



**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2020**

They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
— Matthew 2:11b

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.
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**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON (1774-1821)
January 4**

Though her liturgical designation is "Religious," Elizabeth Seton, her feast-day prayer reminds us, was also wife, mother, educator, foundress. Born into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy where the young family sought healing for William's tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism despite her family's disowning her and ceasing financial support. This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband took also her oldest and youngest daughters and, finally, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the first native-born American saint. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: "Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be!"
—Peter Scagnelli, © J. S. Paluch Co.

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; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Prayer Requests: Fr. Logan, Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Lorri McC., Sarah, Clifford J., Terri A., Fred P., Theresa S., Sara, Mary Anne P., Barbara, Dave C., Jim P., William, Parson P., Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally T., Mary K., Michael D., Richard M., Kathleen., Peter, Rosa S., Susan B., Joyce D., Anita C., George H., Mimi H, Steve, Barry, Lorrin K., Hugh P., Robert S., Britney N., Jacque W., Rebecca Adams, April K., Jacinta G., Gen B., Leo [Ed] Arnold, Castellini family

Weekly Offering

Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **December/January** offerings:

12/29: 1st Collection: \$3150. Rural Food: \$1805. 1/1: Mary, Mother: TBD.
 1/5: Capital Expenditures. 1/12: Operating Expenses.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Joint PC & FC meeting: Tues., 2/11/20, at 1PM in Hall
Parish Council [PC]: Tues., 2/18/20, at 10 AM in Hall
Finance Council [FC]: Tues., 1/14/20, at 1PM in Hall

Liturgy Committee: Thurs., 1/23/20, at 9:45AM in Hall

St. Teresa Ladies Guild: Contact Diane, 823-6044
St. Philip Ladies Guild: Contact Penny, 559-367-7403

Every Friday, Centering Prayer: 9:30AM at St Philip
Coffee & Goodies: Following 8AM Sunday Mass and Wednesday/Friday after 9AM Mass, at St Philip Hall



Mondays & Wednesdays-Seniors Lunch at 12noon:
 All seniors welcome! (No lunch Monday before 2nd Tues. of month)

Parish website: www.stphilipstteresa.org


✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule

Sat., Jan. 4, 5pm Mass ✠ Colombina Albini
 Sun., Jan. 5, 8am Mass for the People
 Sun., Jan. 5, 9:30am Mass
 Sun., Jan. 5, 11:15am Mass ✠ Carol Giovannini
 Mon., Jan. 6, 9am Prayer Service
 Tues., Jan. 7, 9am Mass Mary & Tony Wallace
 Wed., Jan. 8, 9am Mass
 Thurs., Jan. 9, 9am Mass
 Fri., Jan. 10, 9am Mass
 Sat., Jan. 11, 5pm Mass ✠ Colombina Albini
 Sun., Jan. 12, 8am Mass
 Sun., Jan. 12, 9:30am Mass for the People
 Sun., Jan. 12, 11:15am Mass

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
 Monday: St. André Bessette
 Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort

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19th-century Redemptorist priest from Bohemia. He immigrated to the United States, became bishop of Philadelphia, and founded the first diocesan school system in the United States.
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January 5

*God sees every one of us.
He creates every soul
for a purpose.*

St. John Neumann

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for DECEMBER 2019

On December 10 we welcomed 110 families representing 157 adults, 78 children and 35 seniors for a total of 270 people receiving nutritional support. . **And 36 STAR CHILD families (115 kids) graciously accepted gifts donated by our parishioners.** 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

During this season of Christmas, all of us who volunteer each month to offer nutritious groceries and produce to our clients give special thanks for the incredible generosity of our parish and other donors. We also give thanks for the many examples of faith, hope and love expressed in the lives of those we serve each month. Together we witness God's love in action.

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

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, January 11, from 9am --10am repackaging -- Parish Hall

Monday, January 13, from 10am -- 12:30pm to set up the Parish Hall

Tuesday, January 14, from 8:30am -- 11am to distribute the food and assist clients.

Thank YOU!

Exclusive Limited Print of Ansel Adam's original picture of St. Teresa Church from 1953: All proceeds 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 donation of \$175. Please contact Peg Duffy for a limited print: 707-867-6073.

Our pastor, office staff, and volunteers want to wish everyone Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2020. "God bless us, every one!"— *A Christmas Carol*

UNPLANNED, the 2019 film, is an inspiring true story of Abby Johnson's journey of transformation from manager of an abortion clinic to joining efforts to helpwoemn and save lives. UNPLANNED will be shown at St. Vincent's Hall (corner of Western and Howard, Petaluma) on Tuesday, January 14, at 7pm. Running time is 110 minutes. Please join us.

Pope Francis Quote

"This is important: to get to know people, listen, expand the circle of ideas. The world is crisscrossed by roads that come closer together and move apart, but the important thing is that they lead towards the Good."



"I'm glad we got down on our knees today, Pastor Al. I found 27 cents that bounced out of the collection."

Tables, chairs, or any other church property request: If you wish to borrow any of our hall tables, chairs, etc., please first contact Hal at 874-3304 or the parish office to find out the availability so we can try to accommodate & process your request. Items must be returned promptly. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

HEROD AND THE EPIPHANY

Why impious Herod, vainly fear
That Christ the Savior cometh here?
He takes no earthly realms away
Who gives the crown that lasts for aye.
—*Crudelis Herodes Deum*, Tr. by J. M. Neale

FREE exercise class for everybody who...

- Might have balance issues (standing or moving)
- Might have 9:30-10am free on Fridays
- Might want to socialize while doing simple-but-helpful moves

No special requirements or commitments!

You can do this, honestly!

Just wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

We provide the routine and camaraderie.

Class starts this Friday. Call 874-6072 or 874-3812 for more info.

Flowers for the Altar during the Year are a spiritual investment for a loved one, to celebrate any occasion, or just to express gratitude for your blessings. Flowers are also a gift to all of us as we enter and see the glorious display around the altar and experience the liturgy framed by such exquisite beauty. We appreciate your donations! To contribute for St. Philip Church flowers, please call 874-6072.

SAVE THE DATE!

CELEBRATE 2020 - Sunday, January 26th

Tickets now on sale after weekend Masses
and weekday mornings at the office