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REFLECTION
“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.

NEWS UPDATE
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - “If I can give you any advice, I beg you to grow closer to the Eucharist and to Jesus... We must pray to Jesus to give us that tenderness of the Eucharist.” – Blessed Mother Teresa - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m in Convent Chapel. Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the church. Confessions available from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL SANTO NINO FIESTA CELEBRATION – will take place Sunday, January 17, 2016 with Mass at 2:00 PM. A novena of Masses begin on Friday, January 8, 2016 in the church. This week Monday through Thursday the Mass will be celebrated in the Convent Chapel at 7:00 PM. Friday, January 15, 2016 the Mass will be at 7:00 PM in the church. ALL ARE WELCOME!

WALK FOR LIFE – Please save the date! The Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco is set for Saturday, 23, 2016. Please take Bart to Civic Center. The Walk will begin at the Civic Center Plaza walking down Market Street (2 miles) ending at Justin Herman Plaza/Ferry Building. Information Faire: 11:00 AM – Rally: 12:30 PM – To register, volunteer or for further information: (415) 658-1793 or email: info@WalkforLifeWC.com

CONFIRMATION NEWS – First year Confirmation candidates there will be a class this Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the small gym.

2016 DIOCESAN CHOIR FESTIVAL – The Diocesan Choir Festival is around the corner on Saturday, January 30; however, registration to perform ends on January 15. In keeping with the Jubilee of Mercy, the theme for this year’s festival is “Sacred Songs of Mercy” and parish choirs are invited to sing any liturgical music with references to mercy. Each parish is invited to register one choir, and the choir can consist of full SATB choir, unison choirs, small vocal ensembles, children’s choirs, youth choirs, adult choirs, senior choirs, etc. Each choir is allotted 3 minutes to perform. Parishes can register online. Email: CtlCathedral.org/ChoirFestival. Choirs will have the opportunity to reserve a 30 minute time slot for rehearsal in the Cathedral. Visit ctcathedral.org/ChoirFestival for specific dates and times. To reserve times or request more information, contact Denise Kogler at (510) 271-1935.

January 3, 2016

Looking in the right places

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2016
Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— Isaiah 60:1