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## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH *THE CHILD'S FATHER AND MOTHER WERE AMAZED AT WHAT WAS SAID ABOUT HIM*

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimitis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.

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# FIESTA DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA JESUS, MARIA Y JOSE

## EL PADRE Y LA MADRE DEL NIÑO ESTABAN ADMIRADOS DE SEMEJANTES PALABRAS.

El Evangelio de hoy señala que Jesús fue circuncidado al octavo día después de su nacimiento, de acuerdo con la Ley Mosaica. Le dieron el nombre de Jesús, nombre que le puso el ángel Gabriel. El día 40 después del nacimiento de Jesús, María realizó los ritos de purificación apropiados e hizo su ofrenda en el Templo. Aunque la Ley de Moisés requería la ofrenda de un cordero, aquellos que no podían permitirse el lujo de comprar un cordero podían sustituirlo por dos tórtolas o dos palomos. En esta escena, Lucas identifica a José y María como pobres y, de hecho, a lo largo del Evangelio de Lucas, Jesús mostrará especial preocupación por los pobres.

Otro rito judío al que se hace referencia en este Evangelio es la dedicación del hijo primogénito al Señor. En memoria de la fiesta de la Pascua, cuando los primogénitos de los israelitas en Egipto fueron salvados de la muerte, la Ley de Moisés prescribió que todos los primogénitos varones de Israel debían ser consagrados al Señor. En esta tradición, María y José presentan al niño Jesús en el Templo de Jerusalén.

En Jerusalén, Lucas informa que María y José se encuentran con dos judíos devotos, Simeón y Ana, quienes reconocen al niño Jesús como el cumplimiento de la esperanza de redención de Israel. En las palabras de Simeón encontramos una predicción del testimonio de María sobre la muerte de Jesús en la cruz. El Cántico de Simeón, también llamado por su nombre latino, Nunc Dimittis, se reza en la oración nocturna, o completas, durante la Liturgia de las Horas.

## JANUARY 1 IS THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE!

*"The world must be educated to love Peace, to build it up and defend it."*  
Pope Paul VI, 1968

Every year on January 1, the Holy Father marks the World Day of Peace with a special message inviting all people to reflect on the important work of building peace. This year's message is the latest in a long tradition of messages for this day that began with St. Paul VI in 1967 and continued with St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis. What a better day to pray for peace in Israel and



## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, JAN. 1ST



Way back in 431, there was a bitter controversy among theologians over the role of Mary in the Catholic Church. They debated the question: Who is Mary in God's plan?

In the end, the bishops declared that Mary is really the mother of Jesus and Jesus is really God. So it must be said that Mary is the Mother of God. The oldest Christian greeting of Mary was proclaimed when Mary's relative Elizabeth called her "Mother of my Lord." When Elizabeth welcomed Mary, she recognized both the great privilege God had given Mary and Mary's great faith in accepting it.

For centuries, Mary has been praised because she believed. She is Mother of God because of her faith in God. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrates Mary's faith and trust in God alone. The Church wants us to imitate her faith.

## SCHEDULE

### Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

### Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 AM in English,  
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month at  
5:00 pm in the Church. 4th Saturday of the  
month at 7:00pm in Cachagua.

### Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

### Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:  
10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday  
from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

## PARISH STAFF

### Fr. Jhonnatan Flórez Carmona

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### Gail Quinnan

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### Rebecca Bayless

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### Music Ministry

4:30 pm Sat. Mass: Kim Hartford—Kathy Nathan

9:00 am Sun. Mass: Stefania Ortiz

11:15 am Sun. Mass Parish Choir

### Angelica Lozano

Custodian

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> 2023 Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 2024

Sat. Vigil Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm: + Bob McDonald

Sun. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am: + Gladys & + Alphonse Scarpitto  
11:15am: + Gabriela Yglesias Quiros

Mon. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 2024; 12:00: + Charles Conroy

Wed. Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:00: + Madeline Dickmann

Thurs. Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 12:00: + Helen Trezza

Fri. Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 12:00: + Sally Diaz

Saturday Vigil Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 4:30: + People of the Parish

Sunday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00: + Evelyn & Charles Morrill  
11:15: + Jose Resendiz (3rd Anniv)

*MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL  
DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD,  
REST IN PEACE. AMEN.*

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**Sat. Dec. 23th: \$ 552.**  
**Christmas Dec. 24 & 25:**  
**\$ 3,229.00**

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY  
TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

## PARISH VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

### Pastoral Council

- Dede Woodhead (chair), Alondra Klemek (vice chair), Jeff Hawkins (secretary), Daryl Lyon, Sean Devine, Trini Resendiz

### Finance Council

- Alex Gray (chair), Jim Rice (secretary), A.B. Introcaso, Jack McAleer, Ed Quinnan

### Faith Formation

- **First Communion:** Susan Franks (1st year) Jennifer Bodner (2nd year). Supply teacher: Brisa Cabrera (1st year)
- **Confirmation:** Tess Arthur (2nd year). Supply teacher: Alondra Klemek.
- **RCIA / Adult Faith Formation:** John Condon—Derwin Borling

### Bereavement Ministry:

Trudy Dowd

### Manna Ministry:

Janice Hawkins

### Human Trafficking

Brendan Cook

### Parish Hall & Kitchen Rental:

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### Social Media:

Lorraine Yglesias

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John Finn

### Lectors:

Dede Woodhead

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## EVENT CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 1st 2024. **Mary Mother of God** (Not a Holy Day of Obligation in the USA). 12 Noon Mass in English

Fri. Jan. 19th, 5:30pm **The Three Kings**

## FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH



**Mass at 12 noon**  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**from 12:30 – 5:30 pm**

**5:30 pm Rosary (Bilingual)**  
**6:00 pm Blessing with the Blessed Sacrament**

## SAINT OF THE WEEK: JAN. 4TH SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Who was the first person born in the United States to be declared a saint? Who opened the first American Catholic parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage? Who founded the first native American religious community of women? The answers to all these questions are the same: Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton.



ELIZABETH SETON was born on August 28, 1774, of a wealthy and distinguished Episcopalian family. She was baptized in the Episcopal Church and was a faithful adherent of it until her conversion to Catholicism. In 1794, she married William Seton and they raised five children amid suffering and sickness. Elizabeth and her frail husband traveled to Italy, and there William died. While in Italy she became acquainted with Catholicism and in 1805 she made her profession of faith in the Catholic Church.

In 1809, she established a religious community in Emmitsburg, Maryland. After seeing the expansion of her small community of sisters to New York and as far as St. Louis, she died on January 4, 1821 and was declared a saint by Saint Paul VI on September 14, 1975, becoming America's first native-born saint.