



December 28, 2025

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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS

Live-stream All Masses on the West Sac OLG YouTube Channel

SUNDAY	December 27	5:30 PM Vigil	Irma Votelo (Healing)
	December 28	9 AM	Deogracias Solonga Santos Jr.+ Sam Alaba + Douglas Cato + Honortio Mascarinas+ Ranee Gunasekara (Healing) Raymond Herman (Birthday) All Parishioners
MONDAY	December 29	8:30 AM	Shannon & Nick Gianatasio (Special Intention) Nancy Bongo (Special Intention)
TUESDAY	December 30	8:30 AM	Rocky & Chris Gianatasio+ Elaine Moost +
WEDNESDAY	December 31	5:30 PM	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
THURSDAY	January 01	9:00 AM	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
FRIDAY	January 02	8:30 AM	Rachelle & Gary Fields (Healing) Anna Ramirez-Palmer (Healing)



Mary, Mother of God
Thursday • January 1
• Holy Day •

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God will be celebrated on
Wednesday, December 31st :5:30 PM
Thursday, January 1: 9:00 AM

Loving Obedience

Out of Egypt
I called my son.

One theme common to all three readings today is obedience. Sirach commends the son who obeys his father. St. Paul tells children to obey their parents "in everything." And the Gospel shows Joseph obedient to the warnings of the angel. Yet all three put obedience in terms of a larger relationship.

Sirach says that obedience is part of what makes a happy family. As we saw last Sunday, it shows trust in the one who is obeyed. Children trust that their parents have good reason for telling them to do something. Children also learn both discipline and how to contribute to family life. Spouses trust each other not to do something harmful. Obedience is also a sign of respect for an older family member. Americans tend to look at older people as if they were useless, but Sirach reminds us of the wisdom they can share with us.

St. Paul continues this theme in the second reading. He shows how love of Christ transforms a family. When he talks about wives being subordinate and husbands loving them, he means that husbands and wives should defer to each other and love each other. Children and parents have duties to each other: Children are to obey parents and parents are to be reasonable ("do not provoke") and loving.

Parents might look at the Gospel for support in encouraging obedience. Joseph obeyed the messages from the angel and saved the life of the infant Jesus. So families can learn that stressing obedience can protect the child as well as teach. Parents can also remind children that God asks for obedience for our good, not on a whim. When we obey God's law, we learn to trust God more deeply and to appreciate that God's law enables us to live more freely. As children we think that rules restrict us, but as we mature, we learn that we are more restricted by our misguided desires and beliefs. We learn to adjust those desires to be in line with God's plan for us. We grow by replacing misguided beliefs (i.e., that material things bring true happiness, that revenge is sweet, etc.) with faith in a loving God who wants the best for us and who doesn't magically take away our sufferings, but supports us through them. (Tom Schmidt, Diocesan.com)

Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church

With Grateful Hearts: Thank You to Our Advent & Christmas Volunteers

With sincere and heartfelt gratitude, we thank the ministers and volunteers of our faith community whose generosity and dedication made our Advent and Christmas celebrations so meaningful. Your loving service in preparing the Advent Penance Service and priest dinner; organizing the Giving Tree; celebrating the Christmas Novena and fellowship (Simbang Gabi); decorating our campus with Christmas lights and tree; guiding and supporting the children's pageant; beautifying our church and school; serving in the children's choir; and assisting with our Christmas liturgical celebrations truly reflected the spirit of the season. May God bless you for the time, talent, and treasure you so freely shared for His glory and for the joy of our parish community.

WE WILL BE FREE.

EXODUS



Join your brothers in Christ on a 90-day Exodus to freedom.

All men 18+ are invited to join the 2026 Fraternity of Exodus 90—a 90-day, self-guided spiritual exercise to grow closer to God and one another through Scripture, prayer, and weekly meetings. It begins January 5, 2026. For details, contact Jeremy Arcinas or email exodus@westsacol.org. Consider taking your spiritual Exodus this season—or inviting a man in your life to join!"

A STEWARD MAKES GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE BY IMITATING JESUS.



SERVICE

Please help us reach our Weekly Budget Goal of \$4,271.00
Collection on December 7: \$2, 967.00
December 14: \$5, 684.00
December 21: \$3,050.00
Prayerfully consider what you can give.

PRAYER

Pray for the sick, especially in our parish: Sandra Garcia, Ron Moore, Emiliana Stoltz, Sonja Craighton, Michael Vilhauer, Ana Ramirez-Palmer, Shirley Ching, Pacing McFeely, Millie Centers and Linda Bianchi, and Grace Mosley.

FORMATION

- Adult Bible Study meet on **Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.**, except on the first of the month

KID'S CORNER

Feast of the Holy Family

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Magi
Behold
Angel
Dream
Rise
Flee
Egypt
Search
Night
Nazareth

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The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Wednesday, December 31, and Thursday, January 1 in observance of the holiday.



Attention Parishioners



Your **2026 Contribution Envelopes** are ready for pickup and can be found on the shelves in the back. Please look for your box and take it with you as you leave after mass. We appreciate you! If you no longer need these envelopes or are interested in automated electronic donating instead, please contact the parish office at 916-371-4814 or office@westsacol.org



1st Friday & 1st Saturday
This Friday & Saturday
January 2nd & 3rd

