



*Sunday, February 4th, 2024*  
*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## **Holy Family Church**

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**Rev. Joseph Son Nguyen, Pastor**

### **Sunday Mass Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 Noon**

### **Weekday Masses**

**Monday – Saturday: 8:30 a.m.**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Wednesdays 8:15a.m**

**Anointing of the Sick Sacrament: Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Bible Study: 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month 12:30 p.m.**

### **Confessions**

**Saturdays: 9:00am-9:30am / First Fridays 9:00am-9:30am**



## **Ash Wednesday, February 14 Mass Schedule**

**8:30 a.m.**

**12 noon**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Distribution of Ashes will be during  
Mass.**

## **National Needs Collection**

The annual National Needs Collection will be taken up in the Diocese of Orange **this weekend of February 3-4, 2024**. This collection combines four national collections into one: Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Communication Campaign, Catholic University of America, and Catholic Home Missions

## **Laugh out Loud ☺**

**Q: Why should you never iron a  
four-leaf clover?**

**A: You don't want to press you luck!**

## **Your Contributions- Thank you**

**Sunday, January 28th, 2024: \$4,937**

**Online Giving: \$536.20**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## **News from Our Parish**

- **Lunar New Year Eve Mass, Friday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m.** Light reception afterwards.
- **Our Parish Bereavement Ministry** invites you to a workshop to pre-plan a Funeral Mass. Parishioners have been asking if they can make their arrangements and keep them on file at Holy Family office for when needed. We have done that for parishioners and will do that for you. Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. in the rectory. Please let the parish office know if you plan to attend, calling at (562)430-8170. If you attended the workshop in 2023 you are welcome to attend.
- **Catholic Cemeteries- Diocese of Orange.** - St. Callistus Chapel & Crypts, the new underground worship space at Christ Cathedral, is set to be open by Summer of 2024. You can reserve a space in the Columbarium Niches starting this coming February. Visit [occem.org](http://occem.org) or call 888.543.5020 to learn more.
- **Traveling Exhibit: Miracles of the Eucharist Across the World by Blessed Carlo Acutis.**- This exhibition, which was designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis, features a wide range of images and historical summaries of the various Eucharist miracles that occurred across the world and were acknowledged by the Catholic Church. San Antonio de Padua Parish, Anaheim Hills. For dates and hours of the exhibit, please call the parish office at (714)974-1416.

# Enthralled by Jesus (Catholic Reflections)

*When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. [Mark 1:32-34](#)*

Jesus was in the home of Simon Peter whose mother-in-law He had just cured. “The whole town gathered at the door” when evening came. This was Jesus’ first time being in Capernaum after beginning His public ministry, and already people were flocking to Him in droves. The next morning, Jesus got up before dawn and went away alone to pray. Soon, some of the disciples found Him and told Him that, once again, the whole town was looking for Him.

The excitement was great. So many were amazed. And their amazement at Jesus was not simply a form of curiosity. It was an amazement fueled by faith, which is why Jesus was able to perform so many miracles there. The people quickly realized that Jesus was the One of Whom the prophets of old had spoken. He was the Messiah, and the people gave Him their full attention.

This is a good image for us to ponder. As you think of the crowds and their unwavering desire to be near our Lord, consider your own desires pertaining to God. Do you regularly find yourself consumed with a desire to find our Lord, to be with Him, to listen to Him and to receive His grace and mercy? Or are you tempted to see Jesus and the practice of your faith as boring and uninteresting? One of the unfortunate effects of modern technology is that we easily become fascinated by and intrigued with many superficial things. Perhaps it’s the latest short video on a mobile app, or the latest episode of a favorite television series, or a new post by a friend on social media. There are many things today that compete for our attention, intrigue us and even amaze us. Is Jesus one of those things in your life?

In our modern world of constant stimulation and entertainment, we need to understand the difference between being amazed at the latest pop trend and being amazed by the grace and divine actions of our Lord. When we come face-to-face with the power of God in our lives, we will be amazed in a way that fulfills and satisfies us on the deepest level. It will be a spiritual amazement, which is a gift of the Holy Spirit. And the satisfaction we receive from this form of amazement is transforming, deep and sustaining. But when we turn to lesser and more sensory “amazements” common within our world today, we will find that they last only for a moment, and we are quickly left dry and wanting for more.

**Reflect**, today, upon the people in today’s Gospel who were so enthralled by Jesus that they continually sought Him out. Consider their excitement, their hope and their genuine joy at their discovery of the Messiah. As you think about them, consider whether you share in their excitement about Jesus. If that excitement is lacking, recommit yourself to seeking out our Lord. And where you see that excitement present, rejoice and give glory to God.

**Most glorious Lord, Your love and mercy are truly amazing. Please help me to continually see this in my life and to continually become enthralled by Your presence in my life. May I run to You always, giving You my full attention and love. Jesus, I trust in You.**

## Heartfelt Goodbye

Rich and I want to say good-by for now...until we meet again in Heaven. We have been blessed to minister to this our Holy Family friends for 26 years. First as head of the Pro-Life Ministry soon after we arrived here, when Msgr. Brian (RIP) was Pastor; then, it was a wonderful privilege for us to love and care for the first 5 years of our secretary Claudia's precious baby Joseph who became our adopted Grandchild! Then, the following years we served in other ministries. I, as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, and wonderful years when Rich and I served Mass together. We have been praying the rosary with Sister Kathie, especially for our priests, for the last 14 years. We also made sure the pews had needed supply of missalettes and envelopes. Now, it is time for us to move on; so, we surrender to His Will and ask Him to show us His plans for our new ministries in our new parish if we are able. But let us leave you with a LOL moment when we were much younger and new at the parish (before grey hairs came in!). After Mass one Sunday, we teased Msgr. Brian, right after Rich bought a home here on McKinney way for his mom to live closer so we could better care for her needs. We told Msgr. Brian "Father, we are welcoming a new Ramelot soon!" He looked stunned, got very quiet not knowing quite what to say to us...he evidently didn't want to say the wrong thing .. we decided to let him off the hook...by telling him- no, I was not expecting— Rich's mom was joining our church family! 😊. We were blessed with 4 wonderful pastors in our time here. Now we leave you with our lovable young Father Joseph Son Nguyen, who is turning our parish grounds into the "Garden of Eden"! Hmm! Does he know something we don't know? God bless you all and thank God for the privileged blessing of being a part of Holy Family parish. Thanks to all who pray for our paralyzed daughter, Elise Marie, whenever she is facing health challenges. It has been a comfort. All Glory be to God. *Mary and Rich Ramelot*

## Prayer Intentions for the Week

### **Monday 8:30 a.m. February 5**

The Greb children, Sp. Int.

### **Tuesday 8:30 a.m. February 6**

Seung Bae Woo, Sp. Int.

### **Wednesday 8:30 a.m. February 7**

Marven Ellingson, Sp. Int.

### **Thursday 8:30 a.m. February 8**

Paul and Lupe Huttenhoff, Sp. Int.

60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

### **Friday 8:30 a.m. February 9**

Seung Bae Woo and family, Sp. Int.

### **Saturday 8:30 a.m. February 10**

Holly Kim and family, Sp. Int.

Josephine Chris, Sp. Int.

Peace in families, our church,

USA and the world, Sp. Int.

### **Saturday 4:00 p.m. February 10**

James San & Ursula Lan, RIP

Fr. Jim Hartnett, Sp. Int.

### **Sunday 8:00 a.m. February 11**

Antonio Dodero, RIP

All benefactors, Sp. Int.

### **Sunday 10:00 a.m. February 11**

Chinh Pham, RIP

Bienvenido Rayos Del Sol, RIP

Thomas Ra, RIP Maria Lee, RIP

Abraham Chang, RIP J.C. Lee Chang, RIP

Fr. Gilbert Romero, Sp. Int.

### **Sunday 12 Noon February 11**

Teresa Phiyen, Sp. Int.

Lovers of the Holy Cross Sisters Jrs., Sp. Int.

Joy Lily, Sp. Int.