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January 3, 2016 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord



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The Epiphany of the Lord *January 3, 2016*

LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES

“Appearances can be deceiving,” as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the “appearing” of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God’s glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God’s glory in our lives: Jesus Christ.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways: “20 + C + M + B + 16.” The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for “May Christ bless this house.” The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names.

The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi’s. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi’s quest for meaning and peace.

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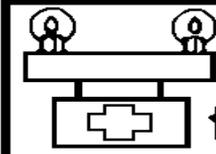
Pastor’s Column

Commandments for the New Year – An article in *The Irish Catholic* offered the following commandments based on *Ten Commandments for the Long Haul* by Fr. Daniel Berrigan, SJ. It was intended not as a quick fix for life but “*as spiritual sustenance... for those who walk the lonely, long road of faith and often find themselves discouraged and running out of gas.*” Here then are the 10 commandments that may serve us in the coming year:

- 1) Acknowledge your helplessness.** Proper living begins with the words: “I am not God!”
- 2) Pray prayers of helplessness, gratitude, and praise.** By our baptism, we are all priests. Hold the world up each day to God, its wonders and its pain, for those in need and simply in gratitude.
- 3) Welcome and accept the present moment.** Don’t let the busyness steal the present moment.
- 4) Give yourself permission to be inadequate.**
- 5) Be sufficiently loving and critical, both at the same time.** Being critical without loving is destructive. Being loving without being critical is weakness.
- 6) Be post-ideological, post-conservative, post-liberal, post naïve, and post-sophisticated.** Be non-classifiable. Acknowledge that each has their good reasons and see them as phases to pass through.
- 7) Bless what’s good and beautiful, even as you stand where the cross of Christ is erected.** All that’s good and beautiful has God as author. Honor it, before speaking any word of challenge to the world.
- 8) Be shockingly “Catholic.”** Bask in the goodness of life. We have divine permission to be happy.
- 9) Accept aging.** All that dies brings rich new life, even our own bodies. Our souls must be properly aged before they leave and our bodies, like old wine-barrels, take on a different function and beauty as we age. Aging is an art form.
- 10) Serve the right God.** St. Julian of Norwich assures us that God “is completely relaxed and courteous, himself the happiness and peace of his dear friends, his beautiful face radiating measureless love like a marvelous symphony.” Don’t serve any other God than this One.

I pray this little attitude reminder will help us in the coming year. From all the priests, sisters, and staff at the parish, we wish all of you a Blessed New Year!

— *Fr. Dan*



Masses for the week

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January 3—9, 2016

Sunday, January 3 Presider

7:30 William Kvaternick & Mary Zuppe (D)

9:00 Joseph Tsoy (D)

10:30 Louis Lagardere (D)

Noon Parishioners of Saint Anne

Monday, January 4

6:30 healing, Michael Hughes

8:45 Juan Z. Canto (D)

Tuesday, January 5

6:30 Intention, Almeda Lacuesta

8:45 Intention, Rogelio Montilla

Wednesday, January 6

6:30 Saint Anne Prayer Group

8:45 Perry M. Smith (D)

Thursday, January 7

6:30 Antonina Rogulsky(D)

8:45 Jerry Maring (D)

Friday, January 8

6:30 Joseph McGarry (D)

8:45 Kimberly Pokorny (D)

Saturday, January 9

8:45 Confraternity of St. Anne

5 p.m. Parishioners of Saint Anne

St. Anne School is now accepting applications for students entering Preschool through seventh grade for the coming school year. If you are looking for an outstanding education for your child, you should visit our website and tour our school. Discover what a Catholic education can offer your child and your family. School tour dates are listed on our school website:

www.stanne.com

Tuition assistance is available.

2016 Walk for Life West Coast

Save the date for the **12th Annual Walk for Life West Coast on Saturday, January 23**. The day will start with **Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco at 9:30 a.m.** Archbishop Cordileone will be the **principal celebrant**. Following the Mass the event continues with a **Rally at Civic Center Plaza at 12:30 p.m.** and the subsequent 1.3 mile Walk along Market Street to the waterfront near Justin Herman Plaza.

Be one of the over 55,000 participants expected to converge in San Francisco this year to proclaim that "Abortion Hurts Women" and "Women Deserve Better than Abortion."

Greetings from the Athletic Department

Another successful Girls Volleyball season here at Saint Anne is now over. The Sports program would not be possible without the many volunteers who dedicate countless hours in helping our players from Saint Anne School and the surrounding community. Some of the coaches have been coaching continuously for more than half a decade, some are new, and some have returned from a break. What they all have in common is a love for the game and the desire to be a role model for these young players.

This year we fielded 13 teams from 3rd to 8th grade. All teams have shown considerable improvement from prior years and had a great showing this season. Ten of our teams made it to the playoffs, six teams advanced to the championship round, three teams came in 2nd place, and three 7th grade teams came in 1st!

Currently, we are in Boys Basketball season, and registration is open for spring 2016 Girls Basketball and co-ed Baseball. We look forward to next season and the opportunity to help the players further improve and develop their love for the game of Volleyball.

Happy Holidays!!

Mike Yuan, Volleyball Chair

Mie Mie Kwong, Athletic Director

<http://sports.stanne-sf.org>

Installation of Pastor, St. Thomas More Church

Today, January 3, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., Rev. Marvin Felipe will be installed as the seventh Pastor of St. Thomas More Church and Campus Ministry. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone. Church is located at 1 Thomas More Way (off Brotherhood Way), San Francisco. Fr. Marvin served at Parochial Vicar at St. Anne for three years during the pastorate of Fr. Raymond Reyes. **Fr. Marvin, Congratulations!**

Last Weeks' Collections

1st Collection, Dec. 19, 20—\$4,258.50
Property and Insurance Fund—\$988.00

Christmas Masses
Christmas Flowers
1st Collection, Dec. 26, 27
St. Vincent de Paul

Totals unavailable at time of printing

This Week's Second Collection:
Church Accessibility Upgrade Fund

Next Week's Second Collection:
Building & Maintenance Fund

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2015

We're getting closer to meeting our obligation, but we still owe over \$7,000 on our assessment of \$47,200

Thank You All for Your Generosity!
For On-line giving, visit: www.stanne-sf.org

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SAINT ANNE PARISH REGULAR SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (English)
12:00 p.m. (Cantonese)

DAILY MASS

Monday thru Friday: 6:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m.
Saturdays: 8:45 a.m.

MASSES—HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

6:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 12:00 noon, 6:00 p.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION

First Friday: 9:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

2nd Saturday - 12:30 p.m.

BAPTISM CLASS

2nd Sun. - 1:30 p.m.

(No Baptisms scheduled during Lent.

No Baptism Classes on Mother's Day & Easter Sunday)

PENANCE

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.-4:55 p.m. or by appointment

SAINT ANNE DEVOTION

Saturdays at 8:45 a.m. Mass

Office Hours

Monday thru Friday, 9:00 A.M.—4:30 P.M.

SAGES (*Saint Anne Growing Exploring Seniors*) will have a **Docent Tour of Saint Dominic Church** on this the 800th Jubilee Year of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans.) The Tour will be held on **Monday, January 25th beginning at 10:30 a.m.** Saint Dominic Church is on 2390 Bush St. at Steiner. Lots of parking!

Reservations are due by Sunday, January 10.

Please make your check for \$5 payable to SAGES

And deposit it in the St. Anne Rectory mailbox,
attn. Sr. Esther

Have a blessed Christmas Season!



*Good Saint Anne, Mother of Mary,
Pray for us!*

St. Anne Mission Statement

We, the people of Saint Anne, envision a Christ-centered community, enriched by the gifts of a diverse heritage. We remember the past and are open to the future; living out the Gospel values with enthusiasm, joy and celebration under the protection of Saint Anne.

We commit ourselves to sharing the mission belonging to all followers of Christ: caring for one another and reaching out to those in need.

We commit ourselves to revitalizing our parish community; to participating meaningfully in the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, to developing a strong sense of stewardship; and to regularly evaluating our work and ministries.

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