Holy Family Community wishes you a very sweet and prosperous New Year. May God pour his love and blessings on you. Enjoy!

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THE GOSPEL
MARK 1:7-11
The Baptism of the Lord

January—Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

A New Beginning
Coming Soon, With Your Support and Prayers

LET'S BUILD IT!

The Holy Family Parish Prayer
May God Bless each family present. And bless our entire Holy Family Parish. Make it like the family of your Son. May our moments of sorrow, give way to the seasons of joy. May the memory of harsh words fade before the warmth of a loving touch. May the tears of sorrow be replaced by the music of laughter. May resentment be banished from our families, and may forgiveness reign in our hearts. Today and everyday. Amen!
Welcome to Holy Family Parish Community

Notes from the Pastor and Parish Council

December 30/31 - 2018 Holy Family religious calendars to be given out to all families this weekend. A family will be introduced at each Mass this weekend to honor our parish’s patrons of Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

January 1 - Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. One Mass only at 8:30 am
January 2 - Men’s Club meeting at 7:00 pm at the Kain residence
January 3 - Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus
January 6/7 - Feast of Epiphany
January 8 - Commemoration of the Baptism of the Lord
January 15 - MLK Birthday National Holiday
January 16 - Women's Club soup pot luck and meeting at 6:00 pm at Logan’s residence: 428 Knightsbridge Way.
January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul, the Disciple
January 27 - 14th Annual Pacific Coast Walk for Life in San Francisco. Listen for announcements from the Knights of Columbus about bus transportation to and from the event.
February 9 - First Reconciliation at 6:00 pm - all students Reconciliation at 7:00 pm
March 11 - Special Mass at Holy Family at 1:00 pm in honor of Fr. Pat’s fiftieth anniversary of ordination. Reception will follow. Any gifts will be forwarded to the Cardinal Maurice Otunga Girls Empowerment Center in Nairobi.

Parishioner Registration

Tear off this form and give to a deacon or place in the collection basket

New Registration _______ Change in Information _______ Date __________________________
Head of Household __________________________________ Other Adult(s) ______________________________
Children’s Names and Genders ___________________________________________________________________
Mailing Address __________________________________ City _______________________ ZIP __________
Home Telephone _________________________ Cell Phone (Whose?) __________________________________
Family E-mail __________________________________ Ministries of Interest ____________________________

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Daily Scripture Readings for January

January 1 - Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
January 2 - 1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 98:1-4; John 1:19-28
January 3 - 1 John 2:29-3:6; Psalm 98:1, 3-6; John 1:29-34
January 4 - 1 John 3:7-10; Psalm 98:1, 7-9; John 1:35-42
January 5 - 1 John 3:11-21; Psalm 100:1-5; John 1:43-51
January 6 - 1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20; Mark 1:7-11
January 8 - Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10; Mark 1:7-11
January 9 - 1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8; Mark 1:21-28
January 10 - 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Psalm 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mark 1:29-39
January 11 - 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mark 1:40-45
January 12 - 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22; Psalm 89:16-19; Mark 2:1-12
January 13 - 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; Psalm 21:2-7; Mark 2:13-17
January 15 - 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mark 2:18-22
January 16 - 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 89:20-22, 27-28; Mark 2:23-28
January 17 - 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37 40-51; Psalm 144:1-2, 9-10; Mark 3:1-6
January 18 - 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 10:1-7; Psalm 56:2-3, 9-13; Mark 3:7-12
January 19 - 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Psalm 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mark 3:13-19
January 20 - 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Psalm 80:2-3, 5-7; Mark 3:20-21
January 22 - 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Psalm 89:20-22, 25-26; Mark 3:22-30
January 24 - 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Psalm 89:4-5, 27-30; Mark 4:1-20
January 25 - Acts 22:3-26; Psalm 117:1, 2; Mark 16:15-18
January 26 - 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Psalm 51:3-7, 10-11; Mark 4:26-34
January 27 - 2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17; Psalm 51:12-17; Mark 4:35-41
January 29 - 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Psalm 3:2-7; Mark 5:1-20
January 30 - 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30; Psalm 86:1-6; Mark 5:21-43
January 31 - 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7; Mark 6:1-6

Sunday Scripture Readings

December 30/31 (Feast of the Holy Family)

First - Sirach 3:2-6: Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed.
Psalm 128: Blessed are those who walk in the Lord’s ways.
Second - Colossians 3:12-21: Be thankful! Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

January 6/7 (Epiphany of the Lord)

First - Isaiah 60:1-6: You shall be radiant at what you see; your heart shall overflow.
Psalm 72: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
Second - Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6: The Gentiles are copartners in the promise of Christ.
Gospel - Matthew 2:1-2: The Magi were overjoyed at seeing the star.

January 13/14 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First - 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19: Speak, for your servant is listening.
Psalm 40: Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will.
Second - 1 Corinthians 5:13-15, 17-20: Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you?
Gospel - John 1:35-42: Andrew found his brother Simon and took him to Jesus.

January 20/21 (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First - Jonah 3:1-5,10: The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways.
Psalm 25: Teach me your ways, O Lord.
Second - 1 Corinthians 7:29-31: The world in its present form is passing away.
Gospel - Mark 1:14-20: This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.

January 27/28 (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First - Deuteronomy 18:15-20: Moses spoke to the people: “A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, rise up for you.”
Psalm 95: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Second - 1 Corinthians 7:32-35: Brothers and Sisters, I should like you to be free of anxieties.
Gospel - Mark 1:21-28: The people were astonished at Jesus’ teaching.
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January Lector Schedule

If you are unable to fulfill an assignment, please arrange a substitute and make a note of the change on the posted schedule in the back of the church. Call Rose if you need a copy of the reading for your Mass: 707-208-6853 - or - Check the scripture readings elsewhere in the bulletin.

Dec 30: 5:15 1st: Leslie Gaffney
                2nd: Alma Arcega

Dec 31: 9:00 1st: Kevin Kain
                2nd: Ernie Zambrano
       11:00 1st: Ernie DeLeon
                2nd: (Spanish) Margarita Belton

Jan 6: 5:15 1st: Couples for Christ-FFL
                2nd: Couples for Christ-FFL

Jan 7: 9:00 1st: Davet Mohammad
                2nd: Carmen Scott
       11:00 1st: Rose Tamoro
                2nd: (Spanish) Marina Jimenez

Jan 13: 5:15 1st: Rolando Negranza
                2nd: Frank Lee

Jan 14: 9:00 1st: Catherine Mendoza
                2nd: John Fahey
       11:00 1st: Bernie Borges
                2nd: (Spanish) Kevin Belton

Jan 20: 5:15 1st: Melita Negranza
                2nd: Alma Arcega

Jan 21: 9:00 1st: Rosalie Llave
                2nd: Marie Walton
       11:00 1st: Eunice DeLeon
                2nd: (Spanish) Ana Castro

Jan 27: 5:15 1st: Shirlese Hayes
                2nd: Leslie Gaffney

Jan 28: 9:00 1st: Tracy Hogland
                2nd: Bill Walton
       11:00 1st: Danny Barcelon
                2nd: (Spanish) Marco Pamatz

January Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Dec 30: 5:15 Shirlese Hayes, Mary Fahey, Frank and Bannie Lee

Dec 31: 9:00 Elizabeth and Harvey Weil, Ralph Andino, Rosalia St. Germain, Maria Leach, John Zimmerman
           11:00 Joseph Mangapot, Mariane Maristela, Jod’l Cruz, Jimmy DeLeon, Kevin Belton, Kat Tietgen

Jan 6: 5:15 Couples for Christ-FFL (4)

Jan 7: 9:00 Erika Myers, John Zimmerman, Elizabeth & Harvey Weil, Salvador Cariño, Nina Tolentino
       11:00 Joseph Mangapot, Jod’l Cruz, Francisco Jimenez, Numer Tamoro, Mariane Maristela, Cynthia Cruz

Jan 13: 5:15 Rosalia St. Germain, Julie Collins, Mary Fahey, Bannie Lee

Jan 14: 9:00 Rona & Rolly Yacob, Ralph Andino, Bill Walton, Melissa Benjamin, Betty Lorenz
       11:00 Marina Jimenez, Suzette Yturralde, Percy Barcelon, Danilo Barcelon, Jimmy DeLeon, Kat Tietgen

Jan 20: 5:15 Leslie Gaffney, Rachel & Lawrence Valdez, David Pott

Jan 21: 9:00 Maria Leach, Nelida Superticioso, Teri Urrutia, Julie Collins, Rosalia St. Germain, John Fahey
       11:00 Cynthia Cruz, Jod’l Cruz, Rose & Numer Tamoro, Bernie Borges, Suzette Yturralde

Jan 27: 5:15 Mary Weir, Bannie & Frank Lee, David Mezzera

Jan 28: 9:00 Virginia Zambrano, Salvador Cariño, Nina Tolentino, Erika Myers, Melissa Benjamin, Elizabeth Weil
       11:00 Joseph Mangapot, Francisco Jimenez, Percy Barcelon, Marina Jimenez, Kat Tietgen, Numer Tamoro

Monthly Cleaning Schedule January 2018

Jan. 5: Rona Yacob, Bannie & Frank Lee
Jan. 10: Teresa Vargas, Julie Collins, Esther Valentin
Jan. 17: Erika Myers, Perfecta Trining, Teresita Dumo
Jan. 25: Leng Cruz, Sonia Lumampao, Remy Moralde, Daisy Kalu, Nenita Goroza

Subs: Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Erika Myers.
Epiphany

Let’s set the record straight about Epiphany

The only Gospel that even mentions the visit we associate with the three kings is the Gospel according to Matthew.

The number of visitors is not specified in the Gospel – we only assume three because the Gospel mentions three gifts that are presented to the Child (gold, frankincense and myrrh) as you can see in the Nativity scene at the front of the church.

The Gospel actually does not refer to the visitors as “kings” or from the “Orient” – only that they were Magi (a priestly class of Persians with occult powers) or astrologers or wise men from the East. They are referred to in the plural and we just assume them to have been “Three Kings from the Orient” because of the Christmas song We Three Kings of Orient Are . . .

And their names? Of course, nothing is specified in the Gospel, but according to tradition – dating from a Greek story written in the 500s – they were given the names Gaspar, Balthazar and Melchior. Interesting, the three of them are mentioned by name at the beginning of the novel Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ written by Lew Wallace in 1880, on which the movie Ben Hur was based. The three are brought together in the desert after seeing a bright star shining over the region and take it as a sign to follow the star toward the province of Judea. And the movie continues from there.

The word “Epiphany” come from the Greek επιφάνεια (epiphaneia) meaning “manifestation,” signifying the Christ Child’s first appearance or manifestation to the Gentile world.

The reference above to the Nativity scene in the front of the church may not be totally accurate. It shows the three Magi approaching the stable to visit the Christ Child. But Matthew’s Gospel specifies no time interval between the birth and the visit. It may well have been up to two years later, which would make sense since Herod ordered all male children killed who were under 2 years old in the hopes of killing this new “King of the Jews.” Matthew’s visitation by the Magi indicates that they entered a house (not a stable) and paid homage to the infant Jesus. Later in the infancy narrative, we learn that Mary and Joseph take the baby to Egypt to avoid the killing of the Holy Innocents.
Pray for Our Sick

To add a loved one to our prayer list, e-mail to: holyfamily.amcan@gmail.com

Pray for the Men and Women Serving Our Country
Don Appel, Jorden Appel, Jenny Bartlett, Joseph Bloom-See, Brandon Bridges, George Buenaviaje, Scott Harris, Angelica Hinojosa, Jared Holmes, Jeremy Holmes, Josh Holmes, Chris Hurst, Jen James, Jerome Latona, Trevor Logan, Angela O'Brien, Chad Oliver, Christopher Oliver, Andrew Mariano, Kiara Mendiola (RIP), Christopher Paradeza, Jennifer Phillips Plante, Alwin Respicio, Alex Rubang Jr., Patricia Samson, Sebastian Zablan. To add a friend, family member or loved one to our military service list, please call Carol Harris at 310-4792 or e-mail her at: crlhar@aol.com

The 7 Deadly Sins
Yearly recognitions at the 7 Deadly Sins Awards Ceremony:

- Pride is beaming because he won “Best in Show.”
- Wrath is yelling angrily at the judges because of their decision.
- Sloth didn’t bother to show up.
- Greed was only after the cash prize.
- Lust was there just to impress the women.
- Envy is jealous because of Pride’s victory.
- Gluttony actually didn’t want first place - he always goes for seconds!

Paraphrased from a humorous cartoon penned by Tom Thaves

Memorial Candles
Memorial Candles found at the rear of the church are available as a tribute or remembrance. A perpetual candle could make a 2018 gift or could become a personal remembrance of a loved one. The initial cost is $250 which includes an engraved plaque. Contact the parish office during normal hours if you are interested in learning more.

Banns of Marriage
This is the third and final announcement of the pending marriage between Tanie Cabuyandao Lacerna and Penelope Ramos Modesto, which will take place next February in Cavite, Philippines. Blessings on the couple as they begin their new life together.
January Remembrances

Lots of religious celebrations in January! Besides Epiphany, let’s take a look at three other commemorations during this month...

- The Most Holy Name of Jesus is celebrated each year on January 3rd. This is in juxtaposition to Christmas where we read in Luke 2:21: “And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.” We honor the name of Jesus given to Him, not because there is any magic power hidden in the letters of His name, but because His name reminds us of the person of Jesus who lived on this earth and became our Savior.

Remember Jesus’s own words in John 16:23: “If you ask the Father anything in my name, He will give it to you.” The name of Jesus is powerful. St. Paul validates this when he writes to the Christian community in Philippi (Philippians 2:10): “That at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth.”

Let us say a special prayer to honor The Most Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd.

- The Baptism of Jesus is recalled each year on January 8th. This event is described in each of the three Synoptic Gospels (excluding John), and Gospel scholars are convinced (with a high degree of certitude) that this was an historic event. This is considered the beginning of the public life and ministry of the historical Jesus. Theologians place Jesus’ baptism as one of the five major milestones in His life (along with the Transfiguration, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection and the Ascension).

In the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary (added as a fourth Mystery by Saint John Paul the Great in 2002), the Baptism of Jesus is noted as the first mystery of this new set - along with the Wedding Feast at Cana, Jesus’ Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, the Transfiguration and the Institution of the Eucharist.

On January 8th, be sure to read one of the accounts of the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the Jordan River by Matthew, Mark or Luke.

- The Conversion of St. Paul the Disciple is celebrated each year on January 25th. This recognizes the event in the life of Saul who openly persecuted all Christians who were following in the teachings of Jesus around the years 33-36. Chapter 9 of the Acts of the Apostles gives an account of Saul’s journey from Jerusalem to Damascus (in current day Syria).

Saul felt he was doing the will of Yahweh in keeping with the tenets of the Jewish faith and putting down the new religious beliefs in the Resurrected Christ.

During the journey, Saul was knocked to the ground by a blinding light and the voice of Jesus spoke to him out of the heavens: “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” When Saul asked who belonged to the voice, the Lord responded, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do.”

When Saul got up from the ground, he had been blinded and could not see. For three days, he was blind; but a prophet named Ananias of Damascus laid hands on Saul and restored his eyesight. From that point on, Saul (who changed his name to Paul which is from the Latin paulus or small in importance), became a disciple of the new Christian religion, traveling to dozens of communities to spread the Good News of Jesus and writing multiple letters back to those communities to buoy up the faith of those peoples trying to follow the teachings of Jesus.


Another Remembrance in January

In addition to the religious celebrations occurring in January, don’t forget the special day set aside to honor the achievements of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The third Monday in January each year is designated as a federal holiday in his memory, falling close to his birthday of January 15th. This year, the 15th actually falls on a Monday, so we get to celebrate on the specific day of his birth.

King was the chief spokesman for nonviolent activism as a method to end racial segregation and discrimination in the 60s. He is well known for various peace marches such as the one from Selma to Montgomery to support the Bus Boycott and the 1963 March on Washington, D.C. King was credited with being instrumental in passing the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

He was duly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 four years before he was assassinated in Memphis on April 4, 1968. As a commemoration of MLK, you may want to read a copy of the manuscript of his “I Have a Dream” speech delivered on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963. You may also want to “Google” the MLK Memorial of the National Park Service and study its history, culture and quotations.
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