January : Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

Weekday Masses—Mon-Fri 8:00 am
Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 5:15pm
Sunday 9:00 am &11:00am (Bilingual)
Liturgy of the Hours, Morning Prayer
Mon-Fri 7:30 am
Parish Office: Monday — Thursday 10:00 am to Noon; 1:00 to 4:00 pm — Friday 9:30 am to Noon

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A New Beginning
Coming Soon, With Your Support and Prayers

Let’s Build It!
Father Fred’s Corner

1/01/2020

My Dear Family of God, We all together thank God for seeing us through the year. We are very grateful in all circumstances. I continue to pray for safety for every family in this coming year 2020. May all your dreams come true.

Our Construction is going well and I am happy about it. I continue to solicit your financial support to be able to do this. I have created a Facebook and Go-fundme pages. Please, encourage your families and friends to visit the sites and support us for this cause.

I join with many people and say, “On this New Year I wish that you have a superb January, a dazzling February, a Peaceful March, an anxiety free April, a sensational May, and Joy that keeps going from June to November, and then round off with an upbeat December.

Let’s keep supporting one another in any way that we can. Wishing God’s blessings on you all. Amen.

Fr. Frederick K.A. Kutubebi

Flock Notes: Upcoming Events

Dec 28/29 - Feast of the Holy Family Weekend.
Dec 31 - 8:00 pm Vigil Mass.
Jan 1 - 8:00 am Mary, Mother of God Solemnity
Jan 25 - Walk for Life in San Francisco. See your Rel. Ed. teacher or Deacon Victor
Jan 25 - Finance Council meets 9:00 am in parish office. All are invited.
Jan 29 - Confirmation parents’ meeting 7:00 pm at church
Feb 22 - Confirmation Retreat 8:00 am to 6:00 pm in Fairfield. See your teacher for details.
Feb 28 - First Reconciliation: 6:00 pm students, 7:00 pm adults.
Mar 25 - Confirmation practice 7:30 pm in church
Mar 29 - Confirmation 4:00 pm
Apr 29 - First Communion practice; details TBA
May - KC’s state convention in Sacramento
May 2 - First Communion 10:00 am
May 9 - First Communion 10:00 am
May 9 - KC’s dinner/dance party. Info to come.

The Holy Family 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!

Question for the Month of January

Get ready for the Feast of the Epiphany this month. Question for January: What are the names of the Three Kings who visited the Christ Child, according to the Gospel of Mark? For the answer, see page 6.

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 ___________________
January 1 & 2: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
January 3 & 4: 1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 98:1-4; John 1:19-28; Psalm 98:1-6; John 1:29-34
January 5: 1 John 3:7-10; Psalm 98:1, 7-9; John 1:35-42

January 6 & 7: 1 John 3:22-4:6; Psalm 2:7-10; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
January 8 & 9: 1 John 4:11-18; Psalm 72:1-2, 10-13; Mark 6:34-44
January 14 & 15: 1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149:1-6, 9; John 3:22-30

January 16 & 17: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Psalm 116:12-19; Mark 1:14-20
January 18 & 19: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-4; Mark 1:21-28
January 20 & 21: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Psalm 40:2, 5-10; Mark 1:29-39
January 22 & 23: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mark 1:40-45
January 24 & 25: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22; Psalm 89:16-19; Mark 2:1-12
January 26 & 27: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Psalm 21:2-7; Mark 2:13-17

January 28 & 29 (Feast of the Holy Family)
First: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14: Honor your mother and father.
Psalm 128: 1:5: Blessed are they who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.
Second: Colossians 3:12-21: You are God’s chosen one, holy and beloved.

January 30 & 31 (Epiphany of the Lord)
First: Isaiah 60:1-6: Light has come; the glory of the Lord shines on all.
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-13: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
Second: Ephesians 3:2-6: The mystery of God’s grace has been made known to me.
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12: The Magi followed the star, did homage to Jesus, and returned home.

January 1 (The Baptism of the Lord)
First: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7: I will send my servant, says the Lord, with whom I am pleased.
Psalm 29: 1-4, 9-10: The Lord will bless His people with peace.
Second: Acts 10:34-38: The Lord went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed.

January 2 & 3 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
First: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6: My God is my strength; I have been made glorious in the sight of the Lord.
Psalm 40: 2, 4, 7-10: Here am I Lord, I come to do your will.
Second: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3: Paul's writes to the Church of Corinth, sending them grace from God.
Gospel: John 1:29-34: John the Baptist continues to praise Jesus as the Lamb of God.

January 4 & 5 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
First: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7: I will send my servant, says the Lord, with whom I am pleased.
Psalm 29: 1-4, 9-10: The Lord will bless His people with peace.
Second: Acts 10:34-38: The Lord went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed.

January 6 & 7 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
First: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6: My God is my strength; I have been made glorious in the sight of the Lord.
Psalm 40: 2, 4, 7-10: Here am I Lord, I come to do your will.
Second: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3: Paul's writes to the Church of Corinth, sending them grace from God.
Gospel: John 1:29-34: John the Baptist continues to praise Jesus as the Lamb of God.

January 8 & 9 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
First: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6: My God is my strength; I have been made glorious in the sight of the Lord.
Psalm 40: 2, 4, 7-10: Here am I Lord, I come to do your will.
Second: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3: Paul's writes to the Church of Corinth, sending them grace from God.
Gospel: John 1:29-34: John the Baptist continues to praise Jesus as the Lamb of God.

January 10 & 11 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
First: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6: My God is my strength; I have been made glorious in the sight of the Lord.
Psalm 40: 2, 4, 7-10: Here am I Lord, I come to do your will.
Second: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3: Paul's writes to the Church of Corinth, sending them grace from God.
Gospel: John 1:29-34: John the Baptist continues to praise Jesus as the Lamb of God.

January 12 & 13 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
First: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6: My God is my strength; I have been made glorious in the sight of the Lord.
Psalm 40: 2, 4, 7-10: Here am I Lord, I come to do your will.
Second: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3: Paul's writes to the Church of Corinth, sending them grace from God.
Gospel: John 1:29-34: John the Baptist continues to praise Jesus as the Lamb of God.

January 14 & 15 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
First: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6: My God is my strength; I have been made glorious in the sight of the Lord.
Psalm 40: 2, 4, 7-10: Here am I Lord, I come to do your will.
Second: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3: Paul's writes to the Church of Corinth, sending them grace from God.
Gospel: John 1:29-34: John the Baptist continues to praise Jesus as the Lamb of God.

January 16 & 17 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
First: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6: My God is my strength; I have been made glorious in the sight of the Lord.
Psalm 40: 2, 4, 7-10: Here am I Lord, I come to do your will.
Second: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3: Paul's writes to the Church of Corinth, sending them grace from God.
Gospel: John 1:29-34: John the Baptist continues to praise Jesus as the Lamb of God.

January 18 & 19 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
First: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6: My God is my strength; I have been made glorious in the sight of the Lord.
Psalm 40: 2, 4, 7-10: Here am I Lord, I come to do your will.
Second: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3: Paul's writes to the Church of Corinth, sending them grace from God.
Gospel: John 1:29-34: John the Baptist continues to praise Jesus as the Lamb of God.

January 20 & 21 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
First: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6: My God is my strength; I have been made glorious in the sight of the Lord.
Psalm 40: 2, 4, 7-10: Here am I Lord, I come to do your will.
Second: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3: Paul's writes to the Church of Corinth, sending them grace from God.
Gospel: John 1:29-34: John the Baptist continues to praise Jesus as the Lamb of God.
**A BIG Thank You**

Six different churches - including Holy Family - plan and put on the annual Global Holiday Faire each December. The organizers wish to thank all those parishioners who helped to make this year’s Faire a success. From those who made chili for the lunch (Tom Scott and Joe Nabinski) to those who staffed tables, to those who ran the kitchen (Erika and Steve Myers), to the choir members who sang (Fran Fanelli who played and Steve Myers who directed), and of course to all those who attended. The faire raised over $15,000 to support sixteen different non-profit organizations this year, many of them local. Check out the Times-Herald article that reported on the faire which included photos of our own Mary Weir, Anne Fennessy, and choir members ===> https://www.timesheraldonline.com/2019/12/07/hundreds-pack-vallejo-church-support-nonprofits/#

**And Another Thank You**

This from our local council of Knights of Columbus: We would like to thank you for participating in our Casino Trip and Ornament fundraisers in December, helping to raise money for the church and our council. We look forward to you joining us for the next casino trip on February 29th (an easy date to remember!).

Wishing you a Happy and Blessed New Year in 2020!

**Monthly Accounting**

Donations and expenditures for November 19 thru December 20, 2019:

- Mass Collections: $15,700.00
- Construction Donations: $29,600.00
- Expenses: $48,700.00

**North Coast Catholic Article**

The following article, written by Philip Kosloski, appeared in the December issue of the North Coast Catholic, the Santa Rosa Diocesan newspaper. The article is titled “This Eucharistic miracle continues to draw pilgrims 770 years later.” You might find it of interest.

Catholics believe that the bread and wine at Mass are transformed into Jesus’ body, blood, soul and divinity. It is a mystery known as “transubstantiation,” which means that while the appearances of bread and wine remain, the underlying essence is changed (through the power of God) completely to the body and blood of Christ. It is a teaching based on scripture and tradition and has remained unchanged in its essence since apostolic times.

However, the Church recognizes that on rare occasions both the substance and the appearance is changed into Jesus’ body and blood. These are identified as “Eucharistic miracles,” and testify to the words Jesus gave to His disciples at the Last Supper (“This is my body”).

One such miracle occurred in Santarem, Portugal, in 1247, when a young woman, jealous of her husband, went to a sorceress in hopes of making a love potion. The sorceress instructed the young woman to obtain a consecrated host from a Catholic Church. The young woman followed the instructions and hid the host in a veil that covered her head.

Shortly after, the host began to bleed. She was frightened by what she saw and quickly shut the host in a wooden trunk in her bedroom. At night, brilliant rays of light came from the trunk and she was forced to tell her husband everything. The next day she brought the miraculous host to the parish priest, who enshrined the bleeding host in a reliquary.

Over the centuries the host has appeared like fresh bloody tissue or has dried up and hardened. Solidified blood from the miracle is kept in a glass vial at the Shrine in Santarem above the main altar. It is a sign for all of Jesus’ real presence in the Eucharistic host and has reinvigorated the faith of many Catholics around the world.
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**Weekly Events**

- **New Year's Eve Vigil Mass**
- **New Year's Day Mass**
- **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of Jesus**
- **Novena Devotions to Honor Our Lady of Perpetual Help**
- **Men's Club Meeting**
- **Choir Practice**

**Monthly Events**

- **Feast of the Epiphany**
- **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**
- **Second Collection for the Church in Latin America**
- **Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion Mass**
- **Liturgy Committee Meeting**
- **Finance Council Meeting**
- **Annual Walk for Life Rally**

**Office Hours**

- Monday - Thursday: 10:00 AM - Noon, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Friday: 9:30 AM - Noon, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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**Holy Family Catholic Parish**

707.645.9331
**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 for your date.

**Jan Eucharistic Minister Schedule**

If you are unable to fulfill an assignment, please switch with another EM ahead of time and make a note of the change on the posted schedule in the back of the church.

**Dec 28**: 5:15 Mary Weir, Rachel & Lawrence Valdez, Bannie & Frank Lee, David Mezzera

**Dec 29**: 9:00 Nina Tolentino, Rona & Rolly Yacob, Kevin Kain, Norma Flores, Ralph Andino

11:00 Kat Teitgen, Rose & Numer Tamoro, Jimmy De Leon, Percy Barcelon, Danny Barcelon

**Jan 4**: 5:15 Missionary Families of Christ (6)

**Jan 5**: 9:00 Erika Myers, John Zimmerman, Harvey & Elizabeth Weil, Salvador Carino, Nina Tolentino

11:00 Francisco Jimenez, Jodi’l Cruz, Marnel Yturralde, Suzette Yturralde, Danilo Barcelon, Percy Barcelon

**Jan 11**: 5:15 Knights of Columbus (6)

**Jan 12**: 9:00 Rona & Rolly Yacob, Ralph Andino, Kevin Kain, Betty Lorenz, Maria Leach

11:00 Percy Barcelon, Bernie Borges, Kat Teitgen, Numer & Rose Tamoro, Cynthia Cruz

**Jan 18**: 5:15 Carol Strausborger, David Pott, Frank & Bannie Lee, Shirlese Hayes, Leslie Gaffney

**Jan 19**: 9:00 Virginia Zambrano, Nina Tolentino, John Fahey, Norma Flores, Rosalia St. Germain, Bill Walton

11:00 Kat Teitgen, Jodi’l Cruz, Bernie Borges, Marina Maldonado, Francisco Jimenez, Jimmy DeLeon

**Jan 25**: 5:15 Rachel & Lawrence Valdez, Mary Weir, Sonia Lumampao, David Pott, David Mezzera

**Jan 26**: 9:00 Ralph Andino, Betty Lorenz, Elizabeth & Harvey Weil, Erika Myers, John Zimmerman

11:00 Marnel Yturralde, Suzette Yturralde, Danilo Barcelon, Percy Barcelon, Rose & Numer

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**Monthly Cleaning Schedule January 2020**

Jan. 2: Ana Castro Group, Angelica Castro, Maria Mosqueda

Jan. 10: Rona Yacob, Bannie & Frank Lee, Maria Teresa Leach

Jan. 15: Teresa Vargas, Julie Collins, Esther Valentín

Jan. 22: Erika Myers, Perfecta Trining, Teresita Dumo, Bill Walton

Jan. 30: Sonia Lumampao, Meriam Walton, Daisy Kalu, Nenita Goroza, Letty Elayda

Sub: Melissa Benjamin (679-8140) Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Erika Myers. @ 707-554-0422.
January Quiz Answer about Epiphany

This was really a trick question! For starters, the Gospel of Mark makes no mention of the birth of Jesus (as do the Gospels of Matthew and Luke) but begins with the public ministry of Jesus and His baptism by John. And while Luke does narrate the birth of Jesus and includes the visitation by the shepherds, there is no mention of visitors from the East.

Only Matthew’s Gospel (following the birth narrative without mention of the shepherds) recounts the visitation by visitors from the East who have followed the star and are searching for the Messiah, the new king of the Jews. We celebrate this visitation this year on the first weekend in January, the feast of the Epiphany (from the Greek epiphaneia for appearance or manifestation). Depending on the translation used, these visitors are referred to as Magi, astrologers, wise men or pilgrims from the east. But NEVER are they referred to as “Kings” (in deference to John H. Hopkins, Jr. who wrote the hymn We Three Kings in the 1880s). So Matthew does not refer to them as kings and does not specify that there were three visitors. We assume such a number since Matthew illustrates that they offered three gifts to the Christ Child (gold, frankincense and myrrh), and of course, we traditionally place three figures in our Nativity scenes along with their gifts.

Early Christian art has been found that depict two, three or four visitors paying homage to Jesus, and the Eastern Orthodox tradition puts the number at twelve. The Cathedral of Cologne displays a large reliquary that legend says contains the human remains of the Magi and a nearby bas-relief shows four such wise men on their journey.

But now, what about their names? No mention in Matthew - not even close! But interestingly enough, Christian tradition has placed names on the visitors, assuming the number to be three. These names apparently come from story told in manuscript form, written in Greek in Alexandria, Egypt, around 500, and translated into Latin soon afterward. In this story, one is named Balthasar, identified as a king of Arabia, another is named Melchior, identified as a king of Persia, and the third is named Kaspar, identified as a king of India. Again, this is merely legendary and not scripturally based.

These three characters were incorporated into an American opera written by Gian Carlo Menotti and first performed in 1951 titled Amahl and the Night Visitors. In the production, Amahl and his mother live somewhere on the route taken by the “Three Kings.” They knock at the door and tell Amahl that they are on a journey to give gifts to a wondrous child and need to rest along the way. When the mother goes to fetch wood to build a warming fire, Amahl talks to them and learns they are kings and discovers their names (Balthasar, Melchior and Kaspar! - sound familiar?). Amal explains that he wishes to give a gift to the child also, but since he is so poor, the only thing he has to offer is his crutch which, as a cripple, he dearly needs. In the play, Amahl is miraculously healed and is able to begin walking without the crutch. His mother gives him permission to travel with the three kings in order to give his gift directly to the child.

In many countries around the world, tradition has it that the Three Wise Men go through the villages on the night before Epiphany, leaving goodies in the shoes of children who leave them outside their doors. Similar to the tradition of Santa, children leave water, milk and cookies out for the three kings and their camels to eat and drink as they journey along to visit houses.

Happy Epiphany!
**Pray for Our Sick**

Merlie Abran, Nicholas Arenas, Rosalina Alba, Isaías Bautista, Lita Bautista, Milan Bautista, Joan Bennett, Janet Birkholz, Josephina Botello, Enrique Campos, Milena Cancilla, Deacon Chuck Cancilla, Virgilita Castillo, Tony Castor, Fe Celones, William Chua, Richard Corona, José & Esther Corpuz, Charito Dela Cueva, Toni Durante, Zachery Fahey, Lino Fernandez, Douglas Fong, Gino Grundy, Aurora Guiriba, Tess Guison, Elmo Irish, Dahlia Johnson, Dae Hee Kim, Pacita Lacerna, Gene Lacson, Francisca Lagiosa, Geraldo Lagua, Rosalyn Mendoza, Elma Mercado, Lita & Ernie Morales, Steve Myers, Antonio Neria, Azucena Neria, Ildefonso Neria, Jaime Neria, Judy Ong, Dorothy Pendergast, Leah Pereira, Candy Peterson, Earline Poirer, Araceli Rodrigues, Benjamin Rufo, Ariel Ruiz, Juan Salas, Ruben San Pedro, Amy San Pedro, Pacita Sarabia, Carmen Scott, Tom Scott, Joyce Shields, Kathleen Silva, Ann Simmons, Sylvia Sistena, Jesselee Inacay Superticioso, Edwin Tichangco, the Vega Family, Pacita Villaluz, Vilma Wakin, Brenda Wheeler, Chet Wilkerson, Rolly Yacob, Raymond Young, Cheryl Zimmerman, John Zimmerman. To add a loved one to our prayer list or to remove someone, e-mail: holyfamily.amcan@gmail.com

**Pray for the Men and Women Serving Our Country**

Don Appel, Jorden Appel, Jenny Bartlett, Joseph Bloom-See, Alexander Bombita, Brandon Bridges, George Buenviaje, 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

**As we celebrate Epiphany . . .**

Which is your favorite Epiphany cartoon??