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*Feast of the Holy Family*

| ... <i>Mass Intentions</i>                      |   |  |
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| Dec/Jan   | MASS FOR  | REQUESTED BY                                     |
| 30<br>Mon, 9am                                  | NO MASS   |  |
| 31 Tues,<br>9am<br>7pm                          | All Parishioners<br>Vigil Mass – New Year’s Eve<br>Mass                           | .....<br>.....                                   |
| Jan 1 Wed,<br>9am<br>11am                       | All Parishioners<br>All Parishioners  | .....<br>.....                                   |
| 2<br>Thurs, 9am                                 | Thanksgiving – Rosa Chun  | Helena Lee                                       |
| 3<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Fri, 9am<br><br>6pm<br>7pm | Thanksgiving – Cora<br>Manrique<br>Holy Hour<br>All Parishioners                  | Cora Manrique<br><br>.....                       |
| 4<br>Sat, 9am<br><br><br>5pm                    | All Parishioners<br>Thanksgiving – Shirley Dillon<br><br><br>Michelina Ruscillo + | .....<br>Claudette Wilson<br><br>Ruscillo Family |
| 5<br>9am<br><br>11 am                           | Alice McLarnon +<br><br>Thanksgiving – Mr & Mrs Pia<br>Jung                       | Joan Skura<br><br>Helena Lee                     |

# Meditate on God's Word



**Sunday Gospel Reflection**  
 Feast of the Holy Family  
 Gospel: Luke 2.41-52 – The Finding of Jesus in the  
 Temple

**Building Families on Prayer**

The Holy Family went through many of the same experiences that all parents and children experience today. They too would have had moments of great joy and difficult trials as well as many moments of simple ordinary life. Jesus, Mary and Joseph are the perfect example of how families should live in holiness and stewardship. Let us take some time today, on this Feast of the Holy Family, to seek ways to imitate them.


The Gospel from Luke recounts how “every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover.” Mary and Joseph took their faith very seriously and sought to pass on their beliefs to their child. They realized that while there are many important things that a child needs to grow, their relationship with God should be their first priority. They would have also taken Jesus to the synagogue and taught him how to pray and read the scriptures.

We can take their example to heart by striving to make our faith the highest priority in our families as well. We can strive to be great parental stewards just like Mary and Joseph. For starters, we should make attending Sunday Mass the most important aspect of our week. We can supplement this by regularly going as a family for times of Confession and trying to pray together at home. One beautiful practice we can try to adopt is praying the Rosary together. If an entire rosary together is too difficult due to everyone’s schedules, perhaps we can pray just one decade together. Let us commit to making our families beautiful and holy just like that blessed family from Nazareth.

**Summary**


The Gospel from Luke today recounts how “every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover.” Mary and Joseph took their faith very seriously and sought to pass on their beliefs to their child. We can take their example to heart by striving to make our faith the highest priority in our families as well by teaching the importance of the Mass and family prayer.

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***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament***

We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every [Tuesday to Friday after the 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.](#) in the Church *except on holidays.*



***Let us pray for the sick***

**We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the “forgotten members” in our community.**

If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*

**New Year Mass schedule**

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Dec 31 Tuesday     | 9am Mass        |
| New Year's Eve     | 7pm Vigil Mass  |
| Jan 1, 2025        | 9 and 11am Mass |
| Wednesday New Year |                 |

**Special Devotion Candles – Dec 24 to 31**



In Loving Memory of Bill Doumouras  
Requested by: Karin Doumouras  
"The Lord watch between me & thee, while we are absent one from another." Genesis 31.49



In Loving Memory of Melanio & Francesca Macarayan  
Requested by: Teresita Macarayan & Family  
"There are no goodbyes. Where ever you'll be, you'll be in our hearts."

We are pleased to offer two Special Devotion Candles (Sanctuary Lamps near the Tabernacle) available to burn for your intentions for one week. The cost is \$20.00 per candle. To book a candle, please call or email the office. Monthly offerings will be posted on our web and Facebook page.

Special Devotion Candles intentions for Nov & Dec are filled. We are now accepting January 2025 intentions. Thank you for your continued support.

**Legion of Mary – Holy Cross Parish Chapter.** The Legion brings souls to Jesus through the Blessed Mother.



Parishioners can arrange to have the Pilgrim Virgin brought to their homes for 2 weeks for personal and family prayers, then Legionaries enthrone the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with special prayers prayed with and for the family.



We would like to acknowledge and thank all the Simbang Gabi refreshment sponsors. Likewise, we extend our gratitude to everyone who participated in the 9-day novena. You made it remarkable and memorable. May the blessings be with us all throughout the next year.

**Pastor's Message**

**Fr. Godofredo "Freddie" Claudio**

**New Year 2025**  
"Let there be peace on earth"



Eight days after Christmas, they gave the Child His name. He will be called Jesus, His people's saviour from sin, cradled in the laps of Mary, the child grew and glowed, the child that God promised, whom the prophets have foretold.

Today is the feast of Mary, we celebrate her motherhood. The Baby she conceived in her heart and carried in her womb is truly the Son of God, God-man, and we believe and proclaim that He has made our hearts His home; therefore, to obey His will is our AIM!

Today is the feast of PEACE, that all may live as one. We pray that war may end, and hunger may be gone. We pray that the reign of terror be melted by the MERCY of God and the Blood of His only begotten Son.

We pray that violence stops; we beg for the end of terrorism. We pray for peace in the whole world, and the healing of every troubled heart. We pray for all the downtrodden that they can soon rise up and start a new life.

Behold, the Lord makes all things new, He is the God of new beginnings! WE look at the year behind us with gratitude for its blessings. We look for the New Year eagerly, hoping for the best to come, because we believe in the tender love of God the Father, being secure in the loving embrace of His Son.

We greet each one HAPPY NEW YEAR! WE greet each other PEACE! We say together "AVE MARIA!" We proclaim Together: "HAIL JESUS, THE PRINCE OF PEACE!"

HAVE A PROSPEROUS AND PEACEFUL 2025!



Our heartfelt gratitude for your continuous support of the church. Your dedication and generosity are deeply appreciated. Our prayers are with those who are sick; may God give them strength and healing, and may He bless their families with comfort and resilience. We also remember our faithful departed, praying that God grants them eternal peace.

Thank you for being a vital part of our community.

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