



## The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2018

All kings shall  
pay him homage,  
all nations shall  
serve him.

— Psalm 72:11

### GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38  
or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20;  
1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17  
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

**Prayer Requests:** Sergio, Gary, Teresa Kooi, Pat Kampmann, Pete, Thomas Tolar, Susan Brown, Felicia Gonzalez, Holly White, Kathleen, Jamie Silva, Lorri McCamen, Sarah, Clifford James, Terri Andrews, Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Mary Anne Parque, Dorothy Komarek Denton, Steve, Sr. Marjorie Krusky, Barbara, Kathy Higgins, Dave Creeth, Sheila & Art Hansen, Jim Pearson, Ronald Porter, Annie Tobin, Darren and Michael, William, Parson Pfsorich, Dave, Mary O'Donnell, Bill Zandoski, Papke family, Mary Karp, Randy Tonelli, Daniel

## Finance Corner:

## Weekly Offering



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Your generosity is greatly  
needed and appreciated!

For the month of **January** offerings:

12/31: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$3089 . Rural Food: \$4693.

1/7: Operating Expenses. 1/14: Church in Latin Amer./Central/East Europe.

### Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

**Parish Council:** Tues., 1/30/18, at 10:00 AM in Hall

**Finance Council:** Mon., 2/26/18, at 11:00 AM in Hall

**Liturgy Committee:** Wed., 1/31/18, at 10:00 AM in Hall

**St. Teresa Ladies Guild:** Contact Diane, 823-6044

**St. Philip Ladies Guild:** Contact Susan, 829-1189

**Every Friday, Centering Prayer:** 9:30 AM at St Philip

**Coffee & Goodies:** Following 8 AM Sunday Mass and  
Monday/Wednesday after 9 AM Mass, at St Philip Hall

**Mondays & Wednesdays-Seniors Lunch at 12noon:**

All seniors welcome! (No lunch Monday before 2nd Tuesday of month)



### ✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule

Sat., Jan. 6, 5pm Mass for the People ✠ Brendan Smith  
Sun., Jan. 7, 8am Mass ✠ Randy Tonelli  
Sun., Jan. 7, 9:30am Mass for the People  
Sun., Jan. 7, 11:15am Mass ✠ Roger Mast  
Mon., Jan. 8, 9am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer  
Tues., Jan. 9, 9am Mass Msgr. Hynes  
Wed., Jan. 10, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo  
Thurs., Jan. 11, 9am Communion Service?  
Fri., Jan. 12, 9am Communion Service  
Fri., Jan. 12, 1pm Memorial Mass for Al Gerhardt ✠ Occidental  
Sat., Jan. 13, 5pm Mass for the People ✠ Brendan Smith  
Sun., Jan. 14, 8am Mass ✠ Ron Schultz  
Sun., Jan. 14, 9:30am Mass for the Poor Souls  
Sun., Jan. 14, 11:15am Mass ✠ Alice Trayle

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
Monday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God;  
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord;  
World Day of Prayer for Peace  
Tuesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen  
Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Friday: St. John Neumann; First Friday  
Saturday: St. André Bessette; First Saturday



### EASTERN STAR

Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run  
Before the sages, to the rising Sun,  
Here cease thy course, and wonder that the cloud  
Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud.

—Sir John Beaumont

### Pope Francis Tweet

"In the simplicity of the nativity scene we encounter and  
contemplate the tenderness of God which reveals itself in  
the Baby Jesus."

### Training for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors:

All Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for both churches are asked to mark their calendars for training sessions in the New Year. The session for Eucharistic Ministers will be on Saturday, February 10, from 10am to Noon at St. Teresa's. The session for Lectors will be on Saturday, February 24, from 10am to Noon at St. Philip's. The sessions will be for current ministers and those who would be interested in joining these ministries. If you are interested in joining one of these ministries in our parish, especially if you were involved in another parish, please contact Father Fergal by email at [fmcguinness@srdiocese.org](mailto:fmcguinness@srdiocese.org).

### RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for DECEMBER 2017



On December 12 we welcomed 144 families representing 211 adults, 87 children and 40 seniors for a total of 338 people receiving nutritional support. This program is funded through the Rural Food Collection on the last Sunday of each month as well as through private donations and the generous support of our volunteers.

**Once again in December the Rural Food distribution served 10% more clients than the same time last year. Thanks to the many volunteers who came to set set-up and distribute food to our clients. The spirit of caring and commitment is a blessing for our clients. We could not carry out this ministry without the financial support of the parishioners of St. Philip and St. Teresa and other faithful donors. In 2018, we begin our 31<sup>st</sup> year of service—may God bless us with the strength and resources to serve our sisters and brothers in need for many years.**

Please continue to collect paper grocery bags, especially with handles, and egg cartons. We are looking into biodegradable produce bags and recyclable grocery bags for our clients.

#### RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Saturday, January 6**, from 9-10:00 am repackaging -- Parish Hall  
**Monday, January 8**, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall  
**Tuesday, January 9**, from 8:30 – 11:00am to distribute the food and assist clients.

**Exclusive Limited Print of Ansel Adam's original picture of St. Teresa Church from 1953:** All proceeds will support needed restoration of St. Teresa of Avila Mission. A limited number of prints have been printed from Ansel's original negative. Each reprint is individually numbered. Prints are available for a tax deductible donation of \$175. Please contact restoration committee members for your own limited print: Peg 707-867-6073 or Bob 707-875-9148.

**Your New Offertory Envelopes** for January & February should have arrived, and the next batch every two months. Using envelopes is the only way we can track your donations for tax purposes. [The Internal Revenue Service requires us to keep exact records if you wish proof of your donations for tax purposes.] Don't have a number yet or don't know it? Then please contact the parish office for help: 874-3812.

**Many Thanks** to all those crews who worked on the outdoor landscaping, lighting, and indoor decorating at St. Teresa and St. Philip, helping our churches and hall look beautiful for the Christmas Season. We thank you for sharing your time, treasure, and talent.

**Happy New Year!**

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### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



**Parish Notes:** The Endowment Account with Christian Brothers Financial Services of San Francisco for the benefit of our parish of St. Philip/St Teresa provides a financial resource for this parish that will last forever. Contact Fr. Fergal McGuinness, Pastor, to discuss further: 874-3812 or [fmcguinness@srdiocese.org](mailto:fmcguinness@srdiocese.org)

## CELEBRATE 2018

...just a few weeks away.

Some very unique auction items will be available at the event. They include:

- +Many, many magnums of great local wine
- +Guatemalan handmade clothing, jewelry and cloth
- +A wine and cheese party for twenty
- +Gourmet Firehouse Dinner, ride on a fire truck and MORE!
- +A weekend in Gualala or Half Moon Bay
- +Union Hotel dinner for twenty

**CELEBRATE**--January 28, 2018--from 4pm to 8pm at the Union Hotel

Contact any committee member for additional information:  
Cathy McCool 861-9302, Mary Briggs 827-3471, Pat Pettibone 875-8826, Diane Benson 823-5460, Mary Griffith 225-2546, Susan Small 829-1189, Jane Vitale 526-6856, Barbara Gonnella 874-3390.

Tickets are \$90 (50% to help fire victims) and available during office hours (MTWTHF 9:30am-12:30pm) at the parish office. Call 874-3812 to arrange for ticket payment and pick-up.

**Please be mindful** of others during the cold & flu season. If you are sick, please refrain from holding hands during the Our Father/kiss of peace and from receiving the CUP during communion. You are welcome to receive communion. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Get well soon!

