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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY DECEMBER 28, 2025

JOSEPH ROSE AND TOOK THE CHILD AND HIS MOTHER BY NIGHT AND DEPARTED FOR EGYPT.

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.

These events remind us of the difficult reality of Jesus' birth. While the story of the Magi's visit will be recalled in our liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany, our Christmas celebration is made more sober by the recollection that not everyone received Christ's birth with joy or obedience. Herod's jealousy and malice contrast with Joseph's obedience to the words of the angel. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.



JOSÉ SE LEVANTÓ Y ESA MISMA NOCHE TOMÓ AL NIÑO Y A SU MADRE Y PARTIÓ PARA EGIPTO

Hoy celebramos a la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José. Al hacerlo, el Evangelio nos invita a considerar la protección que José brinda a Jesús frente al peligro. Al igual que en el anuncio del nacimiento de Jesús, un ángel se aparece a José en un sueño. El ángel le advierte de los planes de Herodes para hacer daño a Jesús. José obedece el mandato del ángel y lleva a Jesús y a María a Egipto, regresando solo después de recibir, en otro sueño, la noticia de que era seguro hacerlo.

Estos acontecimientos nos recuerdan la dura realidad del nacimiento de Jesús. Aunque la historia de la visita de los Magos será recordada en nuestra liturgia en la fiesta de la Epifanía, nuestra celebración de la Navidad se vuelve más sobria al recordar que no todos recibieron el nacimiento de Cristo con alegría u obediencia. Los celos y la maldad de Herodes contrastan con la obediencia de José a las palabras del ángel. La huida de la Sagrada Familia a Egipto y la matanza de la que Jesús es salvado nos recuerdan las luchas y los sacrificios que se requieren como preparación para la salvación de Dios.

YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS: A SPECIAL MINISTRY

We are fortunate to have three youth altar servers at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. An altar server is a lay assistant to the priest during the celebration of Mass or other liturgies. An altar server performs tasks at the altar such as carrying the cross, bringing up and/or holding the liturgical books, fetching articles needed by the priest during Mass, such as the bread and wine, helping to bring up the gifts, assisting with the washing of the priest's hands, and ringing the altar bell at the consecration. If young, they are commonly called junior altar servers. If grown-up, senior altar servers.



Traditionally, youth altar servers were “altar boys.” In 1994, the Congregation for Divine Worship opened the instituted ministry of acolyte (which includes altar serving) to both males and females. And again in 2021, Church law changes by Pope Francis affirmed that both baptized women and men could serve at the altar. Young people who had received First Communion could also serve.

Our young parishioner **Leoni Cabrera**, encouraged by her parents Efren Cabrera and Lorena Gallegos, has been an altar server since she was 8 years old. She is now in the 10th Grade at Seaside High School and is a student in our 1st year Confirmation class taught Derwin Borling. She loves serving at Mass

because she feels especially close to God when she is on the altar.



Breanna Sandoval, who is also in the 1st year Confirmation class, has been raised by her mom Blanca Sandoval and her grandmother Leonila Sandoval. Because she was drawn to this ministry, she asked Fr. Jhonntan if she could train to become a server. After only a few short months, Breanna has been pleased to experience it as a special opportunity to grow closer to God.



Sarah Cocker, the daughter of Esther Valdes and Phil Cocker, is in the 7th Grade at San Carlos School in Monterey where she is involved in helping to plan the liturgies there. Thanks to her friend Leoni, who asked her to do the altar server training, they can now serve together. Sarah believes this ministry is a good way to serve God and the church.



We are blessed to have these dedicated young women don the attire of Youth Altar Servers at our Masses: a white alb (a long white robe) tied with a cincture (a cord belt.)



MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 27TH JANUARY 4TH 2026

Sat. Dec. 27th 4:30 Vigil: + Brian Coughlin

Sat. Dec. 27th NO CACHAGUA MASS

Sun, Dec. 28th 9:00: + Brenda Shakal
(2nd Anniv)

11:00: + John Jordan

Wed. Dec. 31st 12:00 : + Tina Beighal

Thurs. Jan. 1st 12:00: People of the Parish (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Fri. Jan 2nd 12:00: + Ray Trykowski

Sat. Jan. 3rd 4:30 Vigil: + People of the Parish

Sun, Jan. 4th 9:00: + Virginia Trykowski

11:00: + Ramon Selis & Pilar Paredes

Weekly Collection

TBA January 3rd & 4th 2026

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING GENEROSITY.



Please pick up a **Liturgical Calendar**, generously underwritten by **Gerardo**. See the back of the bulletin for his services.

We are blessed to have such devoted Parishioners.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK...



I hope to see you at Mass, where together we will reflect on the Holy Family and how holiness is lived out in trust and obedience.

Joseph listens to God and protects his family, even when the path is uncertain. In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we are reminded that God is present in the struggles of family life and calls our own families to be places of faith, courage, and love.

Fr. Jhonnatan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that the parish office will be **closed from Wednesday, December 24, 2025, through January 14, 2026.** We appreciate your understanding.

Please also note that **January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation in the Diocese of Monterey;** however, an English Mass will be celebrated at noon for those who wish to attend.

REASONS TO BE A YOUTH ALTAR SERVER:

- Opportunity to serve God.
- Become more involved in Parish Life.
- Grow in respect and understanding of the Mass.
- Make great friends.
- Learn valuable life skills.
- Build confidence.
- Opportunity for leadership.
- Strengthen your relationship with Jesus


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SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass
Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass
Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM
Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month
1:00 PM in the Church
4th Saturday of the Month at 7:00 PM in Cachagua

Reconciliation
Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment


Office Hours
Wednesday — Friday 1:00 PM — 3:00 PM
Sundays: 10:00 AM — 11:00 AM

"At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service."

— St Teresa of Avila

PARISH MINISTRIES

For more information about our ministries, follow the link in this QR code:



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Finance Council	Website
Faith Formation	Eucharistic Ministers
Bereavement Ministry	Coffee Hospitality
Human Trafficking	Sacristans
Music Ministry	Lectors
Parish Hall & Kitchen Rental	Ushers

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