



FROM OUR HOLY FATHER

Dear brothers and sisters: In this holy season of Christmas, we celebrate the birthday of Jesus, who is God's gift to us, our Saviour and the Light of the world. Without Jesus, there is no Christmas! Our traditional celebrations express our joy that God's light shines in a world darkened by sin and injustice. Like the shepherds of Bethlehem, we too are called to seek and find Jesus, who comes to us in hiddenness and poverty. Sadly, despite the coming of the light many prefer to live in darkness. Yet those who receive the gift of Jesus come to know God's saving grace and the promise of a new life, based no longer on selfishness but on self-giving love. Our tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is ultimately a sign of our gratitude for the gift of Jesus and our desire to share him with others. Christmas reminds us that God's plan intersects with our history, and opens the way to a better future, a new world. This Christmas, may Jesus be born anew in each of us, so that by our lives, he may be a gift of salvation for all, especially the poor and those of our brothers and sisters who are most in need.

General Audience 12/27/17

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

New Year's Day - Holy Mary Mother of God
Monday Jan. 1, 2018
 9:00am Mass at St. Joseph's
 11:00am Mass at All Saints



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general

breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families.

From "With Christ Through the Year." - Rev. Bernard Strasser, O.S.B.

Next Saturday, January 6th, Mass will be at 10:00am at All Saints for Gregory Volpi.

FIRST FRIDAY—FIRST SATURDAY



First Friday—January 5th
First Saturday—January 6th
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!



RELIGIOUS FORMATION AND STUDY GROUPS



Religious Education—Children & Teens

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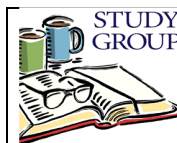


Year Round Sunday Scripture Preparation



Are you understanding what God is telling you in the Sunday scripture readings? Sometimes when we hear the readings at Mass out of context, they are hard to understand. Come join your fellow parishioners and read the readings before going to Mass. There are two times available, Monday mornings at 11:00 am in the hall behind St. Joseph's Church and Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 pm in Cottage #3 at All Saints Church. Everyone is welcome drop-in whenever they can to either session.

For more information on the Adult RCIA Inquiry classes or Sunday Scripture Preparation groups, please contact Mary Leamy at 586-9351.



Monday Study Group.

Meets on Monday 5:30—7:00pm. Study group based on Scott Hahn's Studies: St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology www.stpaulcenter.com. Current Study: *The Lamb's Supper—The Mass as Heaven on Earth* Contact Dan Garcia (209) 840-2644.

The Christmas Season embraces the Epiphany of the Lord, (January 7th) and finishes Monday, (January 8th) with the Baptism of the Lord. May the awareness of these holy days keep in our minds the Lord's presence throughout the coming year.



We will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with a luncheon after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, January 7th. Bring side dishes and desserts to share on this joyful occasion. We will have an opportunity to welcome Fr. Jeff Wilson and wish Fr. John well.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

2018 West Coast Walk for Life
January 27, 2018

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THE HOLY FATHERS' INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2017

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Weekly—To end abortion.

PARISH GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Pastoral Care Givers—Monday at 9:00am in the All Saints' Parish Hall

Parish Pantry—1st, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Tuesdays, 10am to Noon. **ATCAA Food Bank—**3rd Tuesday 10:00—Noon. Both are located in Cottage #3 at All Saints' Church.

All Saints' Ladies Guild - Meets every other month on the 3rd Tuesday at 9:30am in the Parish Hall.

Choir Practice—Tuesdays at 5:00pm at All Saints.

Order of Franciscan Seculars / Blessed Giles of Assisi—First Saturdays at 10:30am at All Saints' Church.

St. Joseph's Guild general monthly meeting—First Sunday after Mass at St. Joseph's Church.

St. Joseph's Coffee Sundays—Third Sunday of the month.

Turning Point Fellowship of AA meets Tues., 7:00pm in Cottage #4.

Keep it Simple Group of NA meets Wed., 6:30pm in Cottage #4.

~WEEKEND MASSES~

Saturday	5:30pm Vigil	All Saints
Sunday	9:00am	St. Joseph's
Sunday	11:00am	All Saints

~WEEK DAY MASSES~

Monday – Thursday	8:30am	All Saints
Friday	8:30am	St Joseph's

First Friday-8:30am	St. Joseph's
First Saturday 8:30am	All Saints

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:45 - 5:15pm at All Saints
 Sunday: 7:45am at St Joseph
 1st Saturdays following 8:30am Mass at All Saints

Office Hours: Monday -- Friday ~ 9:00am to 4:00pm
 Phone 586-3161, Fax—586-3161

To arrange a visit for shut-in members of our community, please contact the Parish office.

Marriages & Baptisms by appointment—6 months notice for marriage

Contact the Diocesan Respect Life Office at 1-800-396-8777 and **Foothill Pregnancy Center at** 536-9262 for support before and after childbirth.

Project Rachel –1-800-396-8777 offers grief counseling and retreats for the loss of unborn children

Pray for the repose of the souls of the following:

Recently Deceased: Paula Melendez, George Morrison, Catherine Lemonnier Branch, Betty Romero, Herbert DeGrazia, Fr. Jairo Ramirez, Rose Steeley.

December Anniversaries: Roberta Hasemeier, Alphonse Bonales, Carlos Alomia, William Odgers, Maurice Notch, Theo Jansen, Dorothy Terzani, Mary Guidici, Flora Lamarra, Sue Noonan, Frank Distefino, Charles Harden, Bill Williams, Zelda Davis, Chuck Cuppet, Caroline O'Brien, Aurea Dunleavy, Douglas Rodgers, John Evans, Betty (Sandy) Buck, Ed & Della Noia, Bob Weseloh, Bernie Retchless, Art Sobrero, Jamie Neathery, Mark Nickel, Margaret Hart, Lola Newman, Jim Gisi, Muriel Joseph, Vera Kasher, Helen Kohl, Warren Sheppard, Pert Allen, Margaret Tello, Bapty Guidici, Don Fritz, Betty Lueder, Ken Laverone, Sr, Edie Adams., Dolores Orza, Connie Leonard, Don Brenon, Fr. Tony Chacko, Rose Blevins; Christina Payne, Harvey Wagner.

Pray for in Memoriam: Fr. George Lacey, Msgr. Thomas Hayes, Fr. Eshai Joseph, Fr. E. Donohoe, Dcn. Eddie Zoma, Don & Trudy Brenon.

If a name needs to be removed from "Pray for the Living", please contact the Parish office.

Pray for the Living: Tony Becker, Patricia Martin, Mary Mazotti, Pat Raven, Arlen Richardson, Kylie Richardson, Celia Romanski, Rosette Rumberger, Tim Schmidt, Gary Schneider, Marsha Tate, Alex Thomas, Susan Williams, Val Wynn, Walter Parsons, Melissa Mendez, Lois McLain, Leon Heinen, Christine Lamasney, Barbara Villaseñor, Mike Costa, Nancy Smith, Jessie Lee, Susan Sutton, Ricki Graham, Aggie Morrison, Lori Zimmanck, Alice Burdick, Josh Roun, Haley Karels, Chris Karels, Monica Scarborough, the Lawrence twins, Kelly Cheveres, Greg Hendrickson, Joseph Murtagh, Sally Scott, Carla Walker, Theresa Haire, Gloria Escallier, Michael Turner, Tom Archer, Lila Connant, Mary Henderson Controis, Karl Vargas, Tara Ingalls-Thompson, Charlie Hyde, Nicole Lemos, Pat Johnson, Bill Ruiz, Cathi Ruiz, Jeanine Cornett, Mark Cimoli, Linda Seymour, Jerry MacNitt, Joe Freitas, Kathy Casas, Barbara Gleason, Mike Snyder, Dekker Plummer, Mike Schirmer, Phyllis DeHerrera, Trudy and Patrick Franco, Lucy Cisneros, Linda Snyder, Maria Johnson, Patricia Spruner.