



# SAINT MICHAEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Merry Christmas      Feliz Navidad

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS | GROW DISCIPLES | BRING CHRIST TO PEOPLE  
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# GOSPEL REFLECTION



**H**e so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188)."

The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God's intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all

time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God's beautifully choreographed master-

piece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.

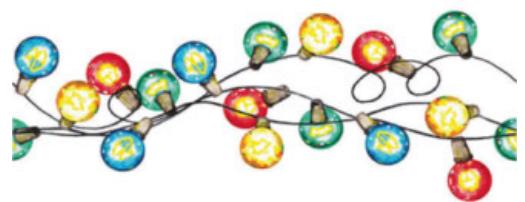
Accepting the truth of God's birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed.

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## VISIT DEACON DAVE'S FAMOUS LIGHTS

Casa del Pomba  
352 Hillcrest Avenue  
December 26 to January 1  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm



# REFLEXIÓN DEL EVANGELIO



**F**eliz Navidad a todos los hombres y mujeres del mundo, que aún creen a pesar de todo lo que han sufrido por la pandemia, Dios está presente entre nosotros! "Juan dio testimonio de él; dijo muy fuerte: Del yo hablaba al decir: El que ha venido detrás de mí ya está delante de mí, porque era antes que yo" (Juan 1:15).

Uno de tantos regalos que la Navidad nos trae es muy peculiar: dar testimonio y ser testigos del amor de Dios en este tiempo que estamos viviendo. Otro regalo es la paz, sí, esa paz que tanto necesitamos en la familia, en la sociedad y en nuestro corazón, para poder cantar como los ángeles y los pastores: "Gloria a Dios en lo más alto del cielo y en la tierra paz a los hombres; ésta es la hora de su gracia" (Lucas 2:14).

Cada Navidad, Dios nos habla por medio de su Hijo, y esta no es la excepción. Felices todas las personas que de buen agrado y con el corazón abierto aceptan todas sus gracias. Felices todos los que en esta Navidad son mensajeros de la Buena Nueva de Dios, en la familia, en la escuela, en el trabajo y en la sociedad. "Qué hermoso es ver correr sobre los montes al mensajero que anuncia la paz, al mensajero que trae la buena nueva, que predica la salvación" (Isaías 52:7). ¿Qué gracias y regalos recibiste en esta Navidad? ¿Qué anuncias tú, y a quién se lo anuncias? ¡Feliz Navidad y un abrazo de paz!

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## PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Ana, la madre de Samuel y el padre de Samuel son mostrados como padres de profunda oración y gran fe. ¿Cómo describirías la fe de tu madre o tu padre?

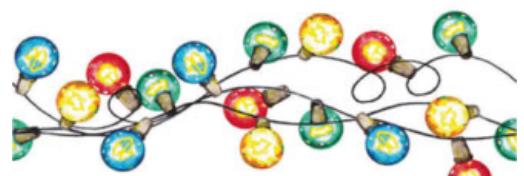
Juan nos enseña que, si creemos en Jesús y nos amamos unos a otros, "podemos ser llamados hijos de Dios." ¿Cómo demuestras gratitud por ser parte de esta sagrada familia?

Lucas es el único evangelista que conserva una historia sobre Jesús de su juventud. En este relato, María y José estaban llenos de "gran ansiedad" mientras buscaban a Jesús quien pensaban estaba perdido. ¿Cómo buscas la ayuda de Dios para los momentos de ansiedad en tu familia?



## VISITA LAS FAMOSAS LUCES DEL DIÁCONO DAVE

Casa del Pomba  
352 Hillcrest Avenue  
26 de Diciembre al 1 de Enero  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm





# UPCOMING EVENTS | PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

## ADORATION CHAPEL

### New Year's Eve, December 31

7:15 am to 7:00 pm. No 26-hour Adoration on this Friday.

## MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

### Not a Holy Day this Year

### Vigil: December 31

6:00 pm English

**7:30 pm Español**

### Solemnity: January 1

6:45 am English

8:30 am English

**10:00 am Español**

Holy Hour until 12:00 pm

## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD CHALKING OUR DOORS

### Weekend of January 1–2

Marking home lintels with blessed chalk in the new year is an old Epiphany tradition reminiscent of the Passover in the book of Exodus. “Chalking” your doorway places God at the entrance of your home, entrusting your entire family to His protection. All are welcome to pick up a bag of blessed chalk at the back of the church with the instructions and prayers on the weekend of Saturday, January 1 and 2 One bag per family, please.

The inscription we make this year is: 20 + C + M + B + 22

The “20” and “22” stand for the current year (2022). The plus signs represent the Cross of Christ. The CMB represents the traditional names given to the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.



## HORARIO DE LA CAPILLA DE ADORACIÓN

### Nochevieja, 31 de diciembre

7:15 am - 7:00 pm. Este viernes no habrá Adoración de 26 horas.

## MARIA MADRE DE DIOS

### No es un día de Precepto/ Obligación este Año

### Vigilia: 31 de Diciembre

6:00 pm Inglés

7:30 pm Español

### Solemnidad: 1 de Enero

6:45 am Inglés

8:30 am Inglés

10:00 am Español

Hora Santa hasta las 12:00 pm

## FIESTA DE LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR Y TIZANDO NUESTRAS PUERTAS

### El fin de semana del 1 y 2 de enero

Marcar los dinteles de las casas con tiza bendita en el año nuevo, es una tradición antigua de la Epifanía que recuerda a la Pascua en el libro del Éxodo. “Marcar su puerta con tiza” coloca a Dios en la entrada de su hogar, confiando a toda su familia a Su protección. Todos están invitados a recoger una bolsa de tiza bendita en la parte de atrás de la Iglesia con las instrucciones y oraciones, el fin de semana del 1 y 2 de enero. Una bolsa por familia, por favor.

La inscripción que escribimos este año es: 20 + C + M + B + 22

El “20” y el “22” representan el año actual (2022). Los signos de suma (+) representan la Cruz de Cristo. El CMB representa los nombres tradicionales dados a los Magos: Gaspar, Melchor y Balthazar.



Dear Parish Family,

As we are building up our lives and getting used to the presence and effect of Covid 19 and its variants, we are invited by God this Christmas to have hope and grow deeper in our faith.

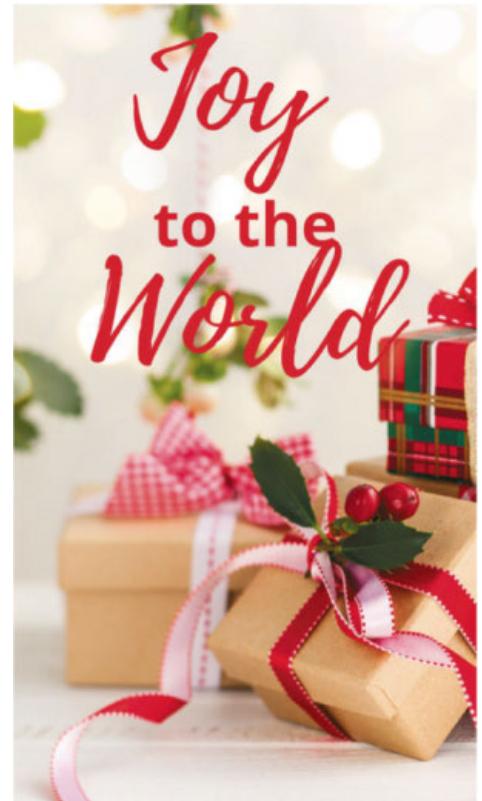
Christmas reminds us that God is "Emmanuel" – God is with us! This joyful moment of the birth of God in our world is a constant reminder for us that He chose to walk and journey with us as His people in our sorrows and joy.

How would we celebrate this season of hope and joy? "ora et labora" means to "pray and work as our humble gift to our Lord Jesus. Saint Benedict recommended this to his

monks as their path to holiness. Thus, let us immerse ourselves in finding time to pray and to feed our souls. Let us do good works of charity for others who are in need. Let us pray and work for those who are in need of healing and inspiration to face the challenges and ordeals of life. In doing so, we incarnate in our lives the love and presence of God and by our witness, we gradually transform this world, our community, and our church.

God is Emmanuel and may our Ora et Labora for God's glory and praise truly enrich our celebration of Christmas! May the peace of Christ be with you this Christmas and throughout the coming year!

Fr. Carl Arcosa



*Alegria  
la  
Mundo*

Querida familia Parroquial,

Mientras construimos nuestras vidas, y nos acostumbramos a la presencia y el efecto del Covid 19 y sus variantes, Dios nos invita en esta Navidad a tener esperanza y profundizar en nuestra fe.

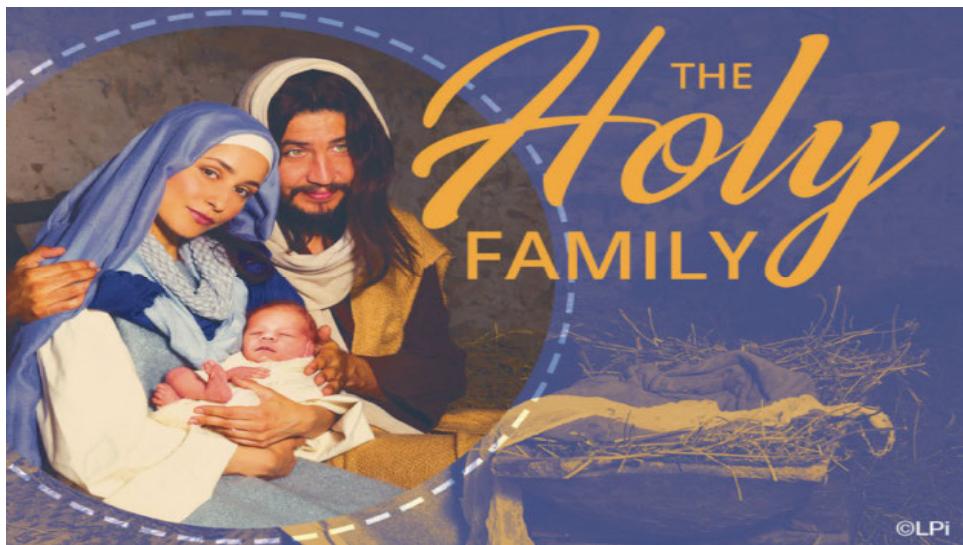
La Navidad nos recuerda que Dios es "Emmanuel" - ¡Dios con nosotros! Este momento gozoso del nacimiento de Dios en nuestro mundo es un recordatorio constante para nosotros de que Él eligió caminar con nosotros como Su pueblo en nuestros dolores y alegrías.

¿Cómo celebraremos esta temporada de esperanza y alegría? "Ora et Labora" significa "reza y trabaja" como nuestro humilde regalo a nuestro Señor Jesús. San Benito lo recomendó a sus monjes como su

camino hacia la santidad. Así, sumerjámonos en encontrar tiempo para rezar y alimentar nuestras almas. Hagamos buenas obras de caridad por los necesitados. Oremos y trabajemos por aquellos que necesitan sanación e inspiración para afrontar los desafíos y las pruebas de la vida. Al hacerlo, encarnamos en nuestras vidas el amor y presencia de Dios, y con nuestro testimonio, transformamos gradualmente este mundo, nuestra comunidad, y nuestra Iglesia.

¡Dios es Emmanuel, que nuestro Ora et Labora por la gloria y alabanza a Dios realmente enriquezca nuestra celebración de la Navidad! ¡Que la paz de Cristo esté con ustedes en esta Navidad y durante todo el año venidero!

P. Carl Arcosa



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

## ALL IN THE FAMILY

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

Hoy es un día para celebrar a la familia - a la nuestra y a las familias de todo el mundo, de celebrar y gozar a los hijos, nietos y parientes cercanos y lejanos. Dios quiso nacer en una familia y por medio de ella, se nos ofrece una oportunidad para conocerle mejor y amarle más. Recordemos que es en la familia donde se forjan los santos y santas de Dios. Y es también en ella donde están los vicios y malas acciones. ¡Cuidado padres de familia! Aprender de la familia de Nazaret es importante.

Cada día del año es una oportunidad para continuar la búsqueda de Dios, de Jesús, en nuestro hogar. Podemos vislumbrar, en la Liturgia de hoy, a tres figuras importantes del hogar de Nazaret: una mujer con su pequeño y su esposo, listos para hacer la voluntad de Dios, para orar y platicar en familia. El papa Francisco nos dice que: "Realmente, hoy es un día hermoso... hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret. El término sagrada coloca a esta familia en el ámbito de la santidad, que es un don de Dios, pero, al mismo tiempo, es una adhesión libre y responsable al plan de Dios" (12-29-2019). Sé, y busco cuál es el plan de Dios para mi hogar o ¿ni siquiera me importa ese diálogo entre esposa, esposo e hijos? El tiempo de confinamiento debió ser una oportunidad para crecer en gracia y sabiduría en la familia. ¿Lo ve usted así? Padres de familia, la mejor herencia para sus hijos y nietos es fomentar la fe, la educación, el amor y la unidad en el hogar.



## TODOS EN LA FAMILIA

A primera vista, a menudo podemos encontrar intimidante la imagen de la Santísima Madre, San José y el Niño Jesús: ¿quiénes somos para aspirar a ese nivel de discipulado? ¿Cómo podríamos esperar conformarnos a ese molde? A veces, incluso puede ser doloroso, tal vez provenimos de una familia rota o luchamos con una relación rota dentro de nuestra familia, o tal vez anhelamos ser madre o padre nosotros mismos y ese estado en la vida nos ha eludido.

Pero la imagen de la Sagrada Familia es, en realidad, una hermosa invitación para todos nosotros, sin importar nuestra vocación o nuestro estado de vida, y el ejemplo de María, José y Jesús es rico en el simbolismo de la corresponsabilidad.

No necesitas ser una madre biológica que ha llevado a un niño en su vientre para ser una madre en espíritu. ¿Quién en tu mundo necesita que los ames con el corazón de una madre?

Lo mismo ocurre con la paternidad. La Iglesia y el mundo claman por el valiente testimonio de cristianos como San José. ¿A quién puedes amar con la protección inquebrantable y desinteresada de un padre?

¿Quién en tu vida necesita que lo ames con el amor fiel e incondicional de un hijo? ¿Quién necesita tu amor suave y constante como hija?

Nosotros somos el Cuerpo de Cristo, amigos. Los que nos regocijamos en el cielo, los que sufrimos en el purgatorio y los que luchamos aquí en la tierra. Somos la gran familia. Amémonos bien.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

All are welcome to visit our Adoration Chapel, Monday through Friday, from 7:15 am to 7:00 pm to light a candle for a loved one. Take a few moments to pray in the presence of the Lord and offer Him your worries and concerns.

It is customary to leave a small donation per candle.





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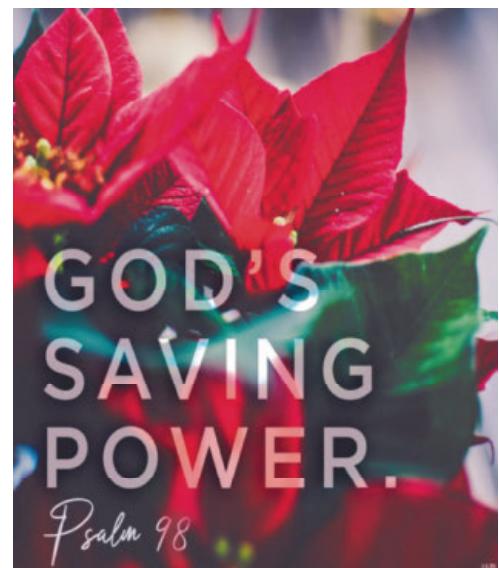
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Online gatherings  
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Tuesdays at 7:00 pm  
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Contact Deacon Dave Holland  
925-413-9240

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[mamabearmunoz@gmail.com](mailto:mamabearmunoz@gmail.com) or 510 501-1411



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Martes - 7:00 - 8:00 pm  
En la bodega de alimentos, detrás de la Iglesia de St. Michael, 458 Maple Street  
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En la tienda de St Vincent de Paul, 1817 Second Street



## ¿Necesitas oración?

Envíanos un mensaje en Facebook o Instagram. O envíenos un correo electrónico a [Pray@StMichaelLivermore.com](mailto:Pray@StMichaelLivermore.com)



# WEEKLY SCHEUDULE PROGRAMA SEMANAL

## DAILY MASS | MISA DIARIA

6:45 am	Monday-Saturday	Mass in English
8:30 am	Monday-Saturday	Mass in English
7:00 pm	Miércoles	Misa en español

## SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

### MISA DE VIGILIA DEL SÀBADO

5:00 pm	Saturday Mass in English
7:00 pm	Sàbado Misa en español

## SUNDAY MASS | MISA DOMINICAL

6:45 am	Mass in English
*8:00 am	Traditional Latin Mass   Misa tradicional en latín
*9:30 am	Mass in English
9:45 am	Mass in English OUTSIDE (weather permitting)
11:00 am	Mass in English
*12:30 pm	Misa en español
5:00 pm	Mass in English

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## MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

### CELEBRACIONES MENSUALES

1st Friday	Mass in the Chapel at 11:00 am
3rd Friday	Mass with Golden Friends Seniors at 10:30 am
1st Saturday	Online at 7:15am StMichaelLivermore.com/Rosary
3rd Sunday	Mass in Tagalog at 3:30 pm
4th Sunday	Mass in Vietnamese at 3:30 pm

## SILENT PRAYER & ADORATION

### Oraciòn Silenciosa y Adoraciòn

7:15 am—7:00 pm	Monday-Thursday   Lunes-Viernes
7:15 am Friday   Viernes	—9:00 am Saturday   Sàbado

## CONFESION | CONFESIONES

7:00 am Sunday at Chapel entrance
7:30 am Monday—Friday in Church   Lunes—Viernes en iglesia
9:15 am Saturday in Church   Sàbado en iglesia
6:00 pm Wednesday in Church   Miércoles en iglesia

## DAILY ROSARY ONLINE | ROSARIO DIARIO

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9:30 am—12:00 pm and 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
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