

"He went down with them... & was obedient to them."



The Holy Family
(Jesus, Mary & Joseph)
December 27, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of December 26 - January 1, 2021

Live stream Sunday Mass online: westsacolg.org/live
Weekend Mass held at Our Lady of Grace School, 1990 Linden Road
8:30 AM Daily Mass join Zoom: Meeting ID 899 4594 0107 Passcode OLG
Weekday Mass in the Church, 911 Park Boulevard

SATURDAY	Dec 26	5:30 PM Chapel	For Larry Formentera +
SUNDAY	Dec 27	9 AM Chapel	For All Members in our Parish
		11 AM Outdoor	For Fidel Martinez +
		4:30 PM Chapel	Mass by EventBrite RSVP only
MONDAY	Dec 28	8:30 AM	For Betty June Malarkey +
TUESDAY	Dec 29	8:30 AM	For Mary Girard +
WEDNESDAY	Dec 30	8:30 AM	For Rocky Gianatasio +
THURSDAY	Dec 31	No Mass	
FRIDAY	Jan 1	The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God <small>New Year's Day</small>	
		11 AM Outdoors	For All Members in our Parish
SATURDAY	Jan 2	8:30 AM	For Father Sebastian and Sunny Sebastian (Healing)



OUR HOME:

SCOTT HAHN REFLECTS ON THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church (2 Corinthians 6:16-18). In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, "chosen ones, holy and beloved," as the First Reading puts it. The family advice we hear in today's readings for mothers, fathers, and children is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in today's Psalm. But the Liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth. Jesus shows us this in today's Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren't identified by name, but three times are called "his parents" and are referred to separately as his "mother" and "father." The emphasis is all on their their familial ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke's Gospel, can point us beyond that earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God. In what Jesus calls "My Father's house," every family finds its true meaning and purpose (Ephesians 3:15). The Temple we read about in the Gospel today is God's house, His dwelling (Luke 19:46). But it's also an image of the family of God, the Church (Ephesians 2:19-22; Hebrews 3:3-6; 10:21). In our families we're to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God. Until He reveals His new dwelling among us and says of every person: "I shall be his God and he will be My son" (Revelation 21:3, 7).

(StPaulCenter.Com)

Welcome to **OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church**



Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children,

I write to you to wish you a very Merry Christmas.

"Do not be afraid, for behold I proclaim to you good news of great Joy" (Luke 2:10), were the words of the angels proclaiming the birth of Jesus to the Shepherds. I am coming to you with these same words. But this year our Christmas and all celebrations have drastically changed because of COVID. COVID is hurting the whole world and us too. Many people are heart-broken and crushed with the loss of loved ones. The hardest part is that many could not even visit their loved ones in the hospital or say "goodbye" or even accompany them with a funeral of prayers and love to their new home. So many have lost their jobs, lost their homes, lost their health and some have lost minds and their hope. I hope none of you had to face such a sad situation. Even if you had to, let it not dampen your joy at Christmas, for our Saviour has come and He is with us.

When Jesus came in history, God's people were also in a dire situation. It was not COVID then, but the oppressors were human, the Romans. The oppression then, was worse than the fear of a disease. If you did not accept or follow the Roman occupation it could be a living misery. It was to such people, the angel announced, "I bring you news of great Joy."

In a strange way, COVID has brought out the best in many. The courage and love of those who care for the sick with COVID, is like a kindly becoming light that makes radiant the darkness of COVID. People are reaching out with compassion, sacrifice and unselfishness and many are finding bravery and heroism they did not know they had. Let the light of Christ lead us on. If we can get beyond the next few months we will have a better day. Now let us hold on to our faith, let us hold on to Jesus, and celebrate with joy this Christmas, for the sake of our children and for ourselves. No matter what, may you have a peaceful Christmas. May the tiny Christ Child bless each of you, look upon you graciously and give you and yours' His peace. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all of you.

"Our faith is not a tranquilizer for people under stress; it is a love story for people in love." (Pope Francis)

Fr. Mathew Rappu
Your Pastor



CHRISTIAN GIVING

Please help us reach our Weekly Budget Goal of \$4,271.00
Remember where your treasure is, there your heart is also. (Mathew 6:21)

Church Offerings Bring your offerings with you on Sunday and drop it in the collection basket. You can also drop off or mail your contributions to OLG Church, 911 Park Blvd, W Sacramento, CA 95691 or pay by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover and debit cards securely online at westsacolg.org



The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Thursday, December 31 & Friday, January 1 and will reopen on Monday, January 4. Due to the governor's announcement the office is temporarily closed for walk-in visitors and guests, however, staff is available to assist by email or phone call. Thanks & Happy New Year!

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR



O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen. (Catholic Prayers.com)

The Birth of Jesus



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Luke 2:12

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"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:12

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READINGS for the WEEK of December 27, 2020

Sunday	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40
Monday	Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday	Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday	Saint Sylvester I, Pope 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
Friday	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Saturday	Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Sunday	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12