

You Are Invited to Participate!
St. Joseph's Family Mass
2017 - 2018

A special Family Mass is held (almost) monthly at St. Joseph's throughout the year to foster community among our Parish families and to give children and their families the opportunity to be an integral part of the celebration. All are at 9:30am unless otherwise noted. Dates and themes are listed below.

- October 1, 2017 *St. Francis of Assisi*
- November 5 *All Saints*
- December 3 *Advent & St. Nicholas*
- December 24 (4:00pm Christmas Eve) *Christmas Pageant*
- January 21, 2018 *Following Jesus & Sacrament Preparation*
- April 1 *Easter*
- May 13 *Mothers Day*
- June 17 *Fathers Day*

There are many ways for children and their families to participate and we invite you to discover ways you can help. Feel free to sign up in advance! For each Family Mass we seek:

- **Several children or families to offer the welcome, lector or read the Prayers of the Faithful**
- **Creative talent to enhance the liturgical environment or gospel message (design banner, signs, etc.)**
- **Families to help greet and usher**
- **One family to bring up the gifts**
- **Adults to help "shepherd" the children for that day**
- **Children to sing in the [Children's Choir](#) (contact David Howitt at dhowitt@sjbalameda.org or (510) 437-0254)**
- **Occasional opportunities for performers to act out the Gospel.**
- **Adults to serve in the ministry:** plan liturgies, coordinate schedules, train readers, etc.

Questions or want to help plan? Contact Anne Marie Fourné at afourre@sjbalameda.org or 510-995-9409. Does your child want to participate? Contact Kitchie at kitchie@gmail.com.