

Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church



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OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9:00AM-2:00PM
Tuesday- Friday 5:00PM-8:00PM
Saturdays and Sundays 10:00AM-1:30PM

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December 28, 2025 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



*"So that what had been spoken
through the prophets might be
fulfilled..."*

*"Así se cumplió lo que habían dicho los
profetas..."*

MASSSES/Misas:

Monday thru Saturday 8:30 A.M.
In the Chapel

Saturday/Sábados: 7:00 P.M. Spanish

Sunday/Domingos: 9:00 A.M. Bilingual
(English-Spanish)
10:30 AM. Korean
12:00 PM. Spanish.

CONFESSION: Saturday at 4:00 P.M.

DEVOTIONS: Miraculous medal Wednesdays after
8:30 A.M. mass.

Holy Hour 8:00 A.M.-8:25 A.M. daily (except Fridays).

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: All
day every Friday from 9:00AM to 8:45PM and benediction
at 8:45PM. Followed by the **NIGHT ADORATION** all
night long until the Celebration of the morning mass at
8:30AM in the Chapel.

CONFESIONES: Sábados 4:00 P.M.

DEVOCIONES: Medalla milagrosa: miércoles después
de misa de 8:30 A.M.

Hora Santa: Todos los días de 8:00 A.M.-8:25 A.M.
(Excepto viernes).

EXPOSICIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO:
Todos los viernes de 9:00AM-8:45PM y la bendición a las
8:45PM seguida de la ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA toda la
noche hasta la celebración de la Santa Misa a las 8:30AM en
la Capilla.

**SATURDAY, December 27, 2025**8:30AM **Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist**"God is light; in him there is no darkness at all."*7:00PM **San Juan, Apóstol y Evangelista***SUNDAY, December 28, 2025**

Readings (Sir 3:2-6,12-14 | Col 3:12-21 | Mt 2:13-15,19-23)

9:00AM *In Honor of Padre Pio. Req. By the Polverino Family.

Alicia Tautiu (QEPD). Req. By the Tautiu Solís Family.

10:30AM *Korean Mass

12:00PM **La Sagrada Familia de Jesús María y José.*

Lydia González (QEPD) Req. Por Salomé González

MONDAY, December 29, 20258:30AM **St. Thomas Becket Bishop & Martyr***TUESDAY, December 30, 2025**

8:30AM

WEDNESDAY, December 31, 20258:30AM **St. Sylvester I, Pope***8:00PM NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS****THURSDAY, January 1st, 2026**

9:00AM Sylvester, Davola & Cupillo Families (RIP).

Req. by Carmela Sylvester

10:30AM *Korean Mass

12:00PM Josefina R. Mendoza (QEPD) Req. por Maribel Gonzalez

FRIDAY, January 2nd, 20268:30AM **St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen***SATURDAY, January 3rd, 2026**8:30AM **The Most Holy Name of JESUS*

7:00PM *En Honor a la Virgen del Rosario. Req. Por Devotos

Monica Tovar (QEPD) Req. Por la Familia Tovar Juarez.

SUNDAY, January 4th, 2026

Readings (Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 | Mt 2:1-12)

9:00AM Joseph DiSanto Birthday in Heaven

Req. By the Leisure Club.

10:30AM *Korean Mass

12:00PM **Epifanía del Señor***Weekly Financial Report December 21st**

SAT	SUN	SUN	SUN
7:00PM	9:00AM	10:30AM	12:00PM
\$554.00	\$761.00	\$670.00	\$875.00
	Christmas Gifts and Remembrance	Diocesan Collections	
	\$436.00	\$55.00	

DEVOTIONS:

Miraculous medal Wednesdays after 8:30 A.M. mass.

Holy Hour 8:00 A.M.-8:25 A.M. daily (except Fridays).**ENGLISH BAPTISMS:**

1st Sunday of the month at 2:00 P.M. parents must make arrangements at the rectory. Bring child's birth certificate. Preparatory session, will be in accord with the priest.

MARRIAGES:

An appointment must be made with a priest six months in advanced of the proposed date.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Classes for communion & confirmation start in the month of September. Registrations are open.

ANOINTING & COMMUNION CALLS:

Those who wish to be anointed or receive communion at home, call the rectory to make arrangements.

CENSUS:

New Parishioners are requested to register at the rectory. Please notify us of any change of address, to help keep our census records accurate.

BAUTISMOS EN ESPAÑOL:

Primer y tercer sábado del mes a las 2:00 P.M. requisitos: Certificado de nacimiento. Clases de bautismo: segundo miércoles del mes 7:00 P.M. en la rectoría.

MATRIMONIOS:

la pareja deberá acordar una cita con el sacerdote al menos seis meses antes de la fecha de la boda.

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

Las clases para comunión y confirmación comienzan en el mes de septiembre.

UNCIÓN Y COMUNIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS:

Para visitar una familia a la casa, por favor llamar a la rectoría.

CENSO:

Nuevos feligreses registrarse en la rectoría. Notifique si hay cambio de dirección para actualizar los datos parroquiales.

**Salve, Regina**

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae;
 Vita, dulcedo et spes nostra salve.
 Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Hevae.
 Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
 in hac lacrimarum valle.
 Eia ergo, advocata nostra,
 illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.
 Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
 nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
 O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria.

Christmas Decorations 2025

In Memory/Honor of

For the Marotta & Petrocelli Families

*Req. by Joseph Marotta

In Memory of Efren Rodriguez Cruz, Hermenegildo Perez Avila

*Req. by the Family

In Memory of Julia Flores, Eusebio & Julia Osorio

*Req. by the Family

In Memory of Julian Martinez

*Req. by the Family

In Memory of Francisco Dominguez & Rosa Flores Sanchez.

*Req. by the Family

In Memory of Monica Flores.

*Req. by the Family Mendez

In Memory of Gregorio Jimenez & Bardomiano Valencia

*Req. by the Family

In Memory of Leonardo Valerio

*Req. by the Family

For Juan Ularío Tautiu

*Req. by the Family Ularío-Tautiu

In Memory of Joseph Sylvester, Salvatore & Camilla Davola, Julius & Ada Sylvester, Family and Friends

*Req. by Carmela Sylvester & Family

In Loving Memory of Pisani, Polverino and Olinto Martinelli,

*Req. by The Polverino Family

In Memory of Mercedes Mosquera & Janet Genao

*Req. by Bertha Mosquera

In Memory of Bertha Ramos Araujo

*Req. by Daughters, grandchildren & Great-grand children

In Memory of Wilfred & Maggie Marshal

*Req. by the Marshal Family

In Memory of Louis & Vera Petrocelli

*Req. by Sarah Petrocelli

In Memory of Gloria Sabater

*Req. by Patricia Sabater-Dominguez

In Memory of Vicente, Eugenio, Juana & Pedro Garcia & Irenes Mendez

*Req. by Elia Garcia

For Benito A. Chavez, Studies

*Req. by Santa Cristina Chavez

In Memory of Luis J. Chavez Castro & Miguel A. Tzuban Tzul

*Req. by the family

In Memory of my Grandparents

*Req. by the Morales-Mendez Family

For the Garcia Hernandez Family and the Immigrants

*Req. By Bertha Osorio

In Memory of Salvador Martinez & Josefina Onofre

*Req. By Albert Martinez

In Memory of Angel and Edmundo Almazan.

*Req. By Ernesto Almazan Olmos

For the Church

*Req. By the Ramos Jimenez Family

For the Church

*Req. By German Castro

For the Church

*Req. By Alejandro Ramirez

For the Church

*Req. By Basilio Marioano Pretzantzin

For the Church.....

Req. by Kim Juliana Family

For the Church.....

Req. by Whang Joseph Family

For the Church.....

Req. by park rosaria Family

For the Church.....

Req. by Chung john, paul Family

For the Church.....

Req. by Kwon Christna F

For the Church.....

Req. by Kim Gloria F

For the Church.....

Req. by Yoo Cecilia F

For the Church.....

Req. by Yoo Stella F

For the Church.....

Req. by Jang simon F

For the Church.....

Req. by Juen peter F

For the Church.....

Req. by Park susana Family

For the Church.....

Req. by Woo daniella

For the Church.....

Req. by Kim lucia F

For the Church.....

Req. by Hur michael F

For the Church.....

Req. by Kim Francisco F

For the Church.....

Req. by Kim patricia F

For the Church.....

Req. by Koo Francesca F

For the Church.....

Req. by Kim thomas F

For the Church.....

Req. by choi Matthew

For the Church.....

Req. by Choi Cecilia

For the Church.....

Req. by Lee Sophia

For the Church.....

Req. by Whang Joseph Family

For the Church.....

Req. by Yoo John F

For the Church.....

Req. by Kim Angelo

For the Church.....

Req. by Deacon Pak

For the Church.....

Req. by Na Agnes

For the Church.....

Req. by Park Michael

For the Church.....

Req. by Park Elisabeth

For the Church.....

Req. by Oh Serena

For the Church.....

Req. by Jung John

For the Church.....

Req. by Lee Patrick

For the Church.....

Req. by Jung Theresa

For the Church.....

Req. by Lee domingo

For the Church.....

Req. by Choi Juliana

For the Church.....

Req. by Paula Kim & Family

*Tree

*Wreath

*Flowers



Shalom to you!

May the amazing Gift we celebrate at this time allow us to see more clearly the revelation of love and salvation that is ours in Jesus! May Christmas help us face the Challenges of each new day.

In the name of all who minister here and staff:
Peace in Christ!

Father Rony Mendes

Holy Spirit Church invite you to join us in an initiative called:

“INVITE A FRIEND TO MASS”

We want you to invite a friend or family member – not force, coerce, guilt into, but invite – or someone you know to come to Mass with you. Someone you know who could come, but has not been to Mass.



YOU WILL BE SURPRISED TO SEE WHAT A SIMPLE INVITATION, WITH GOD’S LOVE, CAN DO.

“Every Holy Mass, heard with devotion, produces in souls marvelous effects, abundant spiritual and material graces which we, ourselves do not know... It is easier for the earth to exist without the sun than without the sacrifice of the Holy Mass!”

~Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

FOOD PANTRY-

Next distribution-Próxima distribución

Friday 01/09,
from 9am to 10:00am
And Sunday-Domingo 02/11,
from 10am-1:30pm
For information Call
(929)466-2871.



Saints & Feasts To Celebrate This Month

Dec 28- Feast of the Holy Family

Dec 29-31- Days to reflect on the year and give thanks.

Celebrate Advent and Christmas with saint stories, crafts, or a family prayer night. Let the light of Christ grow each day.



Shalom a Todos!

Que el maravilloso Don que celebramos en este tiempo nos permita ver con mayor claridad la revelación del amor y la salvación que nos ha sido dada en Jesús. Que la Navidad nos ayude a afrontar los desafíos de cada nuevo día.

En nombre de todos los que sirven aquí y del personal: **¡Paz en Cristo!**

Padre Rony Mendes

La Iglesia del Espíritu Santo Los invita a que nos acompañe en la iniciativa llamada:

“INVITA A UN AMIGO A MISA”

Nosotros queremos que invite a un amigo o familiar –no obligar, o chantajear, sino invitar– o conocido a venir a Misa con usted. Alguien que usted sabe que puede, pero no ha venido a Misa.

SE SORPRENDERÁ AL VER LO QUE UNA INVITACIÓN, CON EL AMOR DE DIOS PUEDE HACER.

“Cada Misa, escuchada con devoción, produce en las almas afectos maravillosos, abundantes, gracias espirituales y materiales las cuales nosotros mismos no sabemos.... Es más fácil que la tierra exista sin el sol que sin el sacrificio de la Misa”

~Padre Pio de Pietrelcina.

DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS

Próxima distribución
Viernes 01/09,
from 9am to 10:00am
Domingo 01/11,
from 10am-1:30pm
Por información llamar al
(929)466-2871.

Días Festivos y Santos Importantes de Éste Mes

28° de diciembre - Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia

29°-31° de diciembre- Días para reflexionar sobre el año y dar gracias.

Celebren el Adviento y la Navidad con historias de santos, manualidades o una noche de oración en familia. Permitan que la luz de Cristo crezca cada día.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 14° Readings (Sir 3:2-6,12-14 | Col 3:12-21 | Mt 2:13-15,19-23)

GROW AS A DISCIPLE:

PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In his Angelus address on the Feast of the Holy Family in 2001, St. John Paul II shared this with those gathered: “If we aspire to a deeper understanding of Jesus’ life and mission, we must draw close to the mystery of the Holy Family of Nazareth to observe and listen.” Following in the footsteps of the Holy Family in today’s Scripture, we find ourselves in quiet Bethlehem, just after the departure of the Magi. The angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream, this time with a warning: “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.” They trust in God and their response is immediate. It is easy for us to imagine the Holy Family as different from ourselves – holier and more spiritual. Certainly, that’s true. They were holy but they were also fully human, which means that what they attained is possible for each of us. Let us try to imitate them in this holiness.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It’s easy to glamorize the life of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, but in reality, the cross was with them long before the crucifixion. From the moment of the Annunciation, there would be trials, temptations, and sufferings. But each time, they respond with immediate obedience and deep trust. In doing so, they give us all a perfect example of what the Christian life should look like: a life motivated by love and always listening for the voice of God, ready to respond in an instant. As we accompany others on this journey of faith, we also must listen deeply to them in order to help them in discerning the Spirit’s movement in their lives. As we hone the spiritual muscle of attentive listening, we grow in our ability to respond to God and to God’s action in our lives, and to help others do the same.

REFLECT

Most of us will never hear from an angel in the middle of the night telling us to walk hundreds of miles with our baby in tow. But every single one of us will be – has been – called. Let us pray to the Holy Family for an increase in the virtues of obedience and trust, so that we can respond to God’s call in our lives

By: Faith Catholic: Grow and Go

Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

28° de Diciembre Lectura (Sir 3:2-6,12-14 | Col 3:12-21 | Mt 2:13-15,19-23)

CRECER COMO DISCÍPULO:

ORA, ESTUDIA, PARTICIPA, SIRVE

En su alocución del Ángelus en la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia en 2001, San Juan Pablo II compartió esto con los reunidos: “Pero si deseamos comprender más profundamente la vida y la misión de Jesús, debemos acercarnos al misterio de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret para observar y escuchar”. Siguiendo los pasos de la Sagrada Familia en la Escritura de hoy, nos encontramos en la tranquila Belén, justo después de la partida de los Magos. El Ángel del Señor se aparece a José en un sueño, esta vez con una advertencia: “Levántate, toma al niño y a su madre, huye a Egipto y permanece allí hasta que yo te avise, porque Herodes va a buscar al niño para matarlo”. Confían en Dios y su respuesta es inmediata. Nos resulta fácil imaginarnos a la Sagrada Familia como distinta de nosotros mismos – más santa y más espiritual. Ciertamente, eso es verdad. Eran santos, pero también eran plenamente humanos, lo que significa que lo que lograron es posible para cada uno de nosotros. Intentemos imitarlos en esta santidad.

EVANGELIZAR

ORACIÓN, INVITACIÓN, TESTIMONIO, ACOMPAÑAMIENTO

Es fácil glamorizar la vida de José, María y Jesús, pero en realidad, la cruz estuvo con ellos mucho antes de la crucifixión. Desde el momento de la Anunciación, habría pruebas, tentaciones y sufrimientos. Pero cada vez, responden con obediencia inmediata y profunda confianza. Al hacerlo, nos dan a todos un ejemplo perfecto de cómo debe ser la vida cristiana: una vida motivada por el amor, siempre atenta a la voz de Dios y lista para responder en un instante. Mientras acompañamos a otros en este camino de fe, también debemos escucharles profundamente para ayudarles a discernir el movimiento del Espíritu en sus vidas. A medida que perfeccionamos el músculo espiritual de la escucha atenta, crecemos en nuestra capacidad de responder a Dios y a la acción de Dios en nuestras vidas, y de ayudar a otros a hacer lo mismo.

REFLEXIONAR

La mayoría de nosotros nunca escucharemos a un ángel en medio de la noche diciéndonos que caminemos cientos de millas con nuestro bebé a cuestas. Pero cada uno de nosotros será –ha sido– llamado. Oremos a la Sagrada Familia para que en nosotros aumenten las virtudes de la obediencia y la confianza, de modo que respondamos al llamado de Dios en nuestras vidas.

Por: La Fe Católica: Crece y camina

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into our Church and our parish family.

On December 20

Mark Matthew García Tem

May the Lord's Blessing be upon her always.



Por el Sacramento del Bautismo, les damos la bienvenida a nuestra Iglesia y a nuestra familia parroquial.

El 20 Diciembre a

Mark Matthew García Tem

Que la bendición del Señor la acompañe siempre.

Thank you to all who helped for the 150 LEISURE CLUB LIMITED DRAWING WINNERS

1st Prize: \$800.00 - Mr. Vincent Larson

2nd Price: 50" TV - María Mendez

3rd Price: A Tablet - Niko Romanzi

Sold 115 Tickets.

Thank you From the Leisure Club SENIORS



Gracias a todos los que ayudaron en la 150 LEISURE CLUB RIFA LIMITADA GANADORES

1er Premio: \$800 -Mr. Vincent Larson

2do Premio: 50" TV - María Mendez

3rd Premio: Tablet - Niko Romanzi

Se vendieron 115 números.

Gracias del Leisure Club

THE THREE KING CELEBRATION

As traditionally, the Latin-American Committee will be celebration the THREE KING FEAST, and we are extending and invitation to our English & Korean Parishioners to join us on Sunday January 4 after the 12PM Mass in the Church Basement.



CELEBRACION DE LOS REYES MAGOS.

Como es tradicional, el Comité Latino-Americano estará celebrando la fiesta de los Tres Reyes. Y se celebrara el Domingo 4 de Enero después de la misa de las 12:00PM. En el sótano de la Iglesia.

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS Wednesday December 31st

8:00PM- Bilingual Mass

Wishing you a Blessed New Year

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares de Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

MISA DE AÑO NUEVO Miércoles 31 de Diciembre

8:00PM - Misa de Bilingüe

Les deseo un Feliz Año Nuevo.

"Porque yo sé los planes que tengo para ustedes", declara el Señor, "planes de bienestar y no de calamidad, planes para darles esperanza y un futuro". Jeremías 29:11

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES Thursday January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9AM (in English),

10:30AM (in Korean) and

12:00PM (Spanish)



MISAS DE AÑO NUEVO Jueves 1^{ro} de Enero

Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Jesús

9:00AM (en inglés),

10:30AM (en coreano) y

12:00PM (español)

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

LORD, JESUS, we ask you to send more servants to your people. Choose from our parishes, from our homes, from our schools and colleges, an abundant harvest of apostles for your Kingdom: priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay ministers.

We pray that those you call may never lose awareness of the dignity and need of their vocation.

O Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, teach to all those the Master calls to say a joyful "yes" as you did at the Annunciation, Amen.

VOCATION: "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths."

If you think that God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

**ORACIÓN POR LAS VOCACIONES**

Señor, Jesús, te pedimos que envíes más siervos a tu

pueblo. Elige de nuestras parroquias, de nuestros hogares, de nuestras escuelas y colegios, una abundante cosecha de apóstoles para tu Reino: sacerdotes, hermanas, hermanos, diáconos y ministros laicos.

Oramos para que quienes llamas nunca pierdan la conciencia de la dignidad y la necesidad de su vocación.

Oh Virgen María, Madre de la Iglesia, enseña a todos los que el Maestro llama a decir un sí gozoso como lo hiciste en la Anunciación. Amén.

VOCACIONES

"Venid, subamos al monte del Señor, a la casa del Dios de Jacob, para que nos enseñe sus caminos y andemos por sus sendas"

Si creed que Dios te llama a servir como sacerdote, diacono, religioso o religiosa, comunícate con la Oficina de Vocaciones al 718-827-2454 o escribe al correo electrónico: vocations@diobrook.org.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

"Send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. To you we say, 'Come Lord Jesus!' Amen." 12/21

**Thank you**
Beautiful Decoration

We thank everyone who generously volunteer time and skills to decorate the Church for Christmas. As well to all who contributed with the purchase of the trees and flowers, they made our Church and the Ground very festive and beautiful. Thank you.

¡Muchas Gracias!

Agradecemos a cada voluntario que generosamente nos dieron su tiempo y habilidades para decorar la Iglesia por Navidad. Así mismo a los que contribuyeron con la compra de los arboles y flores, ellos han hecho que nuestra Iglesia y alrededores se vea muy festivo y Hermoso. Gracias. Sus nombres están en la pagina 3.

**GRUPO DE JOVENES:**

Martes 7:00-9:00 PM en el sótano de la Iglesia.

SAGRADO CORAZÓN: Primer Jueves del Mes

7:00PM Devoción al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús frente a su imagen en el Jardín de la Iglesia.

MISA MENSUAL a la Virgen de Guadalupe

7:00PM cada segundo Jueves del mes.

ROSARIO a la Virgen de Guadalupe. 5:30PM

Todos los Sábados. Exhortamos a mantener una cadena de oración.

CLASES DE APOLOGETICA:

Miércoles 7:00-9:00PM sótano de la rectoría.

ACCION CATOLICA NUEVA VIDA:

Viernes en el Sótano de la Iglesia de 7-9 PM.

CURSILLISTAS:

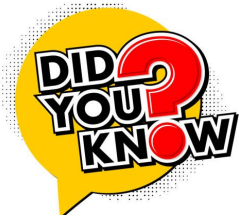
Jueves de 7:00-8:00 PM Sótano de la Rectoría.

DIVINA MISERICORDIA: Coronilla

Viernes de 6:00-7:00 PM Sótano de la Rectoría.

Oración al Espíritu Santo

Envía tu Espíritu Santo sobre nuestros preparativos para la Navidad. Nosotros, que estamos preocupados por tantas cosas, anhelamos tu venida entre nosotros. Nosotros, que hemos sido bendecidos de tantas maneras, deseamos la alegría plena de tu reino. Nosotros, cuyos corazones están afligidos, buscamos el gozo de tu presencia. A ti te decimos: «¡Ven, Señor Jesús!». Amén. 12/21



The Holy Family

Refers to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, held up by Christianity, especially Catholicism, as the ideal model of a family centered on God, characterized by love, service, and faith, even while experiencing real-life challenges like poverty and flight. They symbolize humility, devotion, and the sanctification of family life, serving as a spiritual guide for all families to grow in virtue, prayer, and dedication to God's will.

Who They Are:

- ♦ **Mary:** The Virgin Mother, chosen by God to bear the Savior.
- ♦ **Joseph:** Jesus' earthly father, a just and prudent man who accepted his divine role.
- ♦ **Jesus:** The Son of God, who grew up in this human family.

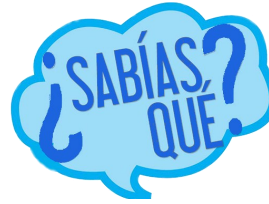
Meanings & Symbolism:

- * **Model of Holiness:** They put God at the center, demonstrating that holiness isn't perfection but striving to do God's will daily.
- * **Love & Sacrifice:** They exemplify unconditional love, compassion, and self-giving within the family unit.
- * **Domestic Church:** The family of Nazareth is seen as the "domestic Church," a place where faith is taught, prayer happens, and virtues are learned.
- * **Overcoming Challenges:** They faced real difficulties (poverty, displacement) but remained faithful, showing families how to navigate hardship with grace.
- * **Virtue & Formation:** They teach virtues like humility, patience, kindness, and service, and are responsible for teaching children faith.



Significance in Faith:

- * **Inspiration:** They provide a powerful example for all Christian and human families, showing how to build a family life rooted in the Gospel.
- * **Feast Day:** The Catholic Church celebrates a Feast of the Holy Family within the Christmas season (Octave of Christmas) to honor them as a model.



La Sagrada Familia

Se refiere a Jesús, María y José, considerados por el cristianismo, especialmente el catolicismo, como el modelo ideal de familia centrada en Dios, caracterizada por el amor, el servicio y la fe, incluso en medio de los desafíos de la vida real, como la pobreza y el exilio. Simbolizan la humildad, la devoción y la santificación de la vida familiar, sirviendo como guía espiritual para que todas las familias crezcan en virtud, oración y dedicación a la voluntad de Dios.

Quiénes son:

- ♦ **María:** La Virgen Madre, elegida por Dios para dar a luz al Salvador.
- ♦ **José:** El padre terrenal de Jesús, un hombre justo y prudente que aceptó su papel divino.
- ♦ **Jesús:** El Hijo de Dios, que creció en esta familia humana.

Significados y simbolismo:

- * **Modelo de santidad:** Ponen a Dios en el centro, demostrando que la santidad no es perfección, sino el esfuerzo por cumplir la voluntad de Dios a diario.
- * **Amor y sacrificio:** Ejemplifican el amor incondicional, la compasión y la entrega dentro de la unidad familiar.
- * **Iglesia doméstica:** La familia de Nazaret es vista como la "Iglesia doméstica", un lugar donde se enseña la fe, se ora y se aprenden las virtudes.
- * **Superación de desafíos:** Enfrentaron dificultades reales (pobreza, desplazamiento) pero permanecieron fieles, mostrando a las familias cómo afrontar las adversidades con gracia.
- * **Virtud y formación:** Enseñan virtudes como la humildad, la paciencia, la bondad y el servicio, y son responsables de enseñar la fe a los hijos.

Importancia en la fe:

- * **Inspiración:** Proporcionan un poderoso ejemplo para todas las familias cristianas y humanas, mostrando cómo construir una vida familiar arraigada en el Evangelio.
- * **Fiesta:** La Iglesia Católica celebra la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia dentro del tiempo de Navidad (Octava de Navidad) para honrarlos como modelo.

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