

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 26, 2021

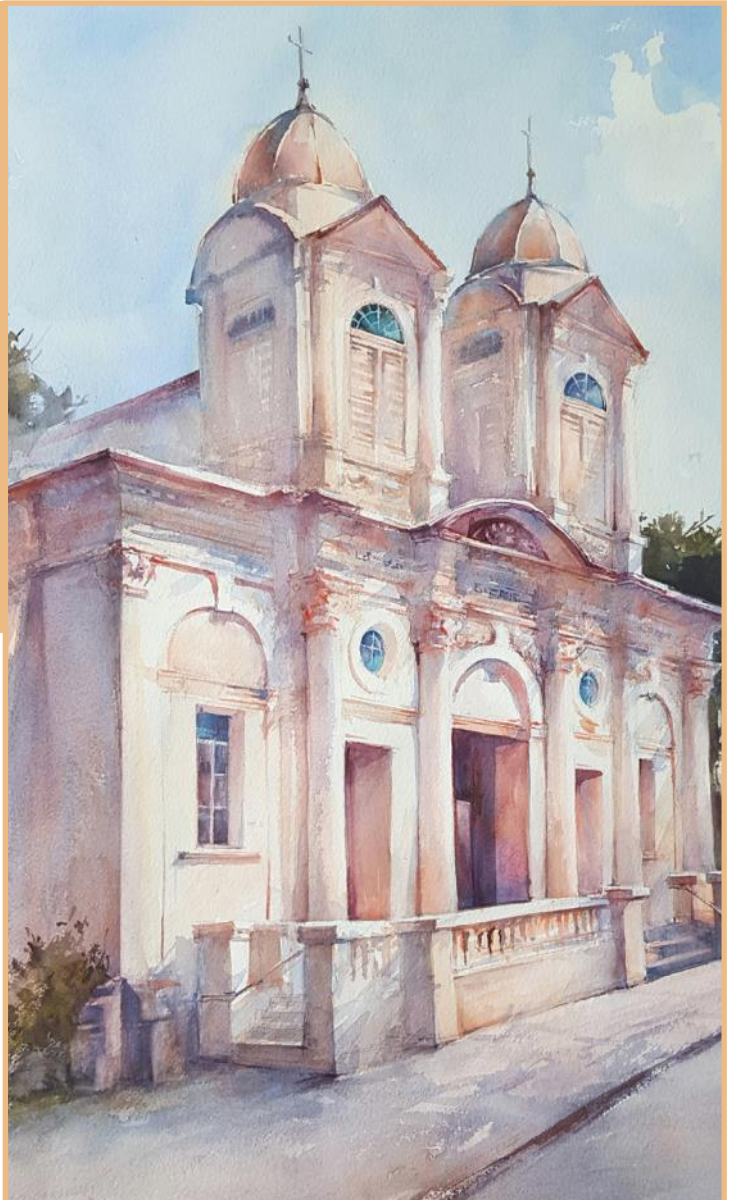
1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52

“Blessed are those who fear  
the Lord and walk  
in his ways.”



**St. Dominic's is a Catholic  
Parish Inspired by  
Dominican Spirituality  
Igniting the Faith for the  
Salvation of Souls**

## Altar Flowers for the Nativity of the Lord

Sun	12/26	7:00 a.m. <b><u>NO MASS</u></b>
		9:00 a.m. (R) Celedonio Hernandez
		11:00 a.m. (R) Octavia Castro & Miguel Archangel Gonzalez Morel
		1:00 p.m. (T) People of the Parish
Mon	12/27	6:45 a.m. (R) Ernest L. Mathews
		8:15 a.m. (R) Barbara Piepho
Tues	12/28	6:45 a.m. (H) Daniel Fratino
		8:15 a.m. (R) Milagros Decamps
Wed	12/29	6:45 a.m. (R) Imelda Kwentino
		8:15 a.m. (H) Mary McCurry
Thurs	12/30	6:45 a.m. (T) Fr. David Farrugia, O.P.
		8:15 a.m. (B) Greg Daly
Fri	12/31	6:45 a.m. (T) Peter & Kristianna Lee
		8:15 a.m. (R) Emiliano de Joya
Sat	01/01	8:15 a.m. (T) Priestly Intention
		5:00 p.m. (T) People of the Parish
Sun	01/02	7:00 a.m. (R) Sheila Callan
		9:00 a.m. (B) Barbara Schilz
		11:00 a.m. (R) Jeri Lange
		1:00 p.m. (B) Belen Publico

Legend: (R) Rest in Peace (H) Health  
(A) Anniversary (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving

### Mass & Flower Intentions

**ONE Mass Intention per family, please visit the office.  
January 4th the month of February opens.**

### Please pray for the recovery of the sick listed in our Book of Intentions and the following:

Margaret Lobo, Gregory Quillin, Eric Gramlow,  
Marsha Morse, Albert Tan Co, Russell Ho, Ron Pearman,  
Merlynne Lucero, Patricia Weber, Bernice Cure,  
Margaret Haddad, Mary McCurry, Michele and Binns  
Melander, Tom Gavin, Donna W., Gladys Haddad,  
Julia Haddad, Sadie Shama, Pete & Dorothy Szabo,  
Carol Bacher, Lisa Santini, Bessie Sharp, Jane Gasper

### Please remember the following recently deceased (and their families) in your prayers:

Eduardo G. Padilla, William Emes, Jr., Jeri Lange, Michael  
Hayes, Michael Lopretta, Ed Borkowski, Aguisella  
Cartagena, Eric Turner, Dale Demaray, Martha Anderson,  
Jesus Ramos, Ricky Rojas, Dr. Robert Madsen,  
Benny Lira, Josie Apilado Banez, Carol Wharton,  
Peter Cech, Penny Basso, Rob Perez, John Henry,  
Francisco Sison, Quartney Lassalle, Georgette Zeidan

~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows



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## Pastor's Corner

Who, us? Holy?

Nativity scenes the world over present an idyllic vision of the Holy Family. We often forget that the Holy Family was, first and foremost, a family. We get stuck on the "holy" part and forget the "family" part. And yes, the members of this family are unique: the incarnate Word of God, the sinless Virgin who gave birth to the former by the Holy Spirit, and the righteous man told by an angel not to be afraid to take an already pregnant woman as his wife.

This feast reminds us that the Holy Family was acquainted with the difficulties of life. Mary, a betrothed virgin but not yet married, discovered she was pregnant. Those around her would assume that she was an adulteress, a capital offense. An older, professional Joseph knows that he is not the father, so he's faced with two distasteful alternatives: marrying an obviously unfaithful spouse or exposing her to public stoning. (Only a heavenly messenger could - and did - tell him the divine solution. However, that did not change peoples' likely assumption that Mary and Joseph had enjoyed the benefits of marriage before they ought to have.) When it came time for the baby to be born, they were forced by circumstances to use a barn. Then the young family flees to a hostile foreign country to escape death threats. Once the ruler bent on their son's destruction had himself died, they returned to Joseph's village to begin, at long last, a "normal" life. Then at some point, St. Joseph dies. Mary then faced widowhood (which meant, among other things, no means of material support other than charity until Jesus could work) and the unenviable task of raising a child alone. All this in addition to the normal stresses of family life, all unmentioned in the Scriptures! Holy and idyllic are not synonymous.

Holiness comes not with the cards that life deals, but rather with the responses to life. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are not the Holy Family because they were a poor family in 1<sup>st</sup> century Palestine, nor because they were exiles in Egypt, nor because of Joseph's royal ancestry or any other circumstance. They are the Holy Family because they chose to be, with and through all that God and the world presented to them. Like Jesus, Mary and Joseph, every family is called to be a holy family.

My parents divorced when I was eight. One practical implication was that I equally divided all my school vacations between my parents. This continued through college and even after I entered the Order. I never gave this arrangement much thought: it was simply normal, the way it had always been. One year, I had a particularly exhausting summer and fall. The idea of dividing my time and emotional energy after frantic Christmas activities filled me with dread. I felt absolutely trapped: to spend all my time with one would offend the other and we (the student brothers)

were not allowed to spend that time in any other way. So I called a family meeting. I explained to them, in tears, I felt like the child presented by the two mothers to King Solomon, whom he ordered cut in half. They sat in stunned silence and listened to me. By the end of the conversation (I do not remember how we remedied the situation), I felt greatly relieved and never so proud of my parents. As a result of that conversation, I knew that I was loved and supported by them in a way I had never experienced before.

It was a joyful, beautiful moment that outshone the darkness that preceded it. That is what holiness is all about. All families, imperfect as they are, are meant to be holy families. Although we do not have the "advantages" that Jesus, Joseph, and Mary had, God calls us nevertheless to the same level of sanctity and intimacy. Again, not despite our own and others' imperfections and whatever circumstances (good, bad, or indifferent) we find ourselves in, but in and through them. Our path to sainthood is unique to each one of us; so too is each family's.

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### COVID Safe New Year's Eve

Join us after the 11:00 p.m.  
Mass in the hall for the ball drop!

*H a p p y* **2022** *N e w Y e a r*

**Masks are required.**

**BYOB - wine, soda, drinks, snacks**  
**All snacks must be factory packaged,**  
**individually wrapped, and sealed.**

**Examples of snacks to bring: cheese sticks,**  
**cookies, peanut butter or cheese crackers,**  
**chips, candy, and beef sticks.**

**Absolutely nothing homemade or open trays.**

## Christmas Tree Recycling by the Benicia Scouts

**FIRST 2 WEEKENDS  
AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Sign Up Your Tree at:

**beniciascouts.org**  
**707-551-4520**





*Come Let Us Adore Him!*

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is now OPEN  
Seven days a week  
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Scheduled Hours Available**  
 Tuesday - 4:00 a.m. - 2nd week  
 Wednesday - 9:00 p.m. - weekly  
 Thursday - 8:00, 10:00 a.m., & 2:00 p.m. - weekly  
 Friday - 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 a.m., & 4:00 p.m. - weekly  
 Saturday - 2:00 p.m. - 2nd & 4th weeks  
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 Sunday - 1:00 p.m. - rotating every 6 weeks

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**1st Saturday Mass of the New Year**  
 January 8, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.  
 Hope to see you there!  
 Thank you for all your support for 2021!

**St. Dominic's Cemetery**  
 5th Street & Hillcrest Ave., Benicia

## Parish Office

### Current Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### Parish Staff

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. – In Church  
 Sunday: 7:00 a.m. – In Church & Live-streamed\*  
 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. – In Church  
 1:00 p.m. (Spanish/English) – In Church  
 First Sunday of month Vietnamese Mass – 3:00 p.m.

### Daily Mass

Monday – Friday: 6:45 a.m.  
 Monday – Saturday: 8:15 a.m.  
 In Church & Live-streamed\*

[www.watchstdom.com](http://www.watchstdom.com)

**Due to the weather we will be temporarily moving the 9:00 a.m. Mass inside the church. We will still live-stream the 7:00 a.m. (available any time) for those not yet ready to join us inside.**

## Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



### Readings

- Daily Mass readings
- Official NAB(re) version
- Easily bookmark readings to reread at a later time

Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

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<b>Richard Joyce, O.D. Optometrist</b> Exams, Glasses, Contacts (707) 745-6266, 874 Southampton Rd.	<b>Nina Simone Aquino, Realtor</b> <a href="mailto:nina.simone@kw.com">nina.simone@kw.com</a> , @northbaynina (707) 805-8593, DRE #02131083	
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS JANUARY</b>	Jan 2: Building Improvement/Epiphany Jan 9: SDS Tuition Assistance Jan 16: Building Improvement	Jan 23: Faith Formation Jan 30: St. Vincent de Paul

**Parish Office Hours Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

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## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

A reading from the first Book of the Samuel

In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the Lord for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the Lord and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite." Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the Lord in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the Lord. I prayed for this child, and the Lord granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the Lord; as young as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the Lord." Hannah left Samuel there.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

***Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.***

Blessed are you who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be and favored!

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord. The Lord bless you from Zion:

may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

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

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see his as he is. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

The word of the Lord.

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## Luke 2:41-52

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer for the Sick during the Pandemic

O God, our refuge in trials, our strength in sickness, our comfort in sorrow, spare your people, we pray, and hear our prayers for all who are sick: Grant them, we implore you, your merciful help, so that, with their health restored, they may give you thanks in the midst of the Church.

Your Only-Begotten Son took on our human nature and bore our infirmities; protect and strengthen also we pray, nurses, doctors, first responders, and all others on the front line of this pandemic, who put themselves in harm's way to serve the needs of others.

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe  
St. Joseph  
St. Patrick  
Holy Father St. Dominic

Pray for us!  
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