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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 30, 2012

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

— 1 John 3:2a

HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always "get it right," but they always tried to. These three "amateurs" were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father's work—but he also returned home with his parents.

Questions for Reflection on the Gospel

For Adults: What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?

For Children: Why did Jesus leave the temple? How can Jesus be an example for you?

FIRST SATURDAY MASS AND ROSARY

Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan 5th, followed by devotions to Mary. All are welcome.

There will be a special collection next weekend for our

Parish Education Fund

which supports our Parish School
and our Parish Religious Education Program



Sunday Dec 16th \$10,126.44

Thank you! Your generous contributions
help to make our ministries possible.

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY

It's been more than 10 years, so we're publishing an updated parish directory and invite all parish families to participate. Photographers will be in the Catcombs for 9 days between January 2 and January 12 for individual and family portrait sessions.

Parishioners who participate will receive at no cost:

- * A professional portrait sitting
- * A hardcover parish directory
- * A FREE 8 x 10 print of your directory portrait
- * Access to the online directory

There's no obligation, but if you purchase prints, you can also take advantage of:

- * a 20% Senior Discount certificate (60 years +)
- * 10% discount if you make your appointment online
- * a \$5.00 off coupon if you bring a food item for the Feed the Need program

Make an appointment online today
on the parish website

<http://www.saintgregorychurch.org>

For questions, contact

Barb Cordery @ 650-508-0601
or Lisa Souther @ 650-345-0762



Peninsula Catholic Young Adults

Are you a young adult (22-40) who is looking to enrich your faith in a social setting? The PCYA is a ministry based at St. Gregory's in San Mateo for those young adults in the mid-peninsula who are seeking something new from church. Check us out on Facebook or our website!

FB: facebook.com/peninsulacya


Email: peninsulacya@gmail.com

<https://sites.google.com/site/peninsulacya>

Tuesday, January 1st
The Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God

is a Holy Day of Obligation

**Masses are at 8:30 and
12:00 noon**




The priests and staff
of St. Gregory's Parish
wish you and your loved ones
a most Blessed New Year!

The parish offices will close at 5pm on Dec 31
and will be closed on January 1st

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon on
Friday, Jan 4th. The deceased of St. Gregory's Scholar-
ship Society will be remembered in prayer at the 12:00
noon Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On Friday, Jan 4h, we will have Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 am to 11:45 am. We invite
you to come and take a few moments from your morning
to spend some time before the Lord in adoration.



**Society of
St. Vincent de Paul**

The next **St. Vincent de Paul Conference** meeting
will be held on **Wednesday, Jan 2nd at 7:30 pm**
(note revised time) in the **Parish Office**. Anyone
interested in learning more about our work is en-
couraged to attend.



Many Thanks

Thanks to all those parishioners who
generously donated the poinsettia
plants for the altars and also to those
who helped to decorate the Christmas
trees. You greatly en-
hanced the church en-
vironment for this
Christmas season.



**Mass Intentions
For The Week**



**DECEMBER 29
TO
JANUARY 6**

Saturday	5:00	Carmen Calderon
Sunday	7:30 †	McCarthy Family, Living and Deceased
	9:00 †	Edward Schulte and Ralph Cozad, Sr. Families, Living and Deceased
	10:30	St. Gregory Parishioners
	12:00 †	Victor Miranda
	5:30	Julia Valdez
Monday	8:30 †	Hilda Tinkey
Tuesday	8:30 †	Juan Engracio-Remedios
Wednesday	8:30 †	Eileen Carroll
Thursday	8:30 †	Beatrice Rose Fazio
Friday	8:30 †	Women's Guild
	12:00 †	Scholarship Society
Saturday	8:30 †	Anthony Dennis Pintacura
	5:00 †	Carmen Vaca
Sunday	7:30 †	Stephen Beland
	9:00 †	Karen and Richard Abbey
	10:30	St. Gregory Parishioners
	12:00 †	Jose and Maria Silva
	5:30 †	Thomas Ledda

Kathy Carr is the **Parish Council**
contact member for the month of January.
Call her at 261-1806 with questions or suggestions.

The Gregorian Seniors

All parishioners 55 and over are invited to become
members of the Gregorian Seniors. Members will
meet for lunch on **Friday, Jan 11th** in the **Worner
Center**. Please note that this is the 2nd Friday and
there will be no noon Mass.

Membership forms will be available at the meet-
ing. Annual dues are \$10. There is a lunch fee of
\$6.00 per person. **Correct change** will be greatly
appreciated. Non-members are welcome and the
fee for lunch is \$10. It is **important** to call Irene
Bluth at 345-8028 to make a **reservation for
lunch by Tues, Jan 8th** so that there will be space
at the table for you.

A Prayer for Families

All-Loving God, we thank you for all of your good gifts, especially the gift of family.



For parents and grandparents who nurture our faith and lift us up in difficult times, we thank you, God.

For brothers and sisters who laugh and listen and celebrate with us in joyful times, we thank you, God.

For holidays and holy days when we join together around the table and remember the bond that unites us, we thank you, God.

For all those who love us and care for us and welcome us home again and again, we thank you, God.

For the gift of eternal life and the promise that we will one day join all of the beloved who have gone before us, we thank you, God.

With the guidance of the Holy Family, may we remain a strong and vibrant family of faith, now and forever.

Amen.

KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS

St. Gregory School is now accepting applications for Kindergarten students for the 2013-2014 school year. Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2013 and the family must be registered parishioners of St. Gregory's Parish. Applications are on-line at

stgregs-sanmateo.org

The deadline for applications is January 29th.

RACIAL NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

St. Gregory, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St. Gregory does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color and national and/or ethnic origin, age, gender or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs and athletic and other school-administered programs.