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December 30, 2018

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

— 1 John 3:2a

HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family. Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always "get it right," but they always tried to. These three "amateurs" were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father's work—but he also returned home with his parents.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom. In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition. There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Pastor's Column

12 Days of Christmas – Whereas the secular Christmas celebration ends the day after Christmas, the Catholic celebration continues until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Jan 13). And within this Season, Catholics also celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas that conclude with the feast of Epiphany (Jan 6), when the Wise men find Jesus and present Him with gifts. In some countries like Italy, Spain, and Mexico, gift-giving doesn't take place on Christmas day but at Epiphany. The familiar English song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," had a secret meaning other than just a lover presenting a gift each day for twelve days to his beloved. In England from 1558 to 1829, being a Catholic was illegal and was punishable by death or torture, so this song was written to help young Catholics learn and keep the faith. The following are the lyrics and their meaning: *On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me:* Twelve Drummers Drumming, Eleven Pipers Piping, Ten Lords a-Leaping, Nine Ladies Dancing, Eight Maids a-Milking, Seven Swans a-Swimming, Six Geese a-Laying, Five Golden Rings, Four Calling Birds, Three French Hens, Two Turtle Doves, and a Partridge in a Pear Tree.

My "true love" in the song isn't referring to a man but to God. And "me" is every baptized person. So it is God who is presenting us, His beloved, with gifts. And the gifts represent the following:

A Partridge in a Pear Tree = Jesus Christ crucified on a tree

Two Turtle Doves = the Old and New Testaments
Three French Hens = Faith, Hope, and Charity, the Three Theological Virtues

Four Calling Birds = the four Gospels and/or the four Evangelists

Five Golden Rings = the first Five Books of the Old Testament.

Six Geese a-Laying = the six days of Creation
Seven Swans a-Swimming = the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit and/or the seven Sacraments

Eight Maids a-Milking = the eight Beatitudes

Nine Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit

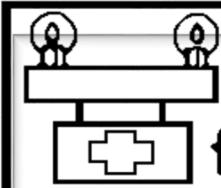
Ten Lords a-Leaping = the Ten Commandments

Eleven Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful Apostles

Twelve Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed.

This delightful song isn't just a good catechism for the young, but also a good reminder for us older Catholics. The birth of Jesus is special and deserves to be celebrated for a Season. And as the lover in the song presented gifts to his beloved, may it also remind us to present to our Lord our own personal gift for His love and His coming among us. As we prepare to celebrate the beginning of a New Year, may the special blessings we receive this Christmas fill us and overflow into the New Year. *Happy New Year!*

- Fr. Dan



Masses for the week

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December 30, 2018 to January 5, 2019

Sunday, December 30

	Presider
7:30 Luciana Lomparte (D)	Rev. Nascimento
9:00 Mary Anne Zamora (D) and Telesfora & Arturo Gorospe (D)	Rev. Nascimento
10:30 Parishioners of Saint Anne	Bishop Walsh
Noon Ilisa Chan (D)	Rev. Zhai, SVD

Monday, December 31

6:30 In honor of the 60th Jubilee of Mother Celine, LSP	Bishop Walsh
8:45 thanksgiving, Vivienne Rull	Rev. Zhai, SVD

Tuesday, January 1 — MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 Parishioners of Saint Anne	Rev. Nascimento
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Wednesday, January 2

6:30 healing, Craig Loeffler	Bishop Walsh
8:45 John & Marian Fox (D)	Rev. Zhai, SVD

Thursday, January 3

6:30 healing, Craig Loeffler	Rev. Nascimento
8:45 Illuminada Rotol (D)	Rev. Zhai, SVD

First Friday, January 4

6:30 healing, Shirley Dimapilis	Rev. Zhai, SVD
8:45 healing, Eileen Flynn	Rev. Nascimento

Saturday, January 5

8:45 Confraternity of Saint Anne	Rev. Zhai, SVD
5 p.m. Parishioners of Saint Anne	Rev. Nascimento

First Friday Devotion

This Friday, January 4th there will be an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:45am Mass. Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 10:00 a.m.



The Rectory Office will be closed
on Tuesday, January 1st.
Mass will be celebrated
at 9am only.



A Charitable Tax Break—Get a tax break while having an impact on your community and helping your neighbors! If you are at least 70½ years old and donate to charity, consider making a donation from your IRA to take advantage of a tax break for good. If you are interested in learning more about an IRA gift to Catholic Charities contact Pat Gallagher at PGallagher@CatholicCharitiesSF.org.

15th Annual Walk for Life West Coast Saturday, January 26, 2019

12:30 p.m. at Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco

Join the tens of thousands of people celebrating life and proclaiming that women deserve better than abortion.

For more info visit www.walkforlifewc.com

SAGES will once more sponsor funds for the **GUBBIO**

PROJECT at St. Boniface Church in the Tenderloin, in partnership with St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in the Mission District. By 6:00 AM each weekday, they welcome 325 of our homeless brothers and sisters seeking a clean, quiet, safe, and warm place to sleep, called "Sacred Sleep." By 6:30 AM, the two Churches are filled with the sounds of snoring. Gubbio also supports their homeless neighbors by providing them with essential supplies such as blankets, socks, and hygiene kits – all critical for life on the streets. Volunteer chaplains and listeners share compassionate conversation with those in need of counseling or healing. At Gubbio St. John's, they receive much needed nutritious breakfasts, foot care to heal wounds and prevent infections; and massage services for guests who may not be touched by affection in their daily lives.

Many of them eat daily lunches at St. Anthony's Dining Room. The sounds of deep slumber that fill both Churches are a sign that their guests can truly find rest at the Gubbio Project. Most importantly, as our homeless brothers and sisters seek sanctuary, they receive a warm welcome; and the guests know that Gubbio embraces the beauty and perfect dignity in every guest. The Gubbio motto is; "All people, and in particular those who are living on the streets or have mental health and substance abuse issues, are worthy of respect, dignity, and loving kindness." How beautiful! They surely represent Christ Himself. Although **Gubbio works with Churches, they are funded entirely by donors**. So, this holiday season, we hope you will donate as generously as you can to this very worthy cause. Without people like you, Gubbio could not offer a daily home-space for 325 homeless guests. So if their story touches you, **please make a donation to St. Anne Church, memo SAGES, attn. Sr. Esther, and leave in the Rectory mailbox**. When all donations are received during the month of January, St. Anne will send one check to the Gubbio Project. You will be notified as to the amount donated. God bless and reward you.

—Sr. Esther

Last Weeks' Collections

1st Collection, December 16, 2018—\$3,401.00
Property and Insurance Fund—\$1,074.00

1st Collection, December 23, 2018
Christmas Flowers
Christmas Masses

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This Week's 2nd Collection
Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2018

Assessment— \$56,321.00
Total Donations Received - \$51,427.00

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Thank You All for Your Generosity!

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ST. ANNE REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass

Sat., 5pm; Sun: 7:30, 9, 10:30am & 12pm (Chinese)

Daily Mass

Mon - Fri: 6:30am & 8:45am
Sat: 8:45am (Devotion to St. Anne)

Holy Days of Obligation

6:30am, 8:45am, 12 noon & 6pm

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

1st Friday following 8:45am Mass until 10am

Reconciliation:

Sat., 4 - 4:55pm or by appointment

Baptism:

2nd Saturday @ 12:30pm

Preparation Class: 3rd Saturday @ 10am in Rectory

Office Hours:

Mon - Fri: 9am - 4:30pm

Church Hours:

Mon—Fri: 8am-4pm

Sat:: 8am-6pm Sun: 7am-1:30pm

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

*Solemnity of
MARY
Mother of God*



TUESDAY

JANUARY 1, 2019

9:00am MASS

*Have a
Blessed
New Year*

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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