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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 29

5:30 pm Marcelo Quinteros

Tuesday, December 30

5:30 pm Celine D'Silva

Wednesday, December 31

5:30 pm The Parish Community

Thursday, January 1

10:00 am The Parish Community

12:00 pm The Parish Community

Friday, January 2,

5:30 pm Jivson Mamerto &
Family

Saturday, January 3

5:30 pm Dina Giardetti +

Sunday, January 4

10:00 am The Parish Community

12:00 Pm Cesar & Julieta

Felinquito

Please pray for:

The Sick: Maryann Chard, Ted
Daiel Ted Kowalczyk and anna
Maria Silva

The Deceased: Trudi Cortens &
Greg Sulliva



Feast of the Holy Family

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph reminds us that holiness is not first learned in grand places, but in the quiet, ordinary moments of family life. Their home was not free from struggle there was uncertainty, sacrifice, misunderstanding, and even exile. Yet, it was precisely there that love, faith, and trust in God were lived day by day.

From the Holy Family, we learn that a family becomes holy not because it is perfect, but because it places God at the center. Mary teaches us attentive listening to God's will; Joseph shows us silent obedience and courageous responsibility; and Jesus reveals that love grows through humility and obedience. As St. John Paul II said, "The family is the first and vital cell of society." When love, prayer, and forgiveness dwell in the family, God Himself is at home there.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux reminds us, "Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be." The Holy Family lived this holiness through simple faithfulness by loving one another in small, hidden ways. And St. Mother Teresa beautifully affirms, "If you want to change the world, go home and love your family."

On this feast, let us ask for the grace to make our homes places of prayer, patience, forgiveness, and mutual respect. May the Holy Family teach us that everyday love, offered to God, becomes a path to holiness.

Holy Family of Nazareth, pray for our families.

A Year-End Message of Gratitude to St. Joan of Arc Family

Dear beloved parishioners of St. Joan of Arc Parish, as we come to the close of the year 2025, my heart is filled with deep gratitude to God and to each one of you. As your pastor, I sincerely thank you for the many ways big and small you have supported, strengthened, and built up our parish family throughout this year.

I am especially grateful to our devoted staff, our many generous and faithful volunteers, our ministry leaders, senior and long-serving ministry members, and every parishioner who has offered time, talent, prayer, and sacrifice for the growth of this parish. No contribution is ever small in the eyes of God. As St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us, "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice for love is proved by deeds."

Together, you have made St. Joan of Arc Parish not just a place we attend, but a living community of faith, hope, and love. Your generosity reflects the words of St. Paul: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others." Through your service, Christ has been made visible in our parish and beyond.

As we look ahead, let us continue to grow together, work together, and walk together as true children of God, building up the Kingdom of God here and now. St. Augustine beautifully reminds us, "We are the body of Christ. Since you are his body and his members, it is your mystery that is placed on the Lord's table." May we never forget that our unity is our greatest strength.

Thank you for your faith, your commitment, and your love for this parish. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us bring it to completion. I assure you of my prayers and ask for your continued prayers as we move forward together into the new year. May God bless you abundantly, today and always.

2026 SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES & PRE AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)

2026 Sunday Offering Envelopes are now available in the parish hall. Please note that box numbers have changed if your previous number was above 220, you have been assigned a new lower number. Kindly do not use 2025 envelopes in the new year; begin using the 2026 envelopes in January. For the first few weeks, please print your name and address clearly on your envelopes to help us update our parish records.

We also encourage parishioners to consider Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), a simple and automatic way to support the parish each month. PAG forms are available at the church entrance, in the parish office, and on our parish website.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our parish.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ST. JOAN OF ARC CONFERENCE

The Vincentians would like to thank everyone for their support of our Christmas Appeal. We were able to help 56 families have a better Christmas with your help.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING VIDEO AND CONVERSATION SERIES

Rooted in Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching is a body of Church teaching on economic, political, social and cultural issues that has been called the best kept secret of the Catholic Church. Every second Sunday of the month from January to April, bring your coffee and join Creation Care Ministry in the Friars' Lounge where we will watch a short video and host a conversation circle on Catholic Social Teaching after the 10 AM mass and ending by noon. We begin on January 11th with a video on the Complete History of Catholic Social Doctrine in 13 minutes. All are welcome.

New year's Schedule

December 31 - 5:30 pm Feast of Mary Mother of God
January 1 - 10:00 am Feast of Mary Mother of God
 12 pm Feast of Mary Mother of God
January 2 - 5:30pm First Friday Mass & Adoration

*Wishing Everyone
 a
 Blessed and
 HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

**Your Gifts to God
 Monthly Comparison November**

Offertory	2025	2024
Envelopes	\$9,037	\$8,745
Loose	\$3,548	\$3,181
PAG	\$6,378	\$6,427
Total	\$18,963	\$18,353

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from December 23 to January 4 for the Christmas and New Year holidays. We will reopen on Monday, January 5. If you require emergency assistance from the parish or the Pastor during this time, please leave a message on the Pastor's extension, and he will return your call as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding, and we wish you and your families a blessed Christmas season.

ADDRESS UPDATE REMINDER

If you have recently changed your address, please contact the parish office or the bookkeeper so we can update our records. This ensures your tax receipt for 2025, and any future parish communications reach you without delay. Thank you.

Please Note the parish Information has changed

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