



PARISH COMMUNITY

Santa Clara, California

# *The Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

## **December 31, 2023**

# *La Sagrada Familia Jesús, María y José*

### Mass Schedule

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil  
5:00 p.m. *(English)*  
*Livestreamed*

#### Sunday

7:30 a.m. *(English)*  
9:00 a.m. *(Portuguesa)*  
10:30 a.m. *(English)*  
12:00 p.m. *(Español)*  
*Livestreamed*

*Liturgy of the Word  
for Children during*  
10:30 a.m. Mass *(English)*

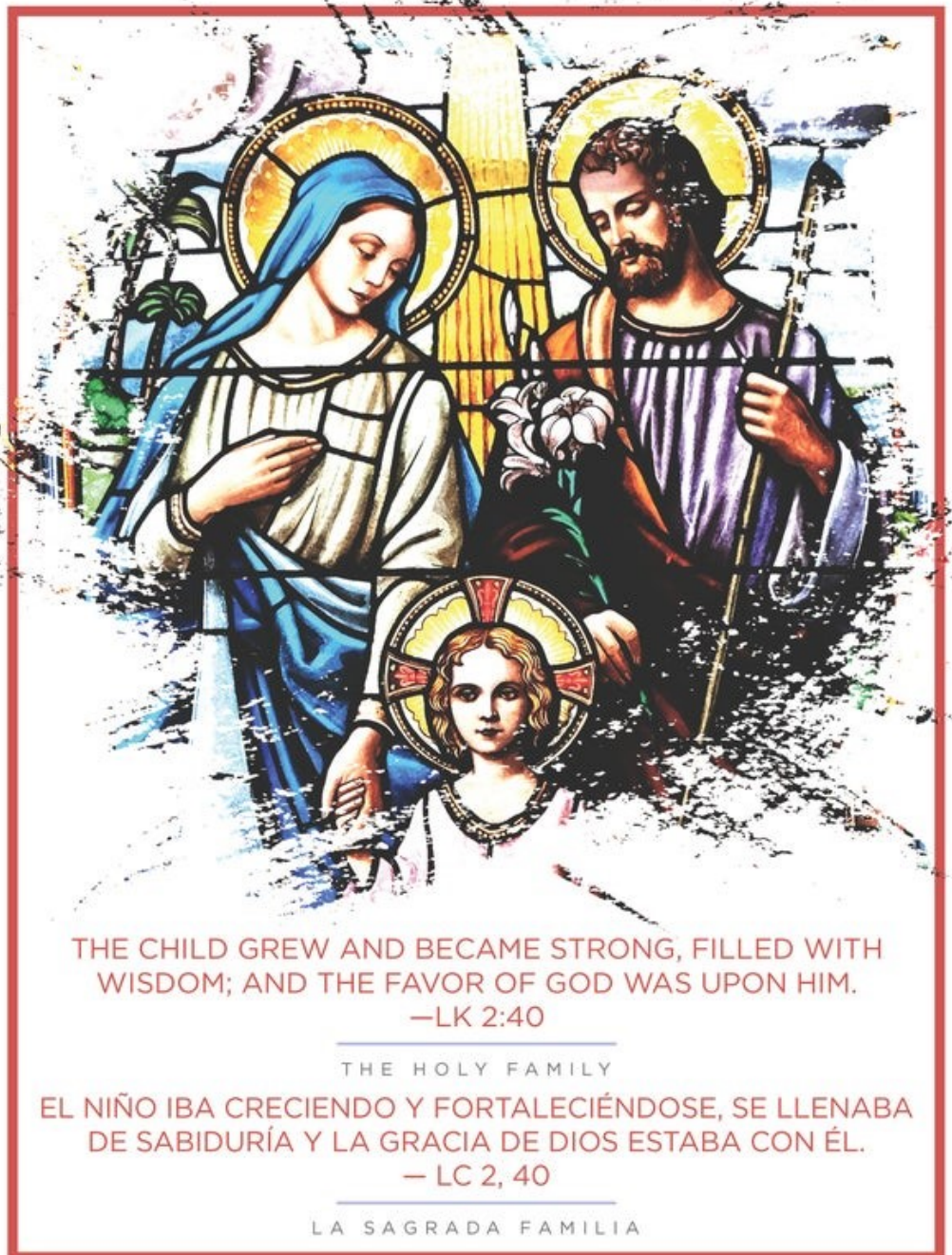
*Liturgia de la Palabra  
para Niños durante Misa de*  
12:00 p.m. *(Español)*

#### Weekday Masses

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Holidays - 9:00 am

#### Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.  
*(In the church)*



THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME STRONG, FILLED WITH WISDOM; AND THE FAVOR OF GOD WAS UPON HIM.  
—LK 2:40

THE HOLY FAMILY

EL NIÑO IBA CRECIENDO Y FORTALECIÉNDOSE, SE LLENABA DE SABIDURÍA Y LA GRACIA DE DIOS ESTABA CON ÉL.  
— LC 2, 40

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

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## From Monsignor Fran Cilia

The Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth – Jesus, Mary and Joseph – encourages us in our familial relationships; it does not condemn us for being less than perfect. What the feast does is to place before us virtues, which we can aim toward in our lives: “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another” (Colossians 3).

To use a common expression, we cannot let our pursuit of the perfect be the enemy of the good. No family is perfect, but all of us and our families are called to a love, “that binds [the virtues] together.”

As we celebrate in this season the Incarnation, the coming “in the flesh” of the Lord Jesus, we keep in mind that, like us, He was born into and nurtured by a family, for He was a real human person while, at the very same time, being also truly God.

## New Year’s Day Mass Schedule

On New Year’s Day, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This year, since that day is a Monday, it is not a holy day of obligation. However, we encourage all who are able to begin the year with the celebration of Mass. Our Masses on Monday will be at 10:30 am (English) and 12:00 Noon in Spanish.

## Youth Ministry

The Youth Center will be open this week on Tuesday (1/2) and Thursday (1/4) from 6pm-8:30pm

Our Bible Study continues this week on Tuesday from 7:30pm-8:30pm in the youth center.



## Saint Clare School

The graphic for Saint Clare School's Open House features a blue and white color scheme. At the top, a banner reads "FAMILY MASS AT 10:30 AM" and "BREAKFAST @ CLARE'S 8-AM TO NOON". Below this is a photo of a group of students and staff. The Saint Clare School logo is prominently displayed. The text "OPEN HOUSE" is written in large, bold letters, followed by the date "JANUARY 28, 2024" and the time "11:30 AM - 1:30 PM". A tagline at the bottom states "FORMING STUDENTS WITH HABITS OF THE MIND, HEART, AND SPIRIT". Contact information includes the phone number "408-246-6797" and the website "WWW.STCLARE.SCHOOL". A QR code is also present for more information.

### COME SEE WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT

Bring the family and join us for a day of celebrating our faith at the 10:30 Family Mass on Sunday, January 28, then off to Breakfast @ Clare’s for some pancakes, sausage, and more. Once your ‘cup runneth over’ we invite you to stop by our Open House to learn more about why Saint Clare School is the best choice for your four to thirteen year old.

Ask our parents why they chose Saint Clare. They will tell you about the community of care and welcome that they experience here daily. Forming the minds, hearts and spirits of children in the Silicon Valley, we graduate students who work to innovate and commit themselves to social justice.

We have been forming community and church leaders since 1856.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!

## Creation Care Tips



New Year’s Eve is a time of great anticipation and celebration. It can also be a time of significant waste. In 2022, 132,000 pounds of garbage were collected from the streets of New York after the famous ball drop. When planning your New Year’s Eve celebration, consider your waste. Use washable plates for your evening meal, make or reuse celebratory hats, and use reusable decorations. If you want to use poppers or confetti, consider making them at home from recycled paper and materials.

## Parish Mission Statement

*Founded in 1777, Saint Clare Parish is an ethnically diverse Catholic community of faith, united in worship, discipleship and service. In welcoming immigrants, newcomers and strangers, we strive to live the virtues of justice and love, so as to be the face of Christ in the world, becoming in Him a sign of unity and an instrument of God's peace.*

## Mass Intentions

*December 30th, 2023 - January 6th, 2024*

<b>Sat</b>	5:00 pm	Bonifacio & Maria Balay †
<b>Sun</b>	7:30 am	Special Intention - Birthday
	9:00 am	Ernesto Gonsalves † Jose & Conceicao Gonsalves † Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo † Rosalinda Da Silva † Jose Mendonça † Constantina Silva † Arlete Vieira Neto † Jose C. Barcelos † Jose Rogero Barcelos † Vidalia Gaspar Rocha † Zulmira Goulart Lourenco † Andre Sardinha † Maria Lucia Cardoso † Dora de Oliveira † Manuel & Madalena Matos † Maria G. Amaral † Julio Matos - Health Fernando & Deolinda Rodriguez - Health
	10:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	12:00 pm	John Cunha † Alicia Suárez - Health Ida López - Health
<b>Mon</b>	10:30 am	Helen Kemnitz †
	12:00 pm	The Gutierrez Family
<b>Tues</b>	8:00 am	Rosa Adelina Rodrigues †
<b>Wed</b>	8:00 am	Leon LaRocca †
<b>Thu</b>	8:00 am	John Burgoon †
<b>Fri</b>	8:00 am	The Fructoso Family
<b>Sat</b>	8:00 am	The Brady Family

## Stewardship Report

**Sunday Collection:  
December 23rd & 24th**

**Goal: \$9,000.00**

**Actual: \$ 7,737.50**

**Christmas: \$ 32,468.00**

**Thank you!!**

## Daily Readings



### Feast Day of the Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 *or*  
Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3  
Colossians 3:12-21 *or* 3:12-17 *or*  
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19  
Luke 2:22-40 *or* 2:22, 39-40

### Monday

Numbers 6:22-27  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:16-2

### Tuesday

1 John 2:22-28  
John 1:19-28

### Wednesday

1 John 2:29 - 3:6  
John 1:29-34

### Thursday

1 John 3:7-10  
John 1:35-4

### Friday

1 John 3:7-10  
John 1:35-4

### Saturday

1 John 5:5-13  
Mark 1:7-11 *or*  
Luke 3:23-38 *or* 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

### Next Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12



## Parish Staff

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then press 9

## **Boletim Paroquial Português**

31 de Dezembro de 2023 – Domingo da Solenidade da Sagrada Família  
Reflexão por: João Pereira Arruda

Deus usou uma família para que se concretizasse o Mistério da Encarnação. O que por séculos o termo de família era conhecido por: pai, mãe e filhos, agora se apresenta por dois pais, duas mães que usando métodos artificiais conseguem bebês. Mesmo que cuidem das crianças deste modo, expõem-nas a situações de intolerância na sociedade que vivemos que ainda não está aberta a aceitar esses modelos de família porque a que Deus escolheu para modelo em José, Maria e o Menino Jesus é a que funciona mais saudavelmente em quase todas as sociedades. Por muitos séculos assim o desenharam os povos de todas as culturas. Nos nossos dias e nas culturas Oeste do hemisfério deste mundo luta-se para modificar a família de modelo nuclear de: pai, mãe e filhos. Cada um na família tem uma função pelo qual faz da família uma célula saudável na sociedade em que vive e pelo qual tem por finalidade ser uma unidade que no seu viver é unida no amor fraterno contribuindo para o bem comum da comunidade que vive. Ao pai lhe cabe as obrigações de prover para o sustento da família, era assim, considerado o chefe da família, o cabeça do agregado familiar, aquele que por designação da esposa recaía a responsabilidade de disciplinar os filhos. A mãe no qual cuida do arranjo do lar, cuida directamente com os filhos, aquela que facilita a harmonia na família, traz ternura que efectivamente traz calma á raspidez do marido. Os casal nas suas funções e adentro das suas capacidades são responsáveis pelo crescimento dos filhos e de os ajudar no seu crescimento a serem homens e mulheres cidadãos idóneos nas comunidades em que estão inseridos – vivem. A revolução industrial, as guerras, as libertinagens exageradas do individualismo, mudaram neste último século este modelo de família nuclear para um, dois e mais adultos que vivendo uma vida independente de responsabilidades querem constituir famílias sem verdadeiras estruturas – alicerces que dão apoios a uma família modelo como a que estamos a celebrar nesta Solenidade. Por mais de um século que as sociedades fazem esforços para que sejam aceites as famílias não nucleares, ainda não convenceram ninguém que é melhor do que a família nuclear. Deus fez o homem e mulher á Sua semelhança, cada qual com a sua natureza específica da hábitos e costumes, cada qual com funções específicas de viver uma vida voltada a amar como Deus nos ama e viver tal e qual Deus quer que vivamos e a dar o nosso melhor para que adentro do que somos contribuirmos para o bem comum da mundo em que vivemos.

**Convite á solidariedade do Natal:** *Nesta época natalícia, gostaríamos de ecrdar a todos a caridade e partilha como fruto da nossa vida cristã. Assim pedia-mos a todos os que puderem e quizerem, que não se esqueçam de colaborar com o projecto da enfermaria em Lisboa sob a responsabilidade do nosso Padre Francisco Rodrigues. Este projecto vai demorar anos a concretizar. Por isso, pouco a poucas todos juntos, podemos ir longe na partilha e solidariedade com a benção e graça de Deus. Para mais informações, queirem contactar Claudia Madruga ou Manuel Madruga. Rezemos também pelo Padre Francisco, pela missão que ele está a desenvolver na grande paróquia do Lumiar da cidade de Lisboa. Ainda assim, continua a dar do seu tempo á nossa comunidade, através da oração, amizade, ajuda e guia. Que nesta época do Advento, nos possamos preparar para receber o Menino Jesus nos nossos corações, através da caridade, paz e respeito pelos nossos irmãos. Muito obrigado a todos pela vossa receptividade e generosidade.*

**Feliz Ano Nove:** *Hoje termina o Ano de 2023! Ao entrar-mos no Ano de 2024 quero nesta página do boletim agradecer o apoio que dão a esta página do Boletim. Esta página continua a ser testemunha da presença da Comunidade Paroquial Portuguesa nesta paróquia de Saint Clare's, anuncia aos paroquianos que como portugueses gostamos de participar nas liturgias na língua que trouxemos dos nossos lugares de origem e como tal na função de responsável por esta página quero desejar a todos quantos leiem esta página um Santo, Alegre e Próspero Ano Novo!*

João Pereira Arruda

## De Monseñor Fran Cilia

La Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret – Jesús, María y José – nos anima en nuestras relaciones familiares; no nos condena por no ser perfectos. Lo que hace la fiesta es poner ante nosotros virtudes a las que podemos aspirar en nuestra vida: “la compasión del corazón, la bondad, la humildad, la mansedumbre y la paciencia, soportándonos unos a otros y perdonándonos unos a otros” (Colosenses 3).

Para usar una expresión común, no podemos permitir que nuestra búsqueda de lo perfecto sea enemiga de lo bueno. Ninguna familia es perfecta, pero todos nosotros y nuestras familias estamos llamados a un amor “que une [las virtudes]”.

Al celebrar en esta temporada la Encarnación, la venida “en la carne” del Señor Jesús, tenemos presente que, al igual que nosotros, Él nació en una familia y fue criado por ella, porque era una persona humana real mientras que, al mismo tiempo, siendo también verdaderamente Dios.

## Horario de misas de Año Nuevo

El día de Año Nuevo celebramos la Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios. Este año, como ese día es lunes, no es día santo de precepto. Sin embargo, animamos a todos los que puedan comenzar el año con la celebración de la Misa. Nuestras Misas los lunes serán a las 10:30 am (inglés) y a las 12:00 del mediodía en español.

## Escuela de Saint Clare

### SEMANA DE LAS ESCUELAS CATÓLICAS ~ ENE. 29 - FEB. 2, 2024

Traiga a la familia y acompañenos para un día de celebración de nuestra fe en la Misa familiar de las 10:30 am el domingo, 28 de enero, luego vaya a desayunar en el salón parroquial para comer panqueques, salchichas y más. Una vez que su "vaso esté rebosado", los invitamos a pasar por nuestra jornada de puertas abiertas para obtener más información sobre por qué la Escuela de Saint Clare es la mejor opción para su hijo.

Pregúntales a nuestros padres por qué eligieron la Escuela de Saint Clare. Escuchará sobre las experiencias de una comunidad de atención y bienvenida que ocurre diariamente. Formando las mentes, corazones y espíritus de los niños de Silicon Valley, los estudiantes que se gradúan de aquí trabajan para innovar y comprometerse con la justicia social.

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¡ESPERAMOS DARLE LA BIENVENIDA!



## Consejos para el Cuidado de la Creación



La víspera de Año Nuevo es un momento de gran anticipación y celebración. También puede ser un momento de mucho desperdicio. En 2022, se recogieron 132,000 libras de basura de las calles de Nueva York tras la famosa caída de la bola. Al planificar la celebración de la víspera de Año Nuevo, ten en cuenta tus desperdicios. Utiliza platos lavables para la cena, haz o reutiliza sombreros de celebración y utiliza adornos reutilizables. Si deseas utilizar cartuchos de fiesta o confeti, considera hacerlos en casa con papel y materiales reciclados.

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## PARISH COMMUNITY

### Parish Organizations *Organizaciones Parroquiales*

#### Parish Pastoral Council

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# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

# FIESTA DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

## Form Us in Love

## Fórmannos en el Amor

Triune God,  
you entered humanity,  
were welcomed by humble parents  
and laid in a manger.  
On this feast of your human  
family,  
bless our families—received and  
chosen.  
Help us grow in love.  
Foster in us patience and kindness.  
Open our hearts to make room for  
you  
and guide us on our path to  
holiness.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



Dios trino y uno,  
te hiciste humano,  
te recibieron padres humildes y te  
posaron en un pesebre.  
En esta fiesta de tu familia  
humana,  
bendice nuestras familias, dadas o  
elegidas.  
Ayúdanos a crecer en el amor.  
Fomenta en nosotros la paciencia y  
la bondad.  
Ábrenos el corazón para darte  
cabida  
y para que nos guíes en la senda de  
la santidad.  
Por Cristo nuestro Señor.  
Amén.

Sunday, December 31, 2023  
Bless Family Life

Domingo, 31 de diciembre, 2023  
Bendecir la vida en familia

On the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church honors Jesus' earthly family, offering encouragement and a model to all families. By sending Jesus to enter the world through a human family, God takes on all the messiness that comes with family life. God shows us tangibly that God desires to be close to us in our everyday living, in our closest relationships, and in the life in our homes. Families are called the hearth of the domestic church because it is within our families that we are first formed in faith and nurtured in love. In both the trials and joys of family life, we learn how to strive for holiness.

Today marks the exact midpoint in the Christmas season. We continue to recall what befell the holy family as they welcomed the infant Jesus during their stay in overcrowded Bethlehem; they were visited by the most unexpected guests and went to great extremes to protect their newborn child.

The Feast of the Holy Family offers us an opportunity to reflect upon the holiness in our primary relationships. Today's second reading from the Letter to the Colossians gives us a blueprint for household living. Read it with loved ones and together prayerfully discern some resolu-

En la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, la Iglesia honra a la familia terrenal de Jesús que sirve de aliento y modelo a cada familia. Al enviar a Jesús al mundo por vía de una familia humana, Dios acepta los altibajos propios de la vida en familia. Dios nos muestra de forma tangible que desea estar cerca de nosotros en el día a día, en las relaciones más íntimas, en la vida hogareña. A las familias se les considera el núcleo vital de la Iglesia doméstica; dentro de la familia es donde se nos forma en la fe y se nos alimenta con amor. Con los altibajos de la vida en familia aprendemos a esforzarnos en pos de la santidad.

Hoy llegamos a la mitad de la temporada navideña. Seguimos recordando lo que le pasó a la Sagrada Familia cuando recibió al niño Jesús en la atestada Belén; tuvieron las visitas menos esperadas y tomaron medidas extremas para proteger a su recién nacido.

Celebrar a la Sagrada Familia nos da la oportunidad de reflexionar en la santidad de nuestras relaciones principales. La segunda lectura de hoy, de la Carta a los Colosenses, nos regala el plano de cómo vivir en familia. Léalo con sus seres queridos y, en oración, discernan los propósitos del año nuevo.

# Women's Sacred Healing Circle

## Effective Self-Healing Techniques and Practices



Come and be part of a sacred healing circle, meeting monthly to learn and share in new ways of connecting science and spirituality, a "quantum field of possibilities," and co-creating pathways to higher consciousness that lead to healing. Together we will seek ways to become the transformational change which can lead to oneness in the world, increasing hope, love, joy, peace and gratitude on earth. You

are invited to come together to shine and vibrate the Light of Christ out into the cosmos.



Sister Joanie is a Dominican Sister of Mission San Jose and a professional Energy Medicine therapist, with extensive training and experience in the field of Mind Body Healing.

- Jan. 12: Overview of Human Energy System
- Feb. 16: Cultivating Soulseeds of Light Within
- Mar. 15: Cultivating Soulseeds of Light Among
- Apr. 19: Cultivating Soulseeds of Light Beyond
- May 17: Integrating Unity Consciousness and Oneness

Time: 10 a.m. - 12 Noon

Location: Motherhouse Wellness Room

Cost: \$30 per session / \$125 for the series

RSVP by January 5

Register: [HERE](#)



Motherhouse Wellness Room, 43326 Mission Circle, (Entrance Off Mission Tierra), Fremont, CA 94539

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Sunday January 21, 2024  
 @ St. Francis High School

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Admission Tickets - \$10 General, \$50/ 6 tickets

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## Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday February 17, 2024 | 10:00 AM  
 Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph



For more information or to register  
 visit: [dsj.org/wedding-anniversary](http://dsj.org/wedding-anniversary)



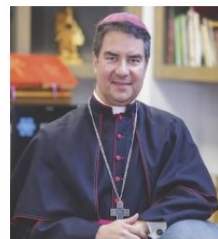
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## Diocese of San Jose World Day of the Sick 2024

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### Join us for a special Mass for the Sick

Celebrated by  
**Bishop Oscar Cantú**  
 in honor of  
**Our Lady of Lourdes**

with  
 An Anointing of the Sick  
 Blessing of the Caregivers  
 and Refreshments after Mass

Where: **The Cathedral Basilica  
 of St. Joseph**  
 80 S Market St  
 San Jose, CA 95113

When: Saturday,  
 February 3, 2024

Time: 11:00 am  
 You will be directed to free  
 parking nearby.

Attendees:  
 -will receive Lourdes water, a Holy Medal  
 & card  
 -may submit Prayer Petitions for Malta  
 Members to hand carry to Lourdes on  
 your behalf in May.