

## Holy Family

The Feast of the Holy Family celebrates the human family unit, as well as the ultimate family unit: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The feast, not a solemnity, is usually celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. If Christmas is a Sunday, then the feast is celebrated on December 30th.

The Holy Family is the name given to the family unit of Jesus:

The Divine Son of God Jesus, his mother the Virgin Mary, and his foster-father Joseph. We know very little about the life of the Holy Family through the canonical Gospels. They speak of the early years of the Holy Family, including the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, the flight into Egypt and the finding of Jesus in the temple. While the exact details of the day-to-day life of the Holy Family may be unknown, we can still learn a lot from the stories we do have.

The main purpose of this Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This is called the “domestic church” or the “church in miniature”. St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a “family church”, and in doing so, we sanctify the family unit.

Nobody comes from a perfect family, but we all dream of a perfect family, where we are accepted as we are, loved as we are and always struggle to be better. Sometimes what we call family is a broken family and that is better than no family at all. If it all fails we should never forget that we also belong to the family of the Church and the family of God.

As God blessed Mary and Joseph with Jesus, may Jesus always be in our homes and in our hearts.

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## New Year's Eve

On New Year's Eve, we will have Adoration at 5:00 p.m. and Mass at 6:00 p.m. in English and Portuguese.

New Year's day Masses will be at 10:00 a.m. in Portuguese, 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 pm. in English.

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***To all our parishioners  
and their Families  
we wish a Happy New Year!***



# St. Mary's Church

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**Rev. Fr. Benny Joseph (Associate Pastor)**

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Delia Medeiros (Please contact parish)

**Baptism—Sundays**

Baptisms will be booked by appointment only

**Marriages**

Please contact the priest **12 months** in advance

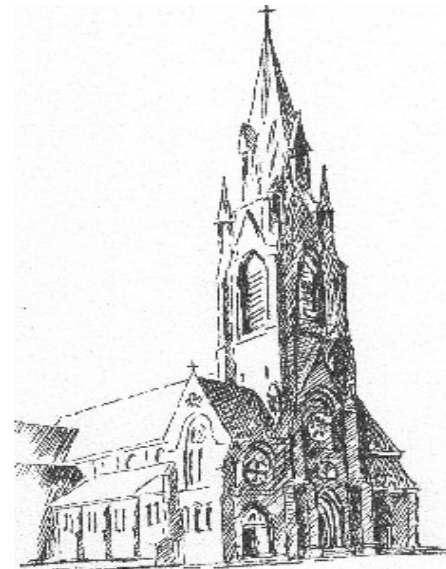
**Confessions**

Every day *before* Mass, except on Sunday

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### OFFICE HOURS

**Mon.— Fri. 8:30—12:00 and 1:00—4:00**

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#### Sunday Masses

8:30 am Portuguese

10:00 am Portuguese

11:30 am English

1:00 pm English

#### Weekday Masses

Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese

6:00 pm English

Saturday 5:00 pm English



**Holy Family  
December 29, 2024**

**First Reading (1 Sam 1,20-22,24-28)**

This deals with the birth of Samuel and his consecration to God.

**Psalm: Blessed are those who live in your house, O Lord.**

**Second Reading (1 John 3,1-2,21-24).** We are God's children and should live a life in keeping with this great dignity.

**Gospel (Lk 2,41-52).** The story of how the twelve-year-old Jesus got lost in Jerusalem shows that misunderstandings can occur even in the best of families, and gives us a glimpse of the true identity of Jesus.

**Family Prayer**

**Lord God help us to live**

**as the Holy Family**

**united in respect and in love.**

**Bless and protect our children and  
guide us through the difficulties of life.**

**May we feel your divine presence  
in our marriage, in the laughter  
of our children and in the sacrifices  
we make to raise them.**

**Through the prayers of Mary  
and of St. Joseph her husband,  
unite our families in peace and love.**

**O Come All Ye Faithful**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem  
O come and behold Him, born the King of Angels  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, glory in the highest:  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

**Away In A Manger**

Away in a manger no crib for His bed  
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head  
The stars in the bright sky  
Look down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing the poor Baby wakes  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus look down from the sky  
And stay by my side 'til morning is nigh.

**What Child Is This**

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

**This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!**

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

**Joy to the World**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
heaven and nature sing  
let heaven and nature sing  
let heaven and heaven and nature sing!

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy  
repeat the sounding joy  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

**Mass Intentions for this Week**



**Saturday, December 28**

**5:00 pm.** Manuel & António Faria—José Medeiros—Nuno Pereira

**Sunday, December 29**

**8:30 am.** World Peace

**10:00 am.** Community—Santo Cristo Association—António José Braga—David Furtado

**11:30 am.** Stjepan Cicvaric—Intention of Jude & Cheryl Charlton

**1:00 pm.** Intention of Benilda Sonia Burgos

**Monday, December 30**

**9:00 am.** Intention of Mario João Gomes

**6:00 pm.** In honour of God the Father Almighty

**Tuesday, December 31**

**5:00 pm.** Adoration

**6:00 pm.** Mass English/Portuguese

**Wednesday, January 1**

**10:00 am.** Portuguese

**11:30 am.** English

**1:00 pm.** English

**Thursday, January 2**

**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.** Victoria Aggabao

**Friday, January 3**

**9:00 am.** Giovanni de Freitas, souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.**

**Saturday, January 4**

**5:00 pm.**