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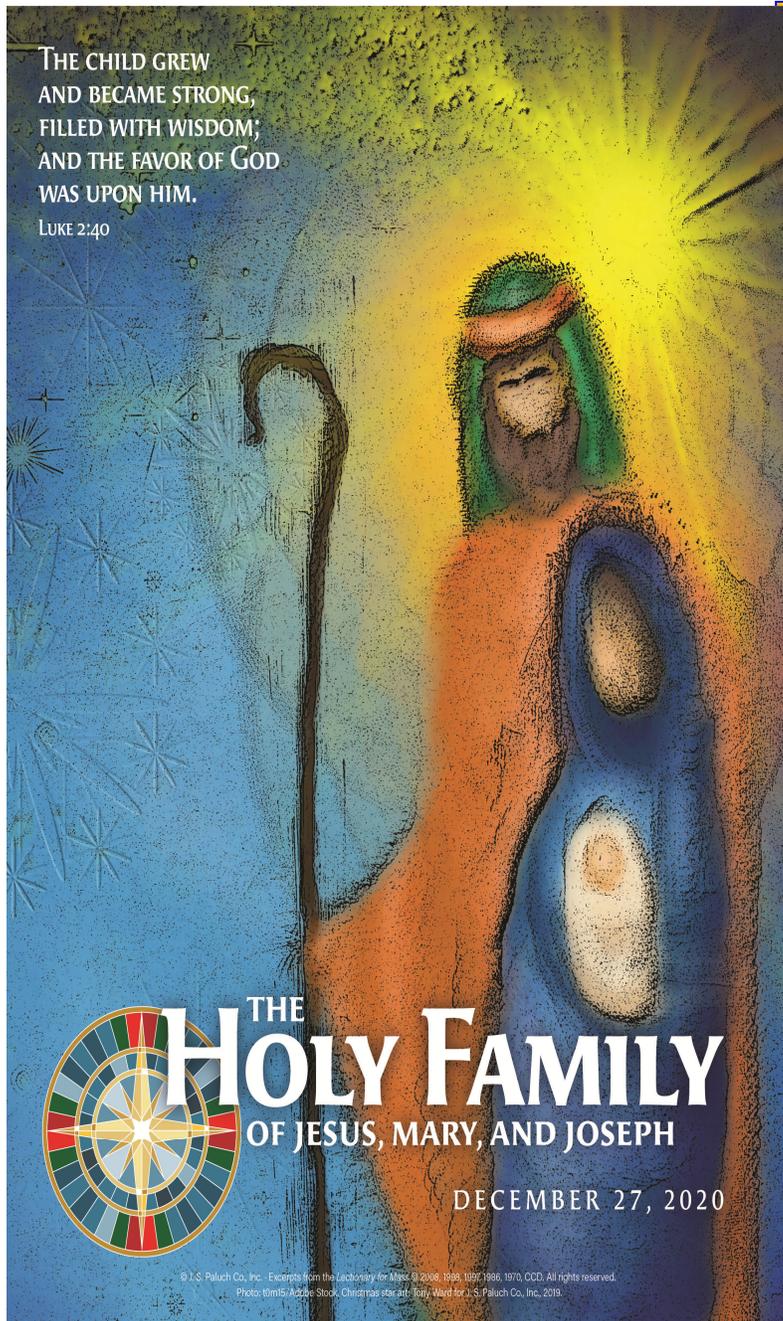
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THE CHILD GREW  
AND BECAME STRONG,  
FILLED WITH WISDOM;  
AND THE FAVOR OF GOD  
WAS UPON HIM.

LUKE 2:40



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 27, 2020

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YOU A  
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&  
HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR  
2021

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## The Holy Family

In the ambience of joy that is typical of Christmas, we celebrate this Sunday; the Feast of the Holy Family, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus.

The family of Nazareth brings us the light of hope, Luke says: "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him" The family nucleus of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is for every believer, and especially for families, an authentic lesson of the Gospel. Here we admire the fulfillment of the divine plan to make the family a special community of life and love. Here we learn that every Christian family nucleus is called to be a **domestic church**, to make evangelical virtues shine and become a ferment of good in society.

One of the typical features of the Sagrada Familia are: gathering and prayer, mutual understanding and respect, spirit of sacrifice, work, and solidarity.

From the example and testimony of the Holy Family, our families can draw precious aid for lifestyle and life choices, and they can draw strength and wisdom for our daily journey. The true joy experienced in the family is not a casual and fortuitous thing. It is a joy that is the fruit of deep harmony among people, which makes us like the beauty of being together, of sustaining each other on the path of life, and that is always linked to the presence of God, his welcoming and merciful love.

If the family's door to God's presence and love is not opened, the family loses harmony, individualisms prevail, and joy is extinguished. On the other hand, the family that lives the joy, the joy of life, the joy of faith, communicates it spontaneously, is salt of the earth and light of the world, is yeast for the whole society.

Luke speaks to us in the gospel of two older people, Simeon and Anne who were in the temple waiting to see the Messiah one day. They were waiting for its end, but they hoped that before they left, they would see the Messiah. **Hope** is the true elixir of our faith, in it we put our lives before God to guide us in our walk; "while there is life there is hope"; but even truer is the opposite: "**while there is hope there is life.**"

I invite you to look at the center of your family, how you communicate, if there is mutual respect, if there is humility, if there is understanding, if there is tenderness and if there is peace. Let us imitate the family of Nazareth and put our **hope** in that God who became human with the name of Jesus to give us all his love, tenderness, and mercy. Live the family, live the domestic church!

Deacon Gustavo



## Sagrada Familia

En el clima de alegría que es propio de la Navidad, celebramos este domingo la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, José, María y Jesús.

La familia de Nazaret nos trae la luz de la esperanza, Lucas dice: “El niño iba creciendo y fortaleciéndose, se llenaba de sabiduría y la gracia de Dios estaba con Él.” El núcleo familiar de Jesús, María y José es para todo creyente, y en especial para las familias, una auténtica escuela del Evangelio. Aquí admiramos el cumplimiento del plan divino de hacer de la familia una comunidad especial de vida y amor. Aquí aprendemos que todo núcleo familiar cristiano está llamado a ser **iglesia doméstica**, para hacer resplandecer las virtudes evangélicas y llegar a ser fermento de bien en la sociedad.

Unos de los rasgos típicos de la Sagrada Familia son: recogimiento y oración, mutua comprensión y respeto, espíritu de sacrificio, trabajo y solidaridad.

Del ejemplo y del testimonio de la Sagrada Familia, nuestras familias pueden extraer ayudas preciosas para el estilo y las opciones de vida, y pueden sacar fuerza y sabiduría para el camino nuestro de cada día.

La verdadera alegría que se experimenta en la familia no es algo casual y fortuito. Es una alegría que es fruto de la armonía profunda entre las personas, que hace gustar la belleza de estar juntos, de sostenernos mutuamente en el camino de la vida, y que siempre está unida a la presencia de Dios, su amor acogedor y misericordioso.

Si no se abre la puerta de la familia a la presencia de Dios y a su amor, la familia pierde la armonía, prevalecen los individualismos y se apaga la alegría. En cambio, la familia que vive la alegría, la alegría de la vida, la alegría de la fe, la comunica espontáneamente, es sal de la tierra y luz del mundo, es levadura para toda la sociedad.

Lucas nos habla en el Evangelio de dos personas de edad, Simeón y Ana que estaban en el templo esperando ver algún día al Mesías, ellos estaban ya esperando su fin, pero tenían la esperanza de que antes de irse verían al Mesías. **La esperanza** es el verdadero elixir de nuestra fe, en ella ponemos nuestra vida ante Dios para que nos guíe en nuestro caminar; “mientras hay vida hay esperanza”; pero, todavía más verdadero es lo contrario: “**mientras hay esperanza hay vida**”.

Les invito a que miremos el centro de nuestra familia, cómo nos comunicamos, hay respeto mutuo, hay humildad, hay comprensión, hay ternura y hay paz. Imitemos a la familia de Nazaret y pongamos nuestra **esperanza** en ese Dios que se hizo humano con el nombre de Jesús para darnos todo su amor, ternura y misericordia. ¡Viva la familia, viva la iglesia domestica!

Diácono Gustavo



*In order for our priests and parish staff to enjoy the holidays with their families the parish office will be closed from Tuesday, December 23, 2020 to Sunday, January 3, 2021. It will be reopened Monday, January 4th, 2021.*

**The Parish Office is operating virtually during the pandemic. We will answer your phone calls and emails as soon as possible.**

**ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE DIACONATE?**  
Classes will be starting in the Diocese of Oakland. For more information, interested men and their wives are invited to attend one of the following information meetings on Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8745798692>  
or by phone at 1-408-638-0968, Meeting ID: 874 579 8692#  
Tuesdays from 7-8 pm on January 19 or 26, 2021  
or  
Saturdays from 11 am-Noon on January 16, 23 or 30, 2021

**New Year Eve –Thursday**

Vigil Mass: Mary, Mother of God, Mass @ **5:30 p.m.** –  
**Livestream**

**New Year Day – Friday**

Solemnity of Mother of God– Holy Day of Obligation  
Masses: **8:00 a.m.- livestream**  
**& 10:00 a.m. (in the garden & livestream)**





**BEAUTIFUL CLOTH MASKS  
FOR SALE!**  
*Donated by the Padre Pio Ministry*  
 Wouldn't you love a colorful mask that expresses your faith or celebrates the season?  
 Masks are on sale for just **\$10 each or 3 for \$25** outside of mass today.  
 Buy one for yourself or give one as a gift!

Hello Everyone,

We are selling this Bible Diary for \$20 each. This book can become your spiritual companion for the year 2021 each time you go to Mass or pray at home. It has almost everything needed to enrich your faith. It features all traditional Catholic prayers. It has family prayers, prayers before and after meetings, etc. It has a liturgical calendar, has daily readings and reflections on the readings.

This book is a perfect Mass companion for you. We have around 70 books left. Please buy one for you or as a Christmas gift for your loved ones and support our parish.

Books will be on sale at 10am and 12pm Mass on Sundays or contact Tammy Vo at 925-698-4559 to order any time.

**FEATURES**

- Messages from **REV. FR. JULIUS JOSE A. COCHING, CMF**, Executive Director of the Claretian Communications Foundation, Inc. and **MOST REVEREND LEO M. DALMAO, CMF, DD**, Bishop of the Prelature of Isabela, Basilan, Philippines
- Catholic Daily Prayers
- Liturgical and Sanctoral Roman Catholic Calendar
- Prayers for the Family (for husband, wife, children and family issues) and Prayers for Meetings
- Scriptural Rosary
- The Way of the Cross
- Guide in Praying with the Bible
- Biblical Prayers for a person in Danger or Very Sick
- A Guide to the Sacrament of Penance
- A Guide to the New English translation of the Roman Missal
- Table of Movable Dates of the Liturgical Calendar
- An Introduction and Explanation on the Liturgical Seasons by (+) **REV. FR. ANSCAR CHUPUNGCO, OSB**
- Illustrations by **REV. FR. ANTONINO "NICK" EUCAPOR, CMF**
- An Invitation to the readers to Lectio Divina on Sundays using the Four Simple Steps of READ (Lectio), REFLECT (Meditatio), PRAY (Oratio), and ACT (Actio)
- Weekday and Sunday Reflections by **REV. FR. JONATHAN A. BITOY, CMF**, author of *heart to Heart: A Collection of Traditional and New Prayer Conversations with God*, a booklet that contains prayers for different times of the day, prayers to the Triune God, prayers to Mary and the Saints, prayers for different situations and occasions, prayers for the family, prayers of different professions and callings.
- A QR Code linked to Youtube presenting the reflections by **REV. FR. FERNANDO ARMELLINI**, an Italian missionary and biblical scholar
- Hardbound covers are available in 3 colors (blue, red, and yellow)

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**PAPER COVER**  
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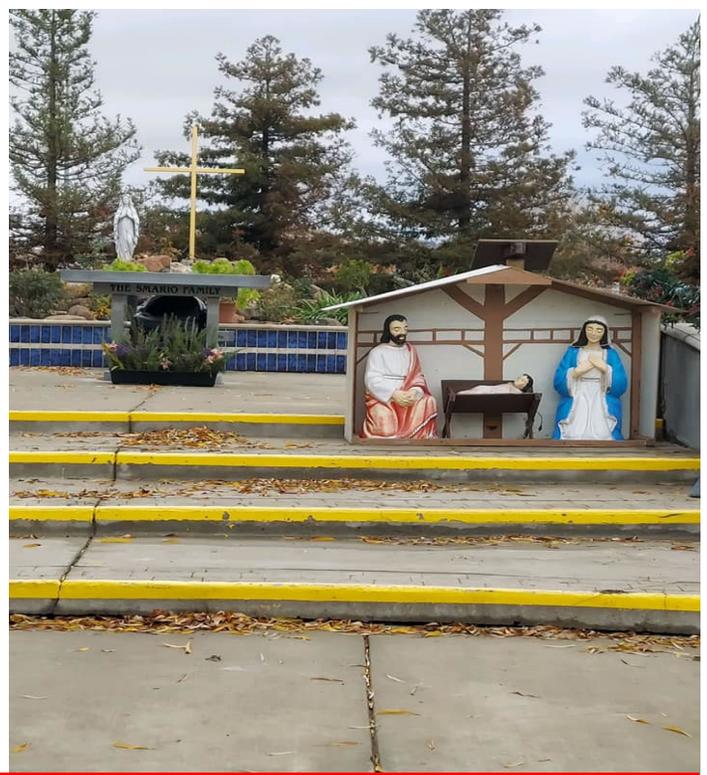
### ZOOM MEETING DISCUSSION ON FRATELLI TUTTI

As you know, on Oct 4, the Feast Day of St. Francis, our Holy Father issued the new encyclical called Fratelli Tutti– All Brothers. The encyclical calls us to love and care for one another as a human family. There are 8 chapters in the encyclical. We, Church of the Good Shepherd, are going to open an online forum to read and discuss this papal letter via the ZOOM Meeting format.

We will meet once a week on Thursdays at 7pm. Here is the ZOOM link: <https://zoom.us/j/98655845021?pwd=UnhxT2V0Vjh4VHRLczhKbGpwUUF6QT09>

There is no need to register for the forum.

Make sure you read the encyclical. Here is the link. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-10/pope-fratelli-tutti-introduce-angelus-fraternity-friend.html>



**THANK YOU!!!!**

**A sincere and heartfelt THANKS to EVERYONE who worked so hard putting up lights, arranging flowers and decorating the parish for Christmas!**

**It brings such joy in such a difficult time.**

## **NEW REGULAR WEEKDAY & WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **Monday - Friday**

7:30am - Livestream Only

### **Saturday**

8:00am; 5:30pm Vigil – Livestream Only

### **Sunday**

8:00am - Relivestream 5:30pm Mass

10:00am (in the garden) - Livestream

12pm (in the garden) - Livestream

3pm (Spanish) - Livestream Only

### **Communion**

Drive through communion after each Mass in front of the church.

### **Adoration Livestream**

Fridays 8am – 9am

### **Confession**

Tuesdays 6-7pm (During Advent Only)

Fridays 8am-9am

Saturdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm

or by appointment

**ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL: Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd, Pittsburg, CA**

**Our very own Holy Family!**



## Mass Intentions

December 28-January 3

# Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Asieolo Ardales † #
Tue	7:30 am	Vicente Arellano † #
Wed	7:30 am	Dante Borromeo #
Thu	7:30 am	Capupus Family *
	5:30 pm	For the People *
Fri	8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members Of the Calone & Rodella Families *
	10 am	Sery Razo † Birthday & Romeo & Sery Razo Wedding Anniversary *
Sat	8:00 am	Teresita Abapo †* Capupus Family
Sat	5:30 pm	Rene C. Plata † *
Sun	8:00 am	Stephanie Perez † *
	10 am	Frances Ferrante Thomas † *
	12 pm	Birthday of Jimmy Roberts
	3 pm	For the People of the Parish Capupus Family

\*=Fr. Thi, #=Fr. Helmut ^=Fr. Arturo Cadenas

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This Christmas **16** families will have a nice **dinner** and many **gifts** for their children due to the **generosity** of **our parish!** You donated **170** gift cards!  
**May God bless you all**  
**a hundred fold!**

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

ISAIAH 60:1-6, EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6  
MATTHEW 2: 1-12

## NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

**BUILDING FUND**

Out of three bids for the front black iron fence that we sent to the Diocese, they chose and approved the following option. Our hope is to get this fence built as soon as possible for the protection of our church properties. We would like to ask if you can help us with any \$\$\$ amount so we can get this project done. Thank you so much. **WE ALSO WISH TO THANK AN ANONYMOUS DONOR WHO GAVE US \$7,500 FOR THIS PURPOSE!** *God is good, all the time!*



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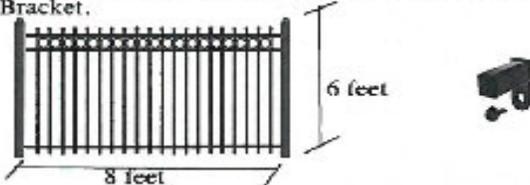
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**SCOPE OF WORK BUILDING IRON FENCE AND SLIDING GATE** \* finish. powder coating gloss black.

\* Furnish and install sliding doors 20' width X 6' high include lock. (quantities 3 door, A, B, C). one swing door 42"



\* Furnish and install Iron fence ( approximate 630 feet long and 6feet high. pickets 3/4 X 3/4 X 16 guage. posts 3" X 3" X 14 guage X 6' high. with Black Metal Fence Mounting Bracket.



Note: 1/ sliding gate will be 25 feet off of the sidewalk.  
 2/ fence will be off of the sidewalk by 1 foot.

**TOTAL: \$45,000.00**

SIGN: