

December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God.

Readings for January 3, 2021

1st Isaiah 60:1-6
2nd Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel Matthew 2:1-12



Mass Intentions - December 27 - January 3, 2021

10:00 am: + Souls in Purgatory
+ Olivia Ayson & + Anita Dias
Healing – Crosby Phillip
12:00 pm: + Souls in Purgatory
Thanksgiving – Rodriguez Family
+ Cecilio & Maxima Alicea
4:00 pm: Thanksgiving – Kirsten Basilio
+ Paulina & Virginia Simpoa

Monday

8:30 am - + Jose Juarez III

Tuesday

8:30 am - + Brian Abella

Wednesday

8:30 am - + Eddie DaSilva

Thursday

8:30 am - + Rosalie Bautista

Friday

8:30 am – Medita Quidolit

Saturday

8:30 am: Available

4:00 pm: Available

Only one Mass at 8:30 am due to school Christmas break.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



Please remember the soul of Danette Curtis, John Doyle, Rizal Abrajano, Philomer Bitanga, Gwendolyn Addie, William Aragon, Pyme Sethasang, Antonio Torlai, and Corazon Matias who passed away recently. May God grant them eternal rest.



PLATE COLLECTIONS

December 20, 2020

\$ 8,214.⁰⁰

SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 26 & 27 – Bishop’s Ministry Appeal

Each parish is asked to contribute to the Diocese to fund ministries administered by the Diocese. This year our obligation was \$88,549. If you haven’t already donated, please consider doing so today. Make checks payable to the Bishop’s Ministry Appeal Trust. Thank you for your assistance.

January 2 & 3, 2021 – Diocesan Assessment

The fee the Diocese charges each parish for managerial support.



... will be held in San Francisco on **Saturday, January 23**. We strive to shed light on all issues of life but particularly to change hearts hurt by the violence of abortion. Women and men deserve better! **Due to COVID restrictions, there will be no bus leaving from St. Luke Church**; however, you can drive your own car or take Bart to Market Street near the Civic Center. The walk will begin down Market Street to the Embarcadero just as in years past. Thank you for your perseverance over the years in championing this important cause. There may be a group caravanning in our own cars if anyone is interested. Call Kathleen for more information at 601-7807.

THE PRECIOUS LIFE OF THE UNBORN CHILD

The baby’s life in the womb is an astonishing odyssey of growth and development. As science



makes clear, it is at fertilization that a new, unique and genetically complete human being comes into existence. From that moment onwards each of us did not grow and develop **into** a human being. We grew and developed **as** a human being.



➤ 18 – 21 days after conception, before many women will even realize they are pregnant, the baby’s heart is beating.

➤ At 8 weeks every organ to be found in a fully grown adult person is already formed.

(To be continued...)

We must let our elected officials know that we expect them to uphold the dignity and right to life of every person, born and unborn.

The Parish Office will be closed for the New Year holidays December 31 & January 1.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

WEEKEND _An ideal “gift” idea for your marriage! Consider making the Worldwide Marriage Encounter. The next ME weekends

include February 19-21 in Danville or April 23-25 in Sacramento. For details or to register, visit their website at www.stocktonwwme.org or contact Chris and Vanessa at 209-691-0603.

MASS CHANGES: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Due to recent spikes in Covid cases, San Joaquin County has been placed in the purple tier. That means that once again we must make changes to our Mass Schedule.

ALL ST. LUKE WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE OUTSIDE in front of the church (weather permitting).

Please bring your own chair.

PLEASE NOTE OTHER UPCOMING CHANGES...

Due to dropping temperatures **the Saturday and Sunday evening masses will move up to 4 PM.** The first **Sunday morning mass will be celebrated at 10 AM.** **The Spanish Mass will continue to be offered at Noon.**

Reservations will NOT be required.

Please remember that if you have a fever or any signs of the virus, or have been in recent contact with someone who has COVID 19 you must remain at home!

Please bring your own chair. *The benches are reserved for elderly or disabled parishioners who find it difficult to carry a chair in from their car.*

Also, at this time there are NO indoor OR outdoor WEEKDAY morning masses. Our priests continue to livestream Mass at 8:30 AM on our website as well as our Facebook page.

SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE

... with Online Giving. It's a secure and easy way to tithe and make other contributions. You can even set up automatic payments that will occur periodically so you don't have to worry about remembering when to give. Look for the link on St. Luke's website at: www.stlukestockton.us.

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

Simeon and Anna make old age look good. Use to be that gray hair was respected—years of experience we called venerable. Grandfathers and Grandmothers were not forgotten in a nursing home. Two shining stars appeared in the Temple and were not afraid to identify Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We all have to make an exit—we hope that we die when we are gifted with chronology. Consider the song of Simeon, “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace—my eyes have seen your salvation.” What a way to go!” No fear, no regrets, no sadness. Knowing who is waiting on the other side and getting a personal hug from Jesus brings much peace. Holy Mass is our preview. We have a greater privilege than the two old people at the Temple because we get to eat and drink Our Lord Jesus Christ. He enters our reality, our body, our family and we become part of Him. Just like Simeon and Anna were never the same after their encounter with Jesus, neither can we be indifferent. Allow our families to be the first recipients of a smiling face, changed attitude, hope for a better tomorrow. Love starts at home. The greatest challenge to live the Gospel is in the family.

To be holy means facing the challenges that each day brings—putting up with each other. Jesus, Mary and Joseph pray for us—help us to be like you.

AT THIS TIME

Dear Lord,

At this time of pandemic,

Let us foster respect and solidarity with others, especially those who are weak or poor.

Let us remain calm and ignore unsubstantiated rumors.

Let us take advantage of living together as a family.

Let us attend to moments of prayer.

Let us cultivate responsibility, patience and hope.

Amen.

The Prayer to End COVID at the right is adapted from a radio message from Rodolfo Valenzuela Nuñez, Bishop of La Verapaz, Guatemala.

