CHANCERY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening of Cathedral’s Holy Doors December 13
Sunday, December 13, 3:00 pm
Cathedral of St. Mary, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco
On December 13, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. John Lateran and asks that arch/dioceses around the world do the same in their local cathedral.

All are invited to join Archbishop Cordileone for Vespers and the opening of the Holy Door at the Cathedral of St. Mary on December 13 at 3:00 pm. Plans are well under way for many more activities observing and celebrating the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Archdiocese.

Please send information about Year of Mercy events in parishes, schools and other organizations for inclusion in future issues of The Bridge and on the Archdiocesan website: pottsj@sfarch.org.

Assisted Suicide Petition Drive – Due January 4
Vicki Evans evansv@sfarch.org 415-614-5533
CACatholic.org
Following the adoption of California’s physician-assisted suicide law earlier this month, the state’s Catholic bishops have announced their support of a petition drive to put the issue before the voters again next year. Signatures must be turned in by January 4. In a letter to pastors last week, Archbishop Cordileone encouraged the collection of signatures in parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

Please read very carefully the signature-gathering requirements, as a single error can invalidate all signatures on a page. Please click for Petition Instructions, Instructions for Signature Gathering, and Legislation FAQs. Further information on this is available at CACatholic.org or by contacting the Archdiocesan Respect Life Director, Vicki Evans, see above.

Save the Date for 2016 Walk for Life
Saturday, January 23, 9:30 am Mass, 12:30 pm Rally
Various Locations
WalkForLifeWC.com
Reserve the date now for the 12th Annual Walk for Life West Coast taking place on Saturday, January 23. The day will start with Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco at 9:30 am. Archbishop Cordileone will be the principal celebrant. Following Mass the event continues with a Rally at Civic Center Plaza at 12:30 pm 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 on San Francisco this year to proclaim that "Abortion Hurts Women" and "Women Deserve Better the Abortion." For information, schedule of events, speakers, bus registration and more, visit the Walk for Life website above.

**Walk for Life Youth Rally**

*Friday, January 22*

Vicki Evans evansv@sfarch.org 415-614-5533

The Archdiocese of San Francisco, in cooperation with the Walk for Life West Coast, is beginning its outreach for the January 23 Walk for Life. This year there is a new program to educate and increase involvement by the student population. On Friday, January 22, the Sisters of Life and Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will lead the 6th - 12th grade students of the Archdiocese in a Youth Rally that will include talks by the Sisters and Friars, Mass in the Cathedral, and a brown-bag lunch. **NEW:** Download flyer [here](#).

Information has been sent to school sites, with a registration deadline of December 18 to allow an accurate count of students. Please do all that you are able to support bringing students to the Rally and the Walk. For questions please contact the Archdiocesan Respect Life Director, Vicki Evans, see above.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Catholic Charities Seeks Volunteers, Donations for Christmas**

Diana Contreras volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org 415-972-1297
CatholicCharitiesSF.org

Catholic Charities invites you to embrace the Christmas season by taking time to serve others and spread holiday joy through the Archdiocese. Volunteers are needed for one-time events. Activities include decorating, gift-wrapping, preparing and serving food, leading activities, photography, engaging with families, and cleanup. Donations of gifts, gift cards, and cash will enable disabled adults, seniors, children and families enjoy a memorable Christmas. Please see the informative flyer [here](#) for details. Note that there are limits on the number of volunteers for activities, and all include a 15-minute orientation. Contact Diana Contreras, see above, for more information or to donate or volunteer.

**NEW - Broadcasts from Rome: Opening the Holy Doors; Christmas**

[YouTube.com/user/vatican](#)  
EWTN – schedule yet to be announced

- Tuesday, December 8, 12:30 am – 3:00 am, Holy Mass, Opening the Holy Door for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, St. Peter’s Basilica, followed by Angelus in St. Peter’s Square.
- Thursday, December 24, 12:15-2:30 pm, Christmas Mass at Night, Pope Francis, St. Peter’s Basilica.
- Friday, December 25, 3:00-3:30 am, Christmas Message and *Urbi et Orbi* Blessing of Pope Francis, St. Peter’s Square.

**San Francisco County**

**NEW - Advent Mission by Rev. Joseph Fessio, SJ**

*December 7, 8 and 9, 7:30 pm*

*Star of the Sea Church, 4420 Geary Boulevard (@8th), San Francisco*

*StarParish.com*
Fr. Joseph Fessio, SJ, is founder and editor of Ignatius Press. He will conduct a three-day Advent Mission on entering more deeply into the Advent and Christmas mysteries through the Sacred Liturgy, using Pope Benedict's masterpiece *The Spirit of the Liturgy*. All are welcome; no fee.

**NEW - The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Mission Dolores**

*Saturday, December 12, 4:45 am*

**Mission Dolores Basilica, Dolores and 16th Streets, San Francisco**

Kati or Bob Huerta 415-239-9107

missiondolores.org

The Guadalupe Society of Mission Dolores proudly invites one and all to the Virgin of Guadalupe’s 484th Anniversary “Mañanitas” Mass on Saturday, December 12 at 4:45 am. The celebration will begin in the school auditorium and proceed with the Mariachi Singers, Knights of Columbus Color Corps and early risers to the door of the Basilica. Auxiliary Bishop William J. Justice will preside at the Solemn Mass with our pastor, Fr. Francis Garbo. This Mexican tradition has been a very beautiful event to share with San Franciscans and visitors for over 30 years. The Mass will be followed by a reception with hot tamales, Mexican pastry and hot beverages in the auditorium. All are welcome. Parking is available in the school yard, entrance located on Church Street between 17th and 16th Streets. For more information, please call Kati or Bob Huerta, see above.

**Mission Dolores Candlelight Christmas Concert**

*Sunday, December 20, 5:00 pm*

**Mission Dolores Basilica, Dolores and 16th Streets, San Francisco**

Denise Kahn-Decena 415-621-8203

The Mission Dolores Basilica Choir, under the direction of Mr. Jerome Lenk, presents the 24th Annual Candlelight Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 20 at 5:00 pm in Mission Dolores Basilica, featuring C.P.E. Bach’s glorious *Magnificat* and carol arrangements from around the world. Tickets are $18.00 General Admission or $25.00 Reserved Seating, available for purchase in the parish office or online: http://tinyurl.com/missiondoloresconcert

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**Marin County**

**NEW – Adult Faith Formation, Enrichment with Bishop Barron Series**

*Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm*

**St. Anselm Church, Centennial Hall, 97 Shady Lane, Ross**

Nicholas Case st.anselmdre@att.net 415-453-2342 x 20

God calls each of us to become a saint, and he’s ready to support us along the way by providing abundant blessings. Join the St. Anselm parish community in seeking these blessings by participating in Bishop Robert Barron’s DVD-based program *Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness*. The first path is “Finding the center in Christ,” the second is “Knowing you are a sinner” and the third, “Realizing your life is not about you.” For more information, please contact Nicholas Case, see above. Registration is also accepted in the parish office.

**December Evening of Reflection – Images of Mary**

*Tuesday, December 8, 7:30 pm*

**St. Anselm Church, Centennial Hall, 97 Shady Lane, Ross**

Maureen Dear modear3@comcast.net

All are welcome at St. Anselm on December 8 as Sister Celeste Arbuckle presents an evening of reflection on “Mary, Mother of Light.” Sister Celeste is the Archdiocesan Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry. Those attending are encouraged to bring an art piece or statue of Mary, which will
be used in reflecting on the image of light that Mary brings to us in our lives today by connecting us with Jesus. Please email Maureen Dear if you have any questions, see above.

Advent Penance Service at St. Anselm

**Wednesday, December 16, 7:00–8:00 pm.**

**St. Anselm Church, 97 Shady Lane, Ross**

**Parish Office  415-453-2342**

We are called to repent because we are confident that God is merciful; he has shown us his justice and his mercy. God continues to save his people and Christ continues to be present to us, especially in the Church’s sacraments. In this reconciliation, though we cannot grasp the richness of his grace nor depth of his compassion, God continues to offer us his mercy. All are welcome at St. Anselm’s Advent penance service December 16 at 7:00 pm.

**San Mateo County**

**Schola Seraphica Christmas Concert**

**Sunday, December 6, 2:30 pm**

**St. Patrick’s Seminary, 320 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park**

Tickets are available now for the 9th annual Schola Seraphica Christmas Concert December 6 at St. Patrick’s Seminary. $20 adults ($15 seniors/students). Please purchase tickets at the parish office of the Church of the Nativity, Menlo Park, 210 Oak Grove Ave., Monday-Friday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. Seating is limited.

**Treasures of the Church: Relic Exposition**

**Thursday, December 10, 7:00 pm**

**The Church of the Nativity, 210 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park**

Fr. Carlos Martins will give a presentation at the Church of the Nativity, Menlo Park, on December 10 at 7:00 pm. The evening will begin with a talk by Fr. Martins on the relics and saints of the church, followed by a time to venerate the relics. All are welcome.

**CONCERTS**

**St. Mary’s Cathedral**

1111 Gough St. at Geary
415-456-2020, ext. 213
StMaryCathedralSF.org

The following Sunday Recitals are free to the public and begin at 4:00 pm unless otherwise indicated, with ample free parking:

- **12/13** Vytenis Vasyliunas, Organist (Germany)
- **12/13** Special Performance, 7:00 pm in St. Francis Hall: Cathedral Choirs and St. Brigid School Honor Choir, cookies and carols, $20 ($10 seniors/students)
- **12/20** Voice students of Helen Dilworth, Seasonal Program
- **12/27** David Hatt, Organist
- **1/3** Sonora Piano Trio (piano, violin, cello)
RETREAT HOUSES

The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos
300 Manresa Way, Los Altos
JRCLosAltos.org/retreats

**New Year’s Recovery Retreat**
Presenter: Fr. Tom Weston, S.J.
December 30 – January 1 (non-silent retreat for women and men)

**Faith: A Way of Seeing**
Presenter: Fr. Larry Gillick, S.J.
January 8-10 (silent retreat for women and men)

Mercy Center
2300 Adeline Dr., Burlingame
650-340-7474, mc@mercywmw.org
Mercy-Center.org/calendar

**Advent Day of Prayer**
Presenters: Marilyn Granucci, Colette LaFia
Friday, December 11, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**East-West Meditation**
Presenter: Fr. Greg Mayers, C.Ss.R.
December 27-January 1 (silent retreat)

**New Year’s Eve Celebration**
(music, Taize prayer, labyrinth, art activities, Eucharist, fellowship)
December 31, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

San Damiano Retreat Center
710 Highland Dr., Danville
SanDamiano.org

**New Year’s Retreat: Year of Mercy**
Presenter: Fr. Vince Mesi, OFM
December 30-January 1

**Soul-Script (Writing from the Deep Self)**
Presenter: Shoshana Kobrin, MA, LMFT
January 23, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

JOB LISTINGS

**Director of Pastoral Ministries – Chancery**
The Archdiocese of San Francisco is seeking a Director of Pastoral Ministries. The Director of the Department of Pastoral Ministry, as a member of the Archbishop’s Cabinet, has the responsibility to manage the Pastoral Ministries Offices including Religious Education, Child and Youth Protection, Marriage and Family Life, and Young Adult Ministry.
Position requires an MA in Theology/Religious Studies or related field or the equivalent in study and/or experience; five years administrative and supervisory experience in parish or Archdiocesan position preferred; working knowledge of the various aspects of ministry, spirituality and cultural diversity found in the Archdiocese; demonstrated oral and written skills. A full job description may be found here. This is a full-time position and is classified as Exempt. Qualiﬁed applicants should email resumé and cover letter to careers@sfarch.org.

**Director of Human Life and Dignity – Chancery**

The Archdiocese of San Francisco is seeking a Director of Human Life and Dignity. The Director position is a public policy position that reports directly to the Moderator of the Curia and Vicar for Administration. This office speciﬁcally promotes “protect life” initiatives and more generally advances social justice. In addition to directing members of the Ofﬁce of Human Life and Dignity, the Director also articulates how the work of various reporting units is rooted in and motivated by Scripture and Catholic teaching.

Qualified applicant will be an excellent writer and public speaker; competent in dealing with the press; a practicing Catholic; undergraduate degree, preferably in theology or public policy; experience articulating social police that is grounded in and in conformity with Catholic teaching; and at least ﬁve years’ experience in a social policy area relevant to Catholic social teaching. A full job description may be found here. Please email resumé and cover letter to careers@sfarch.org.

**Field Operations Manager – Catholic Cemeteries**

The Field Operations Manager is a professional full-time Exempt level employee who reports directly to the General Manager. This position works collaboratively within the Field Operations Department at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Colma. The Field Operations Manager is a person of faith committed to Gospel values who values service to the Catholic Community and helps the Cemetery Department fulﬁll its mission and purposes. Essential duties of the position: Plans, directs, and coordinates the activities of Cemetery Operations, including burial, maintenance, and facilities oversight to effectively achieve organizational goals, particularly with respect to the efﬁciency of operations and optimum appearance and service. A full job description may be found here. Please submit resumé and cover letter to John Bermudez, General Manager, P.O. Box 1577, Colma CA 94014-0577.

**Chaplain, AlmaVia Care Community - San Francisco**

AlmaVia of San Francisco, an assisted living and memory care community, is seeking a part-time Chaplain to assist in the provision and coordination of spiritual care activities for the well-being of residents and staff. This is a 24-hour-a-week position with weekends as primary days of coverage. Applicants should have clinical pastoral education (CPE) or the equivalent; the exceptional candidate will have both an experiential and operational understanding of the Roman Catholic Church and its rites. The AlmaVia community comprises individuals from a broad range of faith traditions and cultural backgrounds, and is a member of Eldercare Alliance, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy and the Sierra Paciﬁc Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Interested applicants should send their resumé and cover letter to Rev. Dr. Murray Flagg, One Thomas More Way, San Francisco CA 94132, mflagg@eldercaresalliance.org, or FAX 415-337-5114.

**Music Director - San Rafael**

Saint Raphael Church in San Rafael is seeking a full-time Music Director. The Music Director engages the assembly and enhances church services with a great music program. The position requires a talented and creative person, proficient in organ, piano, voice, and voice directing, with a broad knowledge of Catholic liturgy and music. Salary is commensurate with experience and education, and is in accordance with Archdiocesan guidelines. English/Spanish bilingual preferred; will work with English- and Spanish-language choirs. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Music Director Search, 1104 Fifth Ave., San Rafael, CA 94901, or by email to frloj@sainraphael.com.