

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sacrament of Eucharist

Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Mass

Monday: 5:30 P.M.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays: 8:30A.M.

Holy Day Mass

Vigil: 4:00 P.M. Day: 8:30 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M., or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Sister Hilda Sandoval, 2 months in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the Parish Office, 6 months in advance.

December 29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family. Option: Han-nay and Alkanah offer their son, Samuel, to God in the Lord's temple. Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the temple. He returns to Nazareth, obedient to them.

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Mr. Dale Fajardo, Chair

MASS INTENTIONS DEC. 30, 2024—JAN. 5, 2025 |

WEEKDAY READINGS

Mon	30	5:30 P.M.	†Lucien Romero
Tue	31	4:30 P.M.	†Aminta Maria Novoa
Wed	1	8:30 A.M.	Herb Rosen
		7:30 P.M.	
Thu	2	8:30 A.M.	Lydia Cajal-Willis
Fri	3	8:30 A.M.	Margaret Bernardez
Sat	4	4:30 P.M.	People of St. Peter
Sun	5	8:30 A.M.	†Jeffrey Vincent Scatena
		11 A.M.	†Mary Clark

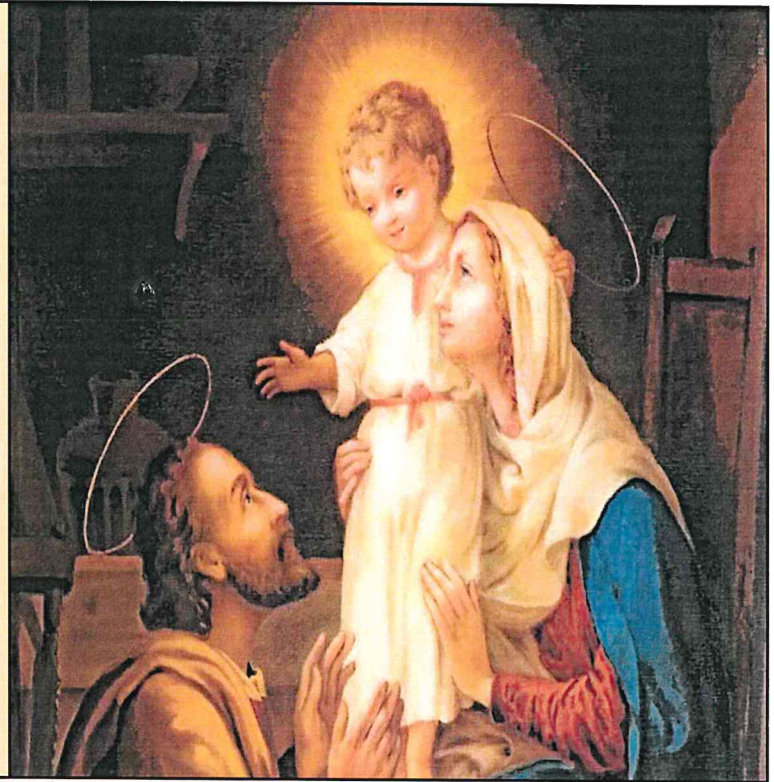
Mon	30	Reading 1 <i>John</i> 2:12-17
		Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 96:7-10
		Gospel <i>Luke</i> 2:36-40
		<i>Saint Sylvester I, Pope</i>
Tue	31	Reading 1 <i>John</i> 2:18-21
		Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 96:1-2,11-13
		Gospel <i>John</i> 1:1-18
		SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Wed	1	Reading I <i>Numbers</i> 6:22-27
		Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 67:2-3,5-6,8
		Reading II <i>Galatians</i> 4:4-7
		Gospel <i>Luke</i> 2:16-21
		<i>Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church</i>
Thu	2	Reading 1 <i>John</i> 2:22-28
		Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 98:1-4
		Gospel <i>John</i> 1:19-28
		<i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>
Fri	3	Reading 1 <i>John</i> 2:29—3:6
		Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 98:1,3cd-6
		Gospel <i>John</i> 1:29-34
		<i>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i>
Sat	4	Reading 1 <i>John</i> 3:7-10
		Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 98:1,7-9
		Gospel <i>John</i> 1:35-42
		THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Sun	5	Reading I <i>Isaiah</i> 60:1-6
		Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm</i> 72:1-2,7-8,10-13
		Reading II <i>Ephesians</i> 3:2-3a,5-6
		Gospel <i>Matthew</i> 2:1-12

**The Parish Office
 will be Closed
 Wednesday January 1, 2025
 and
 Thursday, January 2, 2025**

**Happy New Year
 and
 May the Lord Bless
 you and your family!**

*Feast of The
Holy Family
of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

December 29, 2024



The Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today. And, so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of stewardship in family life.

The Gospel passage from Luke starts by telling us something about Jesus' parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom." This Family took seriously the stewardship of their time. The "Holy Couple" carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family, and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in the coming year, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.

2025 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

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HUMILITY IS AN ATTEMPT TO SEE OURSELVES HONESTLY

By Thomas Gumbleton

It's very clear that the lessons today are about the virtue of humility. That first lesson from the Book of Sirach is an attempt to explain to us what humility really is. It is somewhat of a difficult virtue to understand, but like most virtues the virtue is in the middle. You can go to either extreme and you will not have the virtue. For humility you might go to the extreme of being very self-judgmental and have a low opinion of yourself, put yourself down in various ways thinking you're being humble. But that's not humility; that's having a less regard for yourself than God intends you to have.

Humility isn't found in taking great pride in yourself either and putting yourself before everybody else. That's pride, thinking you're greater than others. Humility is an attempt to see ourselves as we really are, to see ourselves as gifted people made by God with virtues and gifts that we can nurture and develop. We should have respect for that and never put ourselves down or have a sense of self-worth, pride in ourselves, but always remember that whatever gifts we have, they are from God. If we're grateful for those gifts and nurture them, then we are being humble.

In the Gospel lesson, Jesus makes it very explicit with the little parable that he tells about people being invited to a feast. He gives a clue on how at least to give the impression of being humble — take the lowest place and then you'll be asked to move up. Take the highest place and perhaps you'll be humbled, made to move down. The point that Jesus makes is that if you exalt yourself without thinking of God as the source, then you will be humbled.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Psalm 68

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24A

Luke 14:1, 7-14

But if you see yourself honestly as you are and thank God for the gifts that you have been given and nurture those gifts, make yourself the full person God has called you to be, then you will be exalted, raised up by God. If we want to get some examples of this from Scriptures, earlier in that letter to the church in Jerusalem, the Letter to the Hebrews, the author reminded the people in trying to follow Jesus, he says at one point (it was in our lesson two weeks ago), "Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus." Listen to him, look at him, and see how he acts and you'll learn what every virtue is, certainly the virtue of humility.



I'll give you a couple of examples of how we should keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and learn what true humility is. You remember, I'm sure, because it's a very important part of our church year, on Palm Sunday when Jesus arranges for his entrance into Jerusalem and the people were demanding that he allow himself to be made king. He kept refusing, but finally he agrees. He will enter into Jerusalem leading a procession of people, but he rides in on a donkey, not with a warhorse, not with troops to make himself a king ruling over others.

In the Gospel of John where this is recorded, John refers to the prophecy of Zechariah, which Jesus is fulfilling: "Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion! Shout for joy, daughter of Jerusalem! For see, your king is coming, just and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey." A king would have come in with a warhorse and with troops all around him, have a military parade to show power. Not Jesus — he carries out what Zechariah says: "No more chariots; no more horses in Jerusalem. (God will do away with them.) The warrior's bow shall be broken when God proclaims peace to the nations. He will reign from sea to sea, from the river to the ends of the earth."

What Jesus is showing us, because he very deliberately carried out that prophecy of Zechariah. He rode into Jerusalem humble on the back of a donkey, and he did that to try to get rid of war and violence, and the use of power that flows from pride. That's one way to look at Jesus, to see how he teaches us to be humble. But also, another example is toward the end of the life of Jesus, when he is talking about himself and his death.

He makes a parable first (again, this is in John's Gospel) about how the seed falling into the ground must die before new life can come. This is just before his passion and death. I've always thought that Jesus was trying to deal with what was going to happen to him — go through that agony: the scourging, the crowning with thorns, the nailing to the cross, the crucifixion. And he helps himself to confront that by thinking about how a seed has to fall into the ground to die before it gives new life.

But then he goes on at that point and talks about how I, when I am lifted up (that means on the cross where he's lifted up, humiliated, denigrated, made to be seen like a criminal — the depths of humility), when I'm lifted up, I will draw all people to myself, because he will be pouring forth love, even on those putting him to death. Jesus dies in a humiliating way to show us what genuine humility is, but then he is raised up. The same thing can happen for us if we learn to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, watch him.

Those are just two examples; there are more in the Scriptures. Watch him — how he acts always with calmness, with humility, with a sense of peace, and that he changes situations of hostility into situations of peace because of his humble actions. He carries out what the Gospel says today: "The one who is put down will be raised up. The one who tries to exalt himself or herself will be put down." Jesus shows us how to be humble, how to live according to the way of humility that ultimately will bring us closer to him and help us to come to know the peace that comes with being humble, being true to ourselves, being grateful for the gifts that God has given to us. When we allow ourselves to be humble, God will raise us up.



*The Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God*

Holy Day of Obligation

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31, 2024, 4:30 P.M.

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1, 2025,

8:30 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.



DECEMBER 29, 2024 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 22, 2024 SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	PARISH CALENDAR DECEMBER 23-29, 2024																						
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Assessment \$65,782.00 | Collected \$38,831.00 | Balance \$26,951.00

The final reconciliation for 2024 status report will be mailed to St. Peter, Pacifica in Mid-January 2025.

To make a final donation for *The 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal*, write check to **St. Peter Church**, bring to the Parish Office by December 30, 2024, to be postmarked by the post office on December 31, 2024.

If you plan to mail your donation check directly to the **Archdiocese of San Francisco, 1 Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109, Attn: Finance Department** for the *2024 Annual Appeal*, your check must be dated by December 31, 2024, and envelopes must be postmarked by December 31, 2024. Write your check to Archdiocese of San Francisco and write in the "Memo" section of your check, *2024 AAA, St. Peter, Pacifica*.

Also, all stock donations received by the Archdiocese on or before Tuesday, December 31, 2024, will be treated as 2024 donations. Stock or Mutual Fund donation forms are available at the Parish Office.

Any balance remaining for *The 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal* is paid by St. Peter Church.



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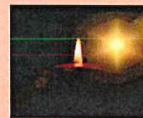
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