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January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

The Wise Still Seek Him



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January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— *Isaiah 60:1*

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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Pastor's Column

Pope Francis' New Year Resolutions — Have you made any resolutions for the New Year? In 2017, Pope Francis suggested the following for Vatican employees and they're still relevant to us today. They are:

1. "Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."
2. "Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love."
3. "Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."
4. "Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."
5. "Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and meditating the wounds we have caused others."
6. "Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord."
7. "Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people."
8. "Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation."
9. "Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."
10. "Make sure your Christmas is about Jesus and not about shopping."

As we have just celebrated the birth of a Savior, of God who is with us, we can enter the New Year with confidence. Speaking for God, the prophet Jeremiah said to us, "I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you a future full of hope" (*Jeremiah 29:11*). So if we follow our Lord in the New Year, He will lead us to a future full of hope. From all of us at St. Anne's, may God bless you and your loved ones in this New Year!

Thank You! — Our Giving Tree was a Great Success, thanks to all of you. 133 gifts were received of the 120 requested. In total, Catholic Charities received 49 of 44 blankets and socks, 30 of 30 children's books, and 54 of 44 Gift Cards. In addition, a cash donation of \$70 was received and given to Catholic Charities. I'd like to thank our **Youth Ministry Volunteers** who sponsored this event, in particular **Rene Batt & Rosenda Chan** who coordinated it, and all the students and parents who worked behind the scenes to make this a success. Thank you for being someone's Secret Santa!

- Fr. Dan



Masses for the week

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January 6 to January 12, 2019

Sunday, January 6

7:30 Herman Canto (D)
9:00 Joseph Tsoy (D)
10:30 Andrew Capponi (D)
Noon Anthony Nguyen (D)

Presider

Rev. Nascimento
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Rev. Zhai, SVD

Monday, January 7

6:30 Nina Lucier (D)
8:45 Margaret Schweitzer
and May McCarthy (D)

Rev. Nascimento

Rev. Zhai, SVD

Tuesday, January 8

6:30 healing, Monica Whooley
8:45 intentions, Annie Kim

Rev. Nascimento
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Wednesday, January 9

6:30 Gabriele Whooley (D)
8:45 intentions, Irene Donner

Bishop Walsh
Rev. Zhai, SVD

Thursday, January 10

6:30 Mr. Andrew Bassouamina (D)
8:45 Resaura Ruiz Fregoso (D)

Bishop Walsh
Rev. Zhai, SVD

First Friday, January 11

6:30 intentions, family
of baby Elizabeth Lopez
8:45 Benito & Leonarda Hidalgo (D)

Bishop Walsh
Rev. Zhai, SVD

Saturday, January 12

8:45 Confraternity of Saint Anne

Rev. Nascimento

5 p.m. healing, Flora Lucas

Bishop Walsh

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.

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



Walk for Life West Coast 2019

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 15th Annual Walk for Life West Coast **in San Francisco on January 26, 2019**.

There will be Mass at 9:30AM celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30PM in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza and the Walk down Market St. begins at 1:30PM.

Last year's Walk drew 50,000+ people.

For complete information about the Walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.

Last Weeks' Collections

1st Collection, December 23, 2018—\$3,254.00
Christmas Flowers—\$1,477.00
Simbang Gabi Masses—\$988.00
Christmas Masses—\$8,619.00

1st Collection, December 30, 2018

Solemnity of Mary, Jan. 1

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

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This Week's 2nd Collection

School Earthquake Retrofit Fund

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2018

Assessment— \$56,321.00

Total Donations Received - \$51,427.00

For on-line giving, visit: www.stanne-sf.org
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

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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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