



# Holy Family Parish

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December 25, 2016 ❖ Christmas

## Welcome to Holy Family

Newcomers Gathering second Sunday of the month at 10:45am in the Parish Office. Our next one will be **January 8**.

## Eucharist (Mass)

Sat: 8:30 am & 5:30 pm (*Vigil*)  
Sun: 8 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 6 pm  
Mon: 8:05 am  
Tue – Fri: 7:30 am  
Holy days: As announced  
Holidays: 10 am  
Vietnamese Mass: Sat: 7:30 pm

## Parish Office Hours

M-F Mornings: 10:00 am—12:00 pm;  
Mon-Thu: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Fri: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Saturday: 10 am - 2 pm  
Sunday: 9 am - 1 pm

## Contact Us

Parish Office .....408-265-4040  
School Office.....408-978-1355  
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## On this day a Savior is born

**Merry Christmas!** We are so glad that you are here. We have been praying for you, and preparing in hopeful expectation for this Christmas to be a joyful celebration. Today, we have a special gift for you!

No matter what this last year has been like for you, our hope is that the gift of **Resisting Happiness** by Matthew Kelly, will renew your spirit and bring greater happiness into your life. We often find ourselves asking “Am I happy?” or “What makes me happy?” – and we hope that you can begin 2017 with an invitation to discover what makes you happy, and what might be standing in the way of your ultimate happiness.



We hope that you enjoy the book! Read it together with your family, and pass it along to friends and family once you have finished.



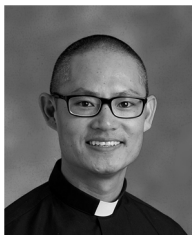
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and even scripture studies that you can do in your home or on the go. Everyone in your house will enjoy this resource. You will even find children’s movies and books. Formed.org is paid for by the parish because we believe every parishioner, indeed everyone we come into contact with, deserves a way to encounter Christ and his teachings in every day life. It can be challenging to carve out time in your busy schedules, but we think most people sit down as a family to watch a movie in your home. Consider this resource when you’re choosing those movies. Consider downloading an ebook onto your phone to read when you have a few minutes. Listen to audio books as you do the dishes, the options are endless!

Over the next months you will see in the bulletin suggestions on what to view that week. If your family has an experience that you’d like to share, please let us know, other families might find your experience helpful.

Right now, one staff member is listening to “The true meaning of Christmas”, it is a compilation of Archbishop Fulton Sheen’s reflections on the Incarnation of Jesus mixed with Gregorian Chant and seasonal music. This is definitely a must listen for adults that want to know a little more about our history as Catholics. Why don’t you take an hour of your Christmas week and join us!

—Parish Staff



## *A Message From Our Pastor*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christmas is celebrated to remember the birth of Jesus Christ, and as Christians (Christ's followers), we believe that He is the Son of God and God Himself (the 2<sup>nd</sup> person out of 3 – The Trinity).

The term "Christmas" comes from the Mass of Christ. A Mass service (Communion or Eucharist) is where Christians remember that Jesus died for us and then came back to life to give us an everlasting life. Traditionally, the "Christ-Mass" service was the only one that was allowed to take place after sunset, so people had it at midnight. Therefore, we get the name Christ-Mass shortened to Christmas. As the situation demands, the Church has been more pastoral and allows having Christmas Eve Mass prior to midnight.

One might ask, "Why do we celebrate Christmas on December 25<sup>th</sup>?" No one knows the real birthday of Jesus. No date is given in the Bible. The early Christians certainly had many arguments as to when it should be celebrated. It is true that the birth of Jesus didn't happen in the year 1 but slightly earlier, somewhere between 2 BC and 7 BC. The first recorded date of Christmas being celebrated on December 25<sup>th</sup> was in 336, during the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (the 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Roman Emperor). Pope Julius I, a few years later from what was recorded, officially declared that the birth of Jesus would be celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December.

As we are celebrating Christmas, we can be influenced by the secular world—meaning we can easily "go with the flow." For example, as non-Christians celebrate Christmas, they may not know why they are doing so and may even want to take God out of their ordinary lives. They may downplay the meaning of Christmas, and perhaps will deliberately say "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas." As Christians, if we don't preserve the meaning of Christmas then who will? For that reason, let us do everything we can to preserve its true meaning by deliberately greeting others with "Merry Christmas" instead of other sayings. Anything that we say other than "Merry Christmas" would not bring the essence of the day that we are celebrating.

It is due to His love that He is being incarnated to give us hope for this life and salvation to come. May we always be grateful to Jesus' love and redemption that He prepared for us through His death. May we all have a blessed Christmas with our loved ones with the zeal to spread Jesus' love to others.

God bless,

Fr. Andrew Vu Nguyen



### **Eucharistic Adoration**

*Weekdays:* 12 pm - 3 pm  
*1st Fridays:* 8 am – 5 pm *Benediction*

### **Infant Baptism**

Preparation can begin before or after the birth of your child.

Call 408-265-4040 for more info.

### **Christian Initiation**

*(Baptism, Confirmation, Communion)*

If interested in the Catholic faith or completing the sacraments of initiation as an adult, youth or child, contact 408-265-5374.

### **Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturdays, 4 pm - 5 pm,  
or by appointments at 408-265-4040.

### **Ministry to the Sick & Homebound**

Communion or Anointing of the Sick can be arranged for the sick or homebound at 408-265-4040.

### **Wedding**

Couples should contact a priest at 408-265-4040 at least six months prior to the proposed date of wedding.

## **Upcoming Events**

- NOW-Jan 2 Office Closed
- Dec 26 10am Communion Service
- Dec 27 10am Communion Service
- Dec 30 Parish Feast Day  
Masses @7:30am & 7:30pm
- Dec 31 10am Mass
- Dec 31 7pm New Year's Eve Party
- Jan 1 Feast of Mary, Mother of God  
Regular Mass Schedule
- Jan 2 10am Mass
- Jan 18 6pm School Open House



## **Holy Family School News**

Our parish school is having an Open House for students Preschool to 8th grade on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Community Center. If you or someone you know is looking for a school for your child for the 2017/2018 school year, please join us for our Open House. Call 408-978-1355 or visit our website at [www.holyfamilyschoolsj.com](http://www.holyfamilyschoolsj.com) for more information or to schedule a tour.

Next week: Mary, Mother of God \* December 31 & January 1

Liturgy Focus	Date	Time	Music	Presider
Reconciliation	Sat 12/31	4:00pm		Fr. Edsil
Mass w/Baptism	Sat 12/31	5:30pm	TBA	Fr. Andrew
General	Sun 1/1	8:00am	AFG	Fr. Andrew
Children's Mass	Sun 1/1	9:30am	AFG	Fr. Andrew
General	Sun 1/1	11:15am	St. Josephine	Fr. Edsil
Youth	Sun 1/1	6:00pm	Life Teen	Fr. Edsil

### Parish Feast Day

Friday, December 30th is our Patronal Feast Day. In addition to our regular 7:30am Mass we will be having a 7:30pm Mass. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

In case you're wondering, our Feast Day is normally on the Sunday following Christmas but this year, that is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

### Parish Breakfast

Our next monthly Parish Pancake Breakfast, which is usually on the first Sunday of the month, will be on January 8th instead. It is hosted by our Knights of Columbus. Serving begins following the 8 am mass and ends at 11 am. Families new to or visiting the parish receive a free breakfast with the "Welcome" cards provided at the start of each mass!

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas Vacation through Monday, January 2.

On December 26 and 27 we will have Communion Services at 10am. On December 31, and January 2 we will have Mass at 10am. All other "daily" Masses will remain normal.

### NEW YEARS PARTY!

Tickets for Holy Family's New Year's Eve Dinner Dance will be on sale **at the door** of the Community Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve. Bring in the New Year with a good meal, dancing, and champagne toasts at midnight. The final event of 2016; hosted by Holy Family's St. Ignatius of Loyola Council of the Knights of Columbus.

### Stewardship Report

December 17& 18, 2016

Collection totals were not available at the time of printing.

### Buildings & Grounds

#### Collection Next Week

Your generous support helps us keep our facilities well maintained and safe. Thank you.

### Christmas Flower Envelopes

Another way to help us decorate the church for Christmas Season is to help us pay for the flowers and other things to bring beauty to our worship space. Christmas Flower envelopes are available in the pews and the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

### Please Consider Volunteering for Hospital Ministry

Many Catholics lie in local hospital beds who are desperate for a visit and spiritual lift. If you could help, please contact the Holy Family Office or Deacon Ray for information about how to participate as a pastoral and communion minister. Your visit could make a big difference in someone's hospital stay.

### Eucharistic Adoration

You're invited to the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel on Friday, January 6. Exposition begins at the end of the morning Mass, around 8am, and concludes with **Benediction at 5pm**. Sign up for a 30-minute time of prayer to enable others to come and go during that timeframe. For brief visits with the Blessed Sacrament it is not necessary to sign up in advance.

### Mass Intentions

Dec 24 4:00 pm HF Parish & School  
6:00 pm HF Parish & School  
9:30 pm HF Parish & School  
12:00 am HF Parish & School

Dec 25 8:00 am HF Parish & School  
9:30 am HF Parish & School  
11:15 am HF Parish & School  
6:00 pm NO 6pm

Dec 26 10:00 am Communion Service  
Dec 27 10:00 am Communion Service

Dec 28 7:30 am Luis F. Guanzon, Jr. +  
Dec 29 7:30 am Cecilia

Dec 30 7:30 am Luis F. Guanzon, Jr. +  
Dec 31 10:00 am Luis F. Guanzon, Jr. +

5:30 pm Simeona Espiritu +  
Jan 1 8:00 am Edith Bini Williams +

9:30 am HF Parish & School  
11:15 am HF Parish & School

6:00 pm HF Parish & School

### Please Pray

♦ For those who have died:

*Joanne Cesar, Armando Chapa*

♦ For those who are ill:

*Mike Chambers*

### Download Our Parish App!

Over 500 folks have already downloaded our Holy Family app. It is now available for iPhone and Android smart phones at your phone's app store. Stay connected with our parish all week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy additional features like prayers, daily readings, reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.

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Download our app today at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) or on your phone's app store look for myparish.

### Students 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade can be Ministers at Mass

If you would like to find out more about being a candle bearer, lector, altar server, usher, singer, musician or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist stop by the parish office to fill out an interest form. Training provided! We work with your schedule for flexible scheduling.

## Is God Calling You?

Praising unceasingly. Blessing by intercession. Preaching through a life of contemplation. Single, Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 38 are invited to experience a taste of the life of a cloistered Dominican nun. Contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., vocation directress, at [vocations@nunsmenlo.org](mailto:vocations@nunsmenlo.org), or visit their website at <http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days/> to learn more and to register for one of their upcoming Come and See Days to be held at Corpus Christi Monastery located at 215 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park, California: Saturday, January 21, 2017; Saturday July 15, 2017; Saturday, October 21, 2017. The event is free and all meals will be provided. Space is limited and fills fast!

## ESSAY COMPETITIONS - Enter Now!

Essay competitions recognize students' awareness of responsibility and accountability in Catholic education. Entry forms are available at the parish for students of Holy Family Education Center and our public/private/home school student families registered at Holy Family.

### I. Grades 4 thru 7 topics (Local and State competition)

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: "Ways I share My Time, Talents and Treasures at Home, School, and in My Church Community"

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: "In my life, who have been my Spiritual Role Models and Why?"

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: "How do I live Jesus' Teaching, to Love Thy Neighbor?"

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: "How My Catholic / Christian School Education has influenced My Personal Values"

### II. Grade 8 (Local, State, AND National competition)

Topic: "The Importance of Religious Freedom"

Essays must be received no later than 1/3/17. Cash awards of \$50 for top grades 4-7 entrants and \$100 to the top grade 8 entrant. Contact Jovie Palteng at 408-607-1080 or [palteng23@hotmail.com](mailto:palteng23@hotmail.com) for information.



## Poverty Simulation

Adults interested in reflecting on the realities faced by people living in economic poverty in our community are invited to participate in a Poverty Simulation Activity on Saturday, January 28 from 9am - noon at Santa Teresa Parish—Avila Hall (*There is NO Charge*).

This poverty simulation experience is designed to help participants understand what it might be like to be a part of a typical low income family trying to survive from month-to-month. It is a simulation, not a game! The object is to sensitize participants to the realities of life faced by low income people, while providing concrete suggestions for further advocacy. *For additional information contact:* Robin Hayr at [robin@hayr.net](mailto:robin@hayr.net)

## It's Easy Being Green

DON'T BURN THAT GIFT WRAP IN YOUR FIREPLACE! The metals and ink in much of the paper cause many fires each year and send harmful particulates into the air we breathe.

## Catholic Roadmap

Today we celebrate the great mystery that God became flesh and dwelt among us. This mystery is called the **Incarnation** (meaning "take on flesh"). At Christmas we proclaim that God, the very God who created all things from nothing and who is light itself, took on our humanity in order to transform us. Gather members of your family around your Nativity set to thank God for this mystery of the Incarnation and the salvation we received because Jesus was born among us. Then sing a Christmas carol. Merry Christmas! to you and your family.

Want to watch FREE Catholic movies from the comfort of your own couch? Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith at a time convenient for you? Check out FORMED.ORG using the parish code **PWZ8DW** for all movies, audio and much, much more! Questions? Contact – Christina Fenn ([cfenn@dsj.org](mailto:cfenn@dsj.org)) for more information.

## Knights of Columbus

Men's Fellowship & Service  
Len Piazzon: 408-268-5196  
[lepazz@hotmail.com](mailto:lepazz@hotmail.com)  
1st Thursday of month at 7pm

## Bookstore

Community Center  
Sundays, 9am—1pm

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

For emergency financial assistance, call the parish office for an appointment

## Prayer Line

Leave a prayer request message with Jeanette, 408-723-0445.

## Morning Prayer

Mondays at 7:30am in the Church  
(Except holidays)

## Rosary

Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the Chapel

## Encore Amour -- Re-Married

[Encoreamour.webs.com](http://Encoreamour.webs.com)  
Joe & Laura Trovato,  
408-295-4793

## 50+ Singles Group

3rd Sunday, 12:30 Hope Room  
Dee Stolpe 408-225-7386  
[deestolpe@yahoo.com](mailto:deestolpe@yahoo.com)

## Columbiettes

Women's Fellowship and Service  
Barbara Jorgensen - 408-778-7328  
[Barbara\\_Jorgensen@msn.com](mailto:Barbara_Jorgensen@msn.com)  
last Thursday of month at 6:30pm

## Give the "Gift of Life"!

Holy Family and the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive with Stanford Blood Center on Sunday, Jan. 8th from 830 am -1 pm. Drop by the Bloodmobile in Holy Family's rear parking lot. You can sign up in the office or after Mass or sign up at [www.sbcdonor.org](http://www.sbcdonor.org).

Please prayerfully consider donating. First time donors are especially welcome, and appointments aren't required.

## "Embrace Trust"

### LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS February 24-26

The LA Religious Education Congress is a great opportunity to learn about different aspects of our faith. It is a week-end filled with excellent speakers, dynamic and uplifting prayer and thousands of other people hungry to learn more about sharing the Word of God.

RECongress is held at the Anaheim Convention Center, located at 800 West Katella Avenue, directly south of Disneyland and Disney California Adventure.

**COST:** The registration fee for Congress covers admission to all events, ticketed workshops, concerts, liturgies and exhibits (name badges required) throughout the three days. Fees for the Congress days are: \$70 – by the January 13 deadline and \$80 – after January 13.

**NOTE:** If you have not mailed in your Registration Form by February 3, please register online or on site at the Convention Center. Online registration closes at 9 AM Sunday of Congress.

**For more information about the congress please visit their website: [recongress.org](http://recongress.org). Hotel and registration information can be found on their website.**

**If you plan on going, we'd love to see you and share a meal. Let us know if you're going, and we will have a dinner together! [Cfenn@dsj.org](mailto:Cfenn@dsj.org)**

### Children's Liturgy of the Word Prayer Leaders Needed

Do you love children and helping them learn how to worship God in the Mass? Consider being a prayer leader for Children's Liturgy of the Word! Prayer leaders assist children to participate in the Mass at an age appropriate level, and prepare them to be a part of the community. If you or someone you know is interested in being a prayer leader for Children's Liturgy of the Word, please contact Christina Fenn ([cfenn@dsj.org](mailto:cfenn@dsj.org)).

### What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?

Children's Liturgy of the Word is for kids (3-7 years old) to participate in the Mass at an age appropriate level. During the 9:30am Mass, children are invited to the chapel to listen to the Word at their level, reflect on the readings, and pray the prayers of the faithful – just like the assembly! Children's Liturgy of the Word is not a class session or a teaching time – but a time for children to fully and actively participate in the liturgy. Please pray for Children's Liturgy of the Word prayer leaders, and all of the young disciples of our parish!

### The Word is Alive

Thursdays 7:15-9 pm in the Hope Room. All are welcome!

### Catholic Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine & Mexico City

December 8 – 13, \$2,379.00 per person including air from San Jose, breakfast, lunch & dinner, Holy Mass everyday. Hosted by St. Frances Cabrini Parish. For a flyer or more information please call Cathie or Mike Milano at 1-800-773-2660.



Merry Christmas! No **EDGE** or **Life Teen** this week due to it being Christmas Day. Spend time with your families.

Next week **Life Teen** will be going to Christmas in the Park. Make sure to bring you permission slip which can be found online.

**Holy Homework** is looking for more volunteers to help supervise during the week. Please visit [holyfamily.ivolunteer.com/holyhomework](http://holyfamily.ivolunteer.com/holyhomework) to sign up.

**Echoes of Worth** Theology of the Body retreat is on January 13-15. Sign up today at [echoesofworth.com](http://echoesofworth.com)

All registration forms are available at [holyfamilysanjose.org](http://holyfamilysanjose.org) (under Faith Formation/Youth & Young Adults)

Contact Jeff Gans for more info at 408-265-8650  
or [jgans@dsj.org](mailto:jgans@dsj.org).

### Sacred Scripture Study

Jesus said, "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood." Some say they're merely symbols of remembrance. Others say they're really the Body and Blood of Christ, but can't explain how that's possible. The Eucharist is the center-point of the Mass – but why?

Acclaimed author and scholar Dr. Brant Pitre will tackle those questions and more in **Lectio: Eucharist, Discovering the Mass in the Bible**. In ten sessions, YOU will open Sacred Scripture and deepen your understanding of the mystery and wonder that is the Eucharist – and how it will transform your life.

All are welcome, especially first timers to a Bible study!

**Morning group: Mondays 10am – 12pm.**

**WE'RE ON BREAK UNTIL JANUARY 9TH.**

Please contact Donna Holt, phone 408-371-3682  
[goodsamnurse@gmail.com](mailto:goodsamnurse@gmail.com)

**Evening group: Tuesdays 7-8:45pm.** Please contact Terry G, [tgetti@aol.com](mailto:tgetti@aol.com) text: 408.497-9276

### Little Lambs Play Group

*1st Friday of the month from 10am-12pm*

Little Lambs provides parents and caretakers of newborns, toddlers and preschoolers a chance to meet others in our parish. Come and visit informally with other parents and caregivers while the children socialize with their fellow parishioners too! The group meets the first Friday of each month from 10am-noon in the Faith Room. No need to register. Contact Molly: [mlecheler@gmail.com](mailto:mlecheler@gmail.com) for more info.

### Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation

Faith Formation is in full swing! This year we are using *Finding God* a curriculum from Loyola Press.

You are welcome to join! Sessions are from 11am—Noon. Please contact Christina Fenn for more details.

If you love Jesus and want to share that love with our young disciples, we are recruiting for Faith Formation **teachers, assistants and floaters**. Email or call Christina to volunteer. [cfenn@dsj.org](mailto:cfenn@dsj.org)

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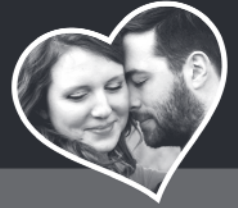
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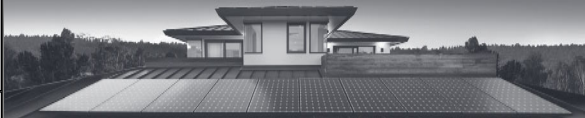
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