat of the Pope); represented at the Council of Nicea.



San Silvestre como Papa (años 314-335) organizó el culto público y dedicó la basílica de Letrán en Roma (honrada como sede episcopal del Papa); representado en el Concilio de Nicaea.

IMPORTANT! **FOR YOUR INFORMATION** **Effective Immediately**

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, is **required to wear a face mask** when you enter the church.

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To maintain safety protocols, we will wait until after the flu season to determine if we will place our missals and songbooks in the pews.



January 1st is the World Day of Peace.

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer! We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Living Stewardship Now

Visit a homebound senior, write to someone in prison, be a Big Brother or Big Sister, volunteer at a hospital, give blood.

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PARDON THE MESS!

The church pews will be restored and refinished starting next month. More info. in coming bulletins. Refinishing project will be from January 3, 2022 to February 23, 2022.

Your **DDF donations** have made this project possible. **Thank you!** Merry Christmas!



Parish Offices will be closed Friday, December 24, 2021 through Sunday, January 2, 2022 for the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Wishing you & your families a blessed Christmas and New Year!



Please pray for our beloved dead...
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord;
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Edgar "Eddie" Alcee LeDay
Sister Elizabeth Scully
Yvonne Bart
Henry Vieira
Guadalupe Razo

Arthur Moncayo
Maria Nava
Richard A. & Sylvia C. Johnson
Angela DiPadova

For all who have died during COVID-19 pandemic.

...May they rest in peace

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

TO REPORT THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD

by a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer,
call the toll free

Sexual Misconduct Hotline 1-888-206-9090

PARA REPORTAR EL ABUSO SEXUAL DE UN MENOR

por parte de un sacerdote, diácono, empleado o voluntario,
llame a la **Línea Directa de Conducta Sexual
Inapropiada 1-888-206-9090**

★ FROM ALL OF US AT
ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
PARISH SCHOOL

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



"Join us in Prayer" The Holy Rosary

Daily @ 7:00 PM
On Zoom Bilingual English and Spanish
Meeting ID: 848 7071 4466
Passcode: 803585

You can now Pray the Rosary using your telephone.

The rosary begins at 7pm. We pray for the sick of the parish 6:45 pm.

Step 1. Dial +1(669) 900-9128

Step 2. Listen to the prompt, type in the Meeting ID: 848 7071 4466#

Step 3. Listen to the prompt...press # again

Step 4. Listen to the prompt type in
Password: 803585#

Step 5. Wait for the host to answer your call

"Follow us on Facebook at 7pm Daily"



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, And Joseph

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that

we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

REFLECTION QUESTION:

How can I imitate the Holy Family this week?

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THE NAME FOR GOD

Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children. —William Makepeace Thackeray

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feature exclusive offers totaling over \$300 in savings.
By shopping local, you are supporting local fire, police, museums, parks, libraries and youth programs.

Over 200 merchants that can be used each and every day. Above is a partial listing of participating merchants.

HELP SUPPORT ST. CATHERINE'S YOUTH PROGRAMS!
SHOP RIVERSIDE CARDS
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE MINISTRY CENTER
7005 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506
Monday to Friday - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Call Lance at 951/781-9855 x 14 for information.



**FAITH FORMATION IS
SEEKING NEW CATECHISTS**
*Do you have just two hours to
give on Wednesdays for our
Parish children?*

The Faith Formation Staff and Parish need **YOU** to help these children prepare for receiving their Sacraments, learn about our Roman Catholic Traditions, live out the Gospel and journey in our faith together. The rewards are many. Please pray to see if our Lord is calling you to this Ministry. If interested or for questions, please call Olivia, 951-781-9855 x 25.

***Please note** any adult (ages 18+) working with children on a regular basis as a volunteer will need to follow certain guidelines and training before being allowed to help. Please don't let this turn you away. It's for the safety of all involved.



RCIA INQUIRY

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?
Though our face-to-face Inquiry gatherings are cancelled at present, our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is starting an on-line group on Sundays for those interested in becoming Catholic. If you are interested in joining or have questions, please call 951-781-9855 extension 29 and leave your contact information. God bless and "see you" soon!



Lance Wiseman - 781.9855 ext. 14

All High-School-Age Youth LIFE NIGHT
Sundays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. after LIFE TEEN Mass

LIFE TEEN (high school age teen)

Due to the Coronavirus the Life Night are meeting online almost every Sunday 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Contact Lance Wiseman at lwiseman@stcofa.org or 951-781-9855 Ext. 14 if you are interested in joining us for online gatherings.

This Week-12/26: NO Life Night. Enjoy the Christmas time with family and friends. Please check your email for log-in codes. **We are on Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**. Contact Lance for more information.

Next Week—1/2/2022: NO Life Night. Enjoy the New year's weekend with your family and friends. Please check your email for log-in codes. **We are on Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**. Contact Lance for more information.

Remember Life Nights are open to **all High School age youth and we invite you to join us**. They are held most Sundays via ZOOM at this time. Please contact Lance if you have questions or need more information.

YOUTH SERVICE HOURS - For service opportunities, please contact Lance Wiseman at 951/781-9855 ext. 14.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER - NEW Shop Riverside cards for **2022** are available for purchase. Cards are valid from date of purchase through all of Year 2022. Please call Lance at 951/781-9855 x 14 if you are interested in purchasing. Remember the money raised helps support St. Catherine's Youth Programs. Please contact Lance for other upcoming fundraisers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - THE EDGE - a Ministry for youth in middle school from 6th to 8th grade in private or public schools. **We are not sure at this time when we will be able to start this school year**. For more information please contact Lance.

CONFIRMATION NEWS - UPDATE AS OF 12/26/2021

1st Year of Confirmation - Our 3rd Module for the year will be **January 9th or 10th**, Zoom code will be emailed the week before. You only need to attend one of the two modules. If you missed the Mandatory Parent & Candidate meeting or make-up, please contact Lance for Zoom code.

2nd Year of Confirmation - Classes have started. If you have missed anything, please contact Lance right away for schedules and make-up meeting date. Please make sure to turn in any make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheet from last year ASAP.

3rd Year of Confirmation - We have sent via email all retreat paperwork, please check your email, complete form and return to the office or email back ASAP. Please make sure to turn in any make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheet from year ASAP.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION—Has started for all interested in registering for this Confirmation year. Please contact Lance Wiseman at 951-781-9855 ext. 14 for **APPOINTMENT** & more information.

Our Confirmation process is a three year program, starting in 9th grade, confirming in 11th grade, this includes public or private schools. Please contact Lance Wiseman with any questions.



Jesús dijo a sus padres:
¿“Por qué me
andabas buscando?
¿No sabían que debo
ocuparme en las cosas
de mi Padre?”

LUCAS 2:49

LA VIDA FAMILIAR

No era en absoluto lo que María y José esperaban que fueran sus vidas. Casi desde el principio, hubo indicios de que algo extraordinario estaba sucediendo: la anunciacin angélica a María, el extrao sueo de José, las desconcertantes palabras de Simeón y Ana en el Templo. Y ahora esto: durante el viaje anual de María y José a Jerusalén por la Pascua, el descubrimiento de que su hijo Jesús se había perdido, e incluso cuando lo encontraron, no reconocieron del todo a su hijo de doce años. La fiesta de hoy de la Sagrada Familia nos recuerda las perplejidades y las promesas de la vida familiar. El misterio del "Verbo hecho carne" se hace muy tangible en las rutinas y debilidades de la vida familiar. Desde la carne pura de un nio recién nacido hasta la carne envejecida de una abuela querida, las familias son el punto cero para vislumbrar el maravilloso misterio de la Encarnacin.

¿NO LO SABÍAN?

Las primeras palabras de un niño suelen ser motivo de emoción y alegría para los miembros de la familia. Hoy escuchamos las primeras palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio según Lucas. Y son desafiantes. ¿Por qué me buscan? ¿No sabían que debía estar en la casa de mi Padre?" Las palabras asombradas, sorprendidas y con gran ansiedad se utilizan para describir la prolongada visita de Jesús al Templo. ¡Qué familiares son esas emociones para la mayoría de los padres! ¿Habían olvidado los padres de Jesús las palabras del ángel Gabriel o la profecía de Simeón? En el Evangelio de Lucas, este pasaje presagia el último viaje de Jesús a Jerusalén, donde vivirá su propia Pascua y volverá a estar "perdido" durante tres días. La historia de Ana en la primera lectura confirma la necesidad y la naturaleza de la confianza en la actividad de Dios en nuestras vidas. Parece claro que la atención fiel a la vida espiritual de una familia no garantiza que la vida esté libre de dificultades.

EMMANUEL: DIOS CON NOSOTROS

¿Se equivocó Tolstoi cuando escribió que todas las familias felices son iguales y que las infelices lo son cada una a su manera? Parece que lo contrario es igualmente cierto. Como las familias felices fomentan los talentos e interés únicos de cada miembro, cada persona brilla según sus propias luces. La fe, los objetivos y los retos de una familia feliz serán los suyos propios. Las familias infelices, en cambio, pueden parecerse mucho en sus heridas, sus miedos y enfrentamientos, y su tendencia a dar interpretaciones negativas a las acciones de los demás.

Es tentador concluir que la vida familiar actual es más problemática que nunca. Puede ser tranquilizador saber que la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia se añadió al calendario universal de la Iglesia debido a la preocupación del Papa León XIII por el estado de la vida familiar, hace cien años. En este tiempo de Navidad, en el que las familias están por todas partes, damos la bienvenida al Emmanuel, el Dios que puestó su morada entre nosotros.

LECTURAS DE HOY

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
Salmo 84 (83):2-3, 5-6, 9-10
1 Juan 3:1-2, 21-24

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- 1 Samuel 1:20–22, 24–28
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 - 1 Juan 3:1–2, 21–24
 - Lucas 2:41–52

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Martes: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8;
Mt 2:13-18

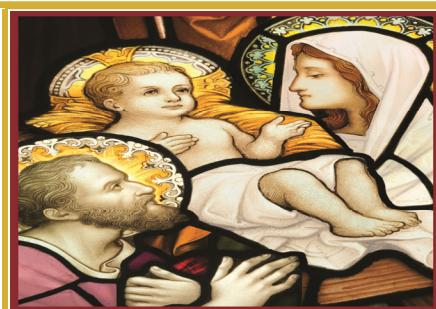
Miércoles: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35

Jueves: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Sal 96 (95):7-10; Lc 2:36-40

Viernes: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sábado: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gál 4:4-7;
Lc 2:16-21

Domingo: Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

Señor Dios, que te dignaste dejarnos el más perfecto ejemplo en la Sagrada Familia de tu Hijo, concédenos benignamente que, imitando sus virtudes domésticas y los lazos de caridad que la unió, podamos gozar de la eterna recompensa en la alegría de tu casa.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo,
que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del
Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de
los siglos.

PREGUNTA DE REFLEXIÓN:

¿Cómo puedo imitar a la Sagrada Familia esta semana?

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura—Ana entregó su hijo Samuel al Señor, dejándolo en el templo de Siló: “Toda su vida, él está cedido a Yavé” (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) o *Eclesiástico* 3:2-6, 12-14.

Salmo — Dichosos los que temen al Señor y siguen sus caminos (Salmo 84 [83]) o **Salmo 128(127)**.

Segunda lectura—Somos hijos de Dios cuando creemos en el nombre de su Hijo, Jesucristo, y nos amamos mutuamente como él nos ordenó (1 Juan 3:1-2, 21-24) o *Colosenses 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

Evangelio—José y María encuentran a Jesús perdido en el templo en medio de los maestros, escuchando y haciendo preguntas (Lucas 2:41-52).

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INFORMACIÓN LITÚRGICA

26 de diciembre - SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESÚS, MARÍA Y JOSÉ

27 de diciembre - San Juan, apóstol y evangelista

28 de diciembre - Santos Inocentes, mártires

29 de diciembre - Quinto día de la Octava de Navidad; Santo Tomás Becket, obispo y mártir

30 de diciembre - Sexto día de la Octava de Navidad

31 de diciembre - Séptimo día de la Octava de Navidad; San Silvestre I, Papa

1 de enero - Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios

Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José, la primera familia cristiana. La familia es un bien necesario para los pueblos, una institución y un fundamento indispensable para la sociedad. La familia es también una escuela que permite al hombre y a la mujer crecer hasta la plena medida de su humanidad... Oh Dios, que en la Sagrada Familia nos has dejado un modelo perfecto de vida familiar vivida en la fe y en la obediencia a tu voluntad, ayúdanos a ser ejemplos de fe y de amor a tus mandamientos." -Papa Benedicto XVI

San Juan hijo de Zebedeo, hermano de Santiago; autor del libro del Apocalipsis y del más espiritual de los evangelios; simbolizado por el águila (Ezequiel 1). Fue el único apóstol al pie de la cruz, y a quien Jesús confió a su Madre. Jesús, al ver a la Madre y junto a ella al discípulo que más quería, dijo a la Madre: "Mujer, ahí tienes a tu hijo". "Después dijo al discípulo: "Ahí tienes a tu madre." Y desde aquel momento el discípulo se la llevó a su casa."

-Juan 19:26-27

Los Santos Inocentes "los primeros brotes del martirio", San Agustín; el rey Herodes se enteró del nacimiento del recién nacido "Rey de los Judíos" y pretendió asesinarlo. Jesús escapó al exilio con María y José. En un arrebato, Herodes mató a todos los varones judíos menores de dos años en Belén. La vida eterna triunfa sobre el mal. Los Santos Inocentes viven victoriosos en el cielo. -Magnificat

Santo Tomás Becket como arzobispo de Canterbury defendió las libertades y derechos de la Iglesia, fue asesinado por orden de Enrique II. "No soy un traidor y estoy dispuesto a morir. Por el nombre de Jesús y la protección de la Iglesia estoy dispuesto a abrazar la muerte".



Las oficinas de la parroquia estarán cerradas desde el viernes 24 de diciembre de 2021 hasta el domingo 2 de enero de 2022 por las fiestas de Navidad y Año Nuevo.

Les deseamos a ustedes y a sus familias una Navidad y un Año Nuevo lleno de bendiciones.



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Anfitrión: Padre Luis A. Segura, MSC

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Día de la Octava de Navidad

La misa se celebrará a las 8:15 de la mañana. No es un día de precepto, sin embargo, ¡qué manera tan maravillosa de empezar el año nuevo!

¡PERDÓN POR EL DESORDEN!

Las bancas de la iglesia serán restauradas y repintadas a partir del próximo mes. Más información en los próximos boletines.

El proyecto de restauración se llevará a cabo del 3 de enero de 2022 al 23 de febrero de 2022.

Sus **donaciones al DDF** han hecho este proyecto posible. ¡Gracias!



MINISTERIO DE SALUD

La clínica móvil estará cerrada el sábado, 1 de enero de 2022. Estaremos de nuevo el 15 de enero de 2022 de 9:00 am a 1:00 pm en los terrenos de la escuela. ¡Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo!

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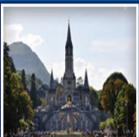
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