ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

360 Park Ave., Cayucos, CA, 93430 | Office: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Mass Times | Sundays at 10 a.m. | Saturdays at 5 p.m. | Weekdays at 9 a.m.
Spanish Mass at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays | Reconciliation on First Saturdays at 4 p.m.

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December 28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph | Mary, Holy Mother of God



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.	**28**	Fred & Barbara Ansolabehere
Mon.	**29**	+Sister Moira Lyons
Tue.	**30**	For All People
Wed.	**31**	St. Joseph's Parishioners
Thu.	**1/1**	+James Michael Pahler
Thu. Sp.	**1/1**	No misa
Fri.	**2**	Marlene McHatten
Sat.	**3**	+Pat Costa
Sun.	**4**	For All People

MASS READINGS

Dec. 28: The Holy Family
Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14
Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5 (1)
Colossians 3: 12-21
Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

Jan. 1: Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Numbers 6: 22-27
Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)
Galatians 4: 4-7
Luke 2: 16-21

Message from a Priest

Dear Parish Community,

As we continue celebrating the beautiful Octave of Christmas, today we reflect on the Feast of the Holy Family. While the joy of Christmas still lingers in our hearts, the Church invites us to look at the home of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph — a home characterized by simplicity, trust, and daily acts of caring for one another. The Holy Family demonstrates that holiness is quietly lived in everyday moments, through steady commitment to love even when it's challenging, and by allowing God to dwell at the center of our relationships.

On this same day, the Church also commemorates the Feast of the Holy Innocents, the young children in Bethlehem whose lives were taken by King Herod shortly after Christ's birth. Their story sheds a sober light on the reality that the coming of the Savior does not eliminate all suffering from our world. Yet, even in sorrow, God remains faithful. The Holy Innocents serve as a reminder of human life's fragility and our shared responsibility to protect the vulnerable, especially within our families and communities.

These two feasts do not contradict each other; together, they convey one message. In the Holy Family, we see God's tenderness entering the world through love. In the Holy Innocents, we see the world's brokenness that still longs for healing. And during the Octave of Christmas, we stand in the middle — held by the hope that Christ has come to redeem every family, heal every wounded heart, and bring light to every place that faces darkness.

Today, let us pray that our homes reflect the faith, patience, and courage we see in Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. May we care for one another, protect the dignity of every person, and remain watchful for those around us who need comfort or protection. As we continue these Christmas days, may Christ's presence guide our families and our parish with a peace that lasts well beyond the season.

A blessed Feast of the Holy Family to you and your loved ones.

With prayers,
Fr. Martel

Pray for Father Pedro

Please keep praying for Father Pedro. Send get-well cards to 360 Park Ave., Cayucos, CA, 93430, to be given to him.

Reconciliation on Jan. 3

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at St. Joseph's on the first Saturday of every month. The next Reconciliation will be at 4 p.m. on January 3 before Vigil Mass.

St. Joseph's Scheduling

Mass is at 9 a.m. on Jan. 1 for the Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. No Spanish Mass is scheduled that evening.

The St. Joseph's Free Food Pantry will not distribute Jan. 1 and 2. **The parish office** is closed through Jan. 4.

Homilies by Father Russ

Father Russ Brown has compiled a book of his homilies related to sacred seasons including Advent and Christmas. Copies will be available in the church with instructions folded inside on how to purchase.

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Monterey offers various aid programs in its San Luis Obispo office such as immigration advice, financial planning, and disaster care. Visit **www.CatholicCharitiesDoM.org**.

Thank You to Volunteers

As the year closes, the parish would like to thank all volunteers who have kindly and generously helped with everything from cleaning linens to the Food Pantry to facility maintenance to fundraising. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED

Robin Matthews
Narisorn Bognuda
Joanne Tobias
Anne & Glen Bennett
Eleanor Murphy
Vera Palmer
Frank Hlavaty
Bonnie Bowman
Donna Pett
Paul Georghiou
Mallory Hisler
Darlene Kelly
Terry Mulhall
Bill Planansky
Stan Piwowarski
Shanda Bogue
Enid Palk

Joe & Maria Pascoal
Gary & Bonnie Nelson
David Boggs
George Bellinno
Linda Pearson
Rita Marie Ayoob
Alba and Allen Beltrametti
Innette Starkenburg
L. Iacobellis Schantz
Ernie Gambellin
Cassey Schoening
Butch Rambaud
Elvira Camacho
Linton von Beroldingen
John and Mickey Bruno
Tom and Finn Israel
Father Pedro Espinoza

Joanne Gregg
Bill Wetherford
Bill Thomas
Saichai Smith
Jerri Fife
Judy Preuss
Justin White
Plato Sterios
Olivia Chance
Gary Chance
Heidi MacRae
Gertrude Cannon
Marilyn McCurdy
Eric Solum
Keith Hart
Glen Hodges
John Fabiano