

St. Anne Catholic Parish

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Solemnity of the Epiphany January 3, 2016

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Parish Mission

We, the St. Anne Catholic Community, a transformed body of Christ with many parts, empowered by the Holy Spirit, will proclaim and spread the word of God:

- by creating an environment that welcomes all;
- by being faithful stewards of our time, talent and treasure;
- by celebrating God's love committed to giving food to the hungry, water to the thirsty,
- clothing to the naked, shelter to the homeless and
- by being the sign of unity and peace in the kingdom of God.

Liturgical/Sacramental Information

***Sacrament of Matrimony**

By appointment. Call Rectory at least 6 months ahead. Do not set any specific date without conferring with the Priest.

***Christian Funeral**

Should be arranged by Family, Church and Mortuary. Normal Christian Burial consists of Vigil Service, Holy Mass and Burial in a Catholic Cemetery. Any other arrangements should FIRST be discussed with Parish Priests.

***Sacrament of Baptism**

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Holy Mass Schedule

Weekdays	8:00 am
Saturdays	8:00 am 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)
Sundays	8:00 and 10:00 am 12:00 and 6:00 pm
First Fridays	8:00 am and 7:30 pm
Confessions	Saturdays @ 3:30 pm

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*



LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES

“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.

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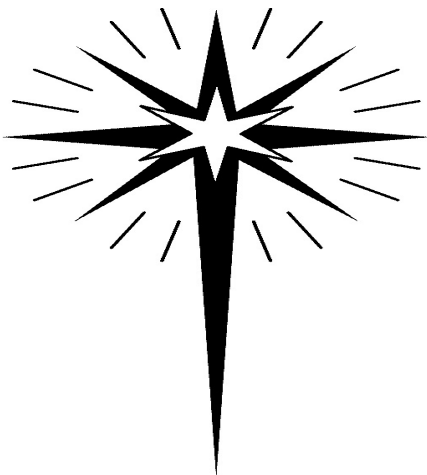
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious grafitti scratched in chalk over some doorways:

“20 + C + M + B + 16.” The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for “May Christ bless this house.” The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names.

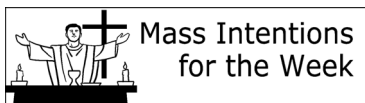
The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi’s. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi’s quest for meaning and peace.

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Mass Intentions
for the Week

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January 2, 2016 - January 9, 2016

Saturday, January 2

5:00 pm + Roy Yap

Sunday, January 3

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Linda Avecilla

10:00 am Angelina Duya

12:00 pm For the People

6:00 pm + Arturo Macapagal

Monday, January 4

8:00 am + Noemi Gragasin, Sr.

Tuesday, January 5

8:00 am + Lurio Feria

Wednesday, January 6

8:00 am + Luisa & Juan Mendoza

Thursday, January 7

8:00 am + Guillerma Pacso

Friday, January 8

10:00 am + Cathy Staib

Saturday, January 9

8:00 am + Amparo Reyes

5:00 pm Spe.Int. - Ging Paquia



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Please pray for the sick...

Sista Agoot, Manuel Abad, Vincente Angeles, Ping Balingit, Sean Bocato, Wilma Canio, Ed Carlos, Jesus Carpio, Juanita Castro, Jem Catapang, Delia Cera, Mary Cipriano, Jerry Davis, Chito Chavez, Devon De Vera, David Fournell, Victor Franco, Robert Giovanni, Maria Gomez, Erlinda Hernandez, Maria Hocke, Gualberto Marchan, Jose Mendoza, Cora Paisy, Federico Quizon, Alfredo Reyes, Ernesto Reyes, Gwen Rezendes, Sr. Felix Rivas, Adoree Rivera, Joseph Albert Sison, Marlise Schwedhelm, Cristina Tambunting, Jane Valentin, Lydia Villacorta.

All names will be removed at the end of each month.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD NAMES AND GIVE A CONTACT PHONE NUMBER SO OUR MINISTRY CAN FOLLOW-UP.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

MERCY CORNER

"Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Matthew 9:13

"We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it."

Pope Francis, *The Face of Mercy*, (No. 2), 2015

For further study and reflection:

Book: *The Church of Mercy: A Vision for the Church*, Pope Francis

Website: <http://jubileeofmercy-eb.org>, Diocese of Oakland Jubilee of Mercy website

App: *365 Days to Mercy*, from Our Sunday Visitor (download at www.osv.com)



St. Anne Youth Ministry

St. Anne Youth Ministry is on Christmas break. Our next meeting will be in the New Year on January 11, 2016!

St. Anne Confirmation Retreat

St. Anne Confirmation Candidates and staff had a wonderful retreat and are now on Christmas break. Our next Confirmation gathering will be on Sunday, January 10, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

R.C.I.A.

Are you an adult who is interested in being baptized Catholic?

— was baptized in another Christian tradition and would like to explore what being Catholic is all about?

— was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

If you answered yes to any of the above, please consider joining our ongoing Inquiry sessions for chance to ask questions, learn more about us and about the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, the process by which adults join the Church. No commitment required. For more information, call the parish office at 510-471-7766

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
- Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Tuesday: St. John Neumann
- Wednesday: St. André Bessette
- Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas

LITTLE MINUTES

Little drops of water, little grains of sand,
make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land;
so the little minutes, humble though they be,
make the mighty ages of eternity.

—Julia A. Fletcher Carney

**ST. ANNE SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION
(GRADES 1- 8)**

A JOYFUL NEW YEAR 2016 to all and Welcome back to CCD! All Faith Formation classes resume this week of January 4.

COMMUNION PREPARATION (CP)

For 123 students who are in their first year of Formation and attend Monday classes....

Returning to Love – Our children preparing for First Reconciliation will be learning about contrition and God’s forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us join these children in spirit by praying and thinking about ways in which we all are called to sincere sorrow for our sins and to God’s forgiveness through this sacrament of healing and mercy.

CCD MASS (5:00 PM SATURDAY VIGIL every Second Sunday of the month): Our monthly celebration of CCD mass is on Saturday, JANUARY 9. We would like to invite all CCD students, catechists and their families to attend. A gentle Reminder to Catechists, Students & Parents who have volunteered to participate in the CCD Mass, please arrive 30 minutes before Mass for final instructions.

DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL

The Daughters of St. Paul, women religious who communicate Christ using all forms of media, will be present at our Parish after all the Masses on the weekend of January 9-10, 2016.

The Sisters have a wide variety of Bibles, books, movies, music, rosaries and other gifts, for both children and adults. They have something for the whole family! Let this be the opportunity to grow in your faith and nourish yourself with good media. Credit Cards accepted.



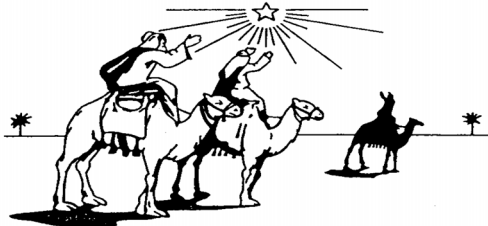
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Sunday, January 3, 2016

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

<u>Sunday, December 20, 2015</u>	\$14,050.70
On-line Giving	\$ 1,121.08
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	\$ 171.78



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**JOIN THE ST. ANNE DELEGATION TO THE
2016 WALK FOR LIFE, WEST COAST**
Because every life matters, from its conception.

On January 23, St. Anne will once again join the Walk for Life, West Coast in San Francisco to peaceably protest abortion, walking through San Francisco every year on or near January 22, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. This is part of our faith action observing our Mercy focus for January during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. This yearly event is held to change the perceptions of a society that thinks abortion is an answer. Abortion does violence to women and to their children, both physically and emotionally. We deserve better than abortion. Our St. Anne contingency, led by the Knights of Columbus and co-led this year by the Social Justice/Respect Life Ministry will once again join the Walk for Life to be a vocal and visual message that we stand for life, to reach out to women harmed by abortion and to inform society of the damage done to women by abortion.

Our Knights of Columbus will charter buses to take and return participants from St. Anne to this 12th year Walk for Life. The day will start with a Holy Mass and Blessing at 8:00 a.m. This event begins at 11:00 a.m. in San Francisco. If you are interested in participating in this walk and would like to reserve a seat in one of the Charter buses, please sign up at the end of all Masses on the weekends of Dec. 26/27, January 2/3 and January 9/10 with a \$15 transportation fee per person. You may also sign up and drop off your Walk for Life transportation fee at the Church office. You may also contact GK Sen Reyes, Len Magers, or Debbie Nunes through the church office, (510) 471-7766. Seats are limited and we will not take any more sign-ups after January 10. It's not just a walk—it's a whole celebration for a living cause!

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, January 4

8:00 am - MASS, CH

9:00 am - Legion of Mary, CR #102

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106

6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CH

Tuesday, January 5

8:00 am - MASS, CH

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106

7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #105

7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

Wednesday, January 6

8:00 am - MASS, CH

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, SH

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

7:00 pm - Perpetual Help, CH

7:15pm - Boy Scouts, CR #104

7:30 pm - Adult Formation, CR #106

Thursday, January 7

8:00 am - MASS, CH

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106

5:00 pm - Faith Based Committee, SH

7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

Friday, January 8

8:00 am - MASS, CH

7:00 pm - Baptism Class, CH

Saturday, January 9

8:00 am & 5:00 pm - MASS, CH

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #104, 105, 106

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #103

Sunday, January 10

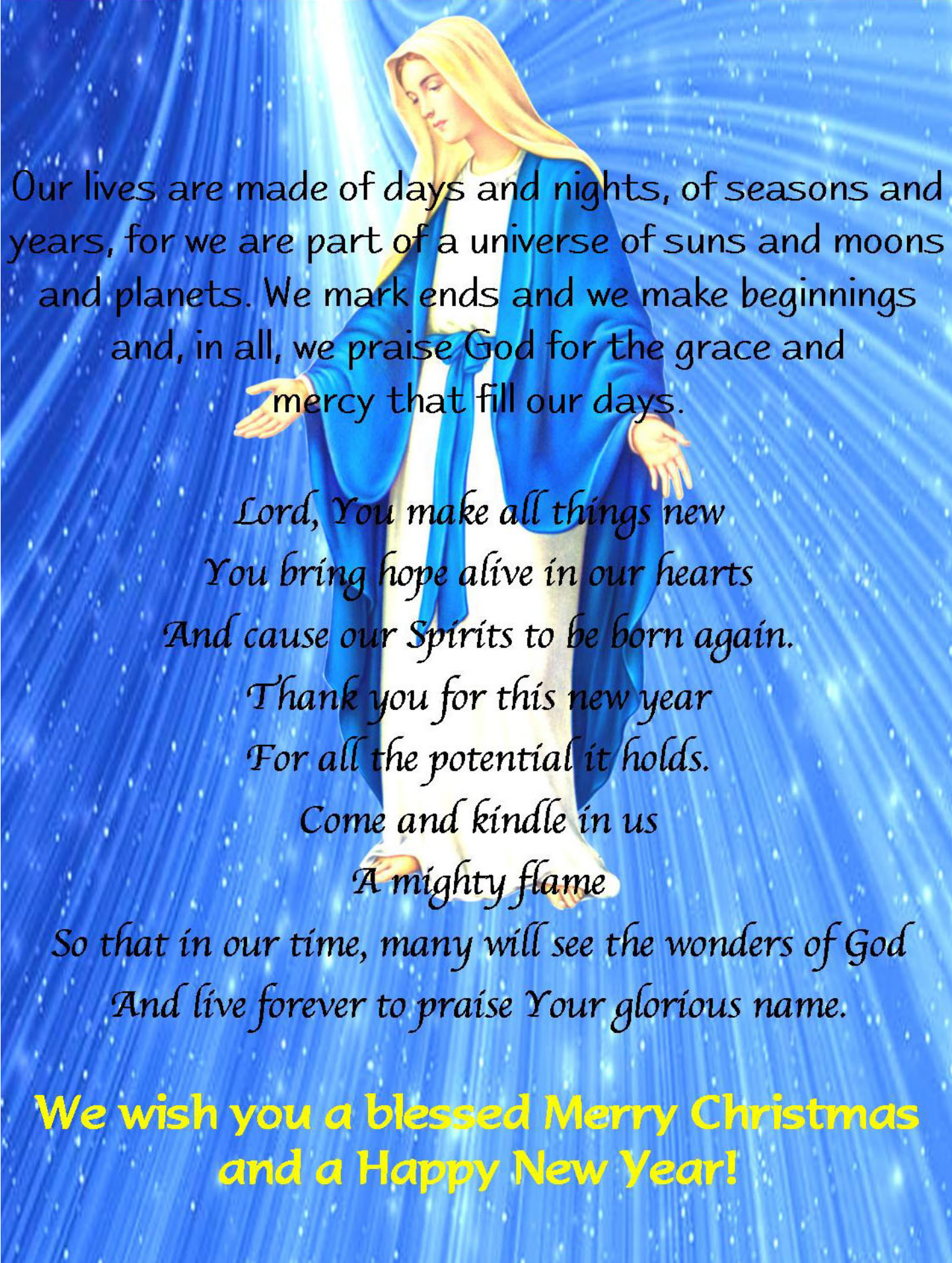
8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 6:00 pm- MASS, CH

3:00 pm - Confirmation Classes, ALL FACILITIES

7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

All 2016 schedules for the use of the parish facilities need to be in the parish office ASAP. The office staff does not automatically schedule for the new year unless we have a written schedule from the parish ministries and organizations. Thank you!



Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years, for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets. We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.

*Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.*

*Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.*

*Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame*

*So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.*

**We wish you a blessed Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!**