

This Week of January 6, 2019

2nd Collection Annual Ministry Appeal (1/5-6)
 Sun 9:30 am Religious Education (1/6)
 Sun 2:00 pm ICF Befana Celebration Parish Potluck (1/6)
 Tue 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (1/8)
 Wed 10:30 am Altar Society Meeting (1/9)
 Thur 6:00 pm Exploring the Catholic Faith (1/10)
 Thur 6:00 pm RCIA (1/10)

Next Week of January 13, 2019

Sun 9:30 am Religious Education (1/13)
 Thur 6:00 pm Exploring the Catholic Faith (1/17)
 Thur 6:00 pm RCIA (1/17)



Feast of Epiphany

Today we celebrate the feast of Epiphany. Epiphany means God's self-revelation. No one can know God unless God reveals himself and no one can find God unless God gives himself. Our reading today teaches us that God revealed himself to us out of his infinite mercy.

Jesus was not born in a palace but in a manger. A manger is not a place to be noticed by others as it has no importance. The announcement of the birth of Christ was not given to the elite in the society but to the lowly shepherds who recognized him. Some wise men from the east also set out on their journey to seek the newborn King of Israel and pay homage to him. These men were not covenanted people but gentiles. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born. The star remained after bringing them to the place, in order that the child might also be seen. The wise men who were in their quest for God were led by the star. The star led these wise men to find the true star of the world who is the light and wisdom of the world. When they found him in the manger, they worshiped and paid their homage by offering gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The Lord manifested himself to these wise men fulfilling their quest for God. He revealed himself as they sought for him by the guidance of a star. In a similar manner if we desire for him the Lord gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. He illumines our minds and hearts through the gift of faith. Faith is the star that leads us to Christ. It gives us the inner illumination to recognize him. Faith is an entirely free gift that God gives to us. The Holy Spirit in the power of faith moves our hearts and opens our eyes of the mind to understand and believe the truth that Jesus is Christ. Our desire and God's grace meet in faith. In faith, our desire for him and God's self-revealing and self-giving take place in a mysterious way. He gives himself as a gift to all those who seek him sincerely. He gives himself not just to Jewish people but to everyone who seeks him as he is the Lord of all nations. Let us seek God so that he may give himself as a gift to us. Having found him in our lives we as disciples are called to be not only the bearers of God but also to be the light of Christ to those we meet through the witness of our lives.

~Fr. Francis Gayam

Latin Mass: Sundays, 1:30pm (first Sunday of month, 3:00pm)

Mass Intentions - Please contact the office, 822-7696, if you would like to schedule a mass intention.

Sat, Jan 5: **St John Neumann**

Readings: 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1b-5 Jn 1:43-51
 4:00 pm – Manuel Silveira+

Sun, Jan 6: **St Andre Bessette**

Readings: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12
 8:30 am – Louis Ferreira+
 Jenny Simpson Smith+
 11:00 am – Antonio Avelar+
 Latin Mass – available for your intention

Mon, Jan 7: **St Raymond of Penafort**

Readings: 1 Jn 3:22 – 4:6 Ps 2:7b-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 No Mass

Tue, Jan 8: **St Angela of Foligno**

Readings: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44
 8:30 am – Ken David+
 Joan Harper+

Wed, Jan 9: **St Adrian of Canterbury**

Readings: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72 1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52
 8:30 am – Deceased Family Members of Jose & Maria Freitas

Thu, Jan 10: **St Gregory of Nyssa**

Readings: 1 Jn 4:19 – 5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22a
 8:30 am – Maria C. Valadao+

Fri, Jan 11: **Blessed William Carter**

Readings: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16
 8:30 am – Linda Lee Murphy Silva+

Sat, Jan 12: **St Marguerite Bourgeoys**

Readings: 1 Jn 5:14-21 P 1491-6a, 9b Jn 3:22-30
 4:00 pm – Maria Lucia Borges+

Sun, Jan 13: **St Hilary of Poitiers**

Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10 Acts 10:34-38
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 8:30 am – Maria C. Valadao+
 11:00 am – Antonio & Shirley Fraga+
 Linda Silva+
 Latin Mass – Cory Allin+

Masses for The People: Jan 2nd at 10:30am, Jan 5th at 6:30pm, Jan 6th at 11:30am & 5:30pm

Emergency # and Outreach Ministry: To receive the Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick & Holy Communion in an emergency, please call **707-672-5859**. To arrange for a phone call, pastoral visit, &/or to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office, 707-822-7696.

Coffee Hour: The Knights of Columbus are hosting Coffee Hour in January. Religious Education will host in February.

Thank you to our parishioners who contributed to the offerings.

St. Mary's Plate Collection (Dec 25)	\$ 4861.86
St. Joseph's Plate Collection (Dec 24)	\$ 206.00
	\$ 5067.86

St. Mary's Plate Collection (Dec 30)	\$ 3016.30
St. Joseph's Plate Collection (Dec 30)	\$ 311.00
Total	\$ 3327.30

St Mary's Plate Collection Solemnity of Mary	\$ 989.00
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Pray for the Sick: Names are listed here by request & will remain for four weeks. If you would like to extend the listed time or if you would like to add a name, please contact the office at 707-822-7696 or stmarysarcata@gmail.com. Thank you.

Linda Spallino, Delashmutt Family, Joyce Strahan, Larry DePeel, Mary Tanferani, Katherine Parker, Jim Hart, Emma Filipini, Erica Mills, & Nina DeVilbiss.

Pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed: Judy Fagundes, Josetta Matteri, Jennie Simpson, & Joan Harper.

Monthly Food Donations – Today we will be collecting nonperishable food donations for the St. Vincent de Paul kitchen. Please deposit your donations in the bin provided.

The 2019 Collection Envelope Boxed Sets are available in the Narthex. If you do not have a set and you would like to use Collection Envelopes, please contact the office at stmarysarcata@gmail.com or 707-822-7696. Thank you, as always, for your contributions to our parish.

Your generosity is much appreciated!

Scrip: We are off to a good start for this New Year. Profits from December sales generated \$1,000 for our parish maintenance fund. We thank everyone who helped this happen with their purchases of scrip. Please keep this momentum going! We hope you found the scrip cards easy to use and easy to give as gifts. If you have any questions please ask our scrip sellers. We hope to see you at the scrip table before or after Mass. We wish all a very **HAPPY, BLESSED AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR WITH MANY BLESSINGS.**

Walk for Life West Coast will take place on Saturday, Jan 26th at 12:30pm. The Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza. Participants will walk down Market Street (2 miles), & end at Embarcadero Plaza/Ferry Building. There are BART stations at both locations with ample parking. To register and for more information contact 415-658-1793 or info@WalkforLifeWC.com or visit WalkforLifeWC.com.

Come to a Men's Discernment Retreat

St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park - January 18-20
Conferences, lodging, and meals are provided. Attendance does not imply further obligation. All single men age 21 years or older are welcome. Contact Fr. Raul Lemus at 707-495-6750 or padre.raul@yahoo.com for more information.

Stay current on **Youth & Young Adult ministry** events in the diocese: www.sryouth.org & www.catholicya.org.



The next **Baptism prep class** will be Jan 12, 2019 at 3:00pm in the Fr. Kelly Room. Reservations are required. Please contact the office at 707-822-7696 or stmarysarcata@gmail.com & leave your name & telephone number.

The basic requirements for Baptism:

- Family must be registered in a parish & be regular Mass attendees.
- One or both parents need to be a confirmed, practicing Catholic.
- Child must have a reasonable chance to be brought up in the Catholic Faith.
- Parents & Godparents must attend a 'Baptism Preparation' class.
- At least one Godparent must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic.



Sunday, Jan 13 – 8:30 Mass

Readers: Mary Watson
Alicia Uemura
Eucharistic Ministers:
Enrique Esparza
Cindy Humphry
Altar Servers: Raven & Aiden

Sunday, Jan 13 - 11:00 Mass

Readers: Pat Heavilin
Dina MacDonald
Eucharistic Ministers:
Randy Emenaker
Bob Farrar
Altar Servers: Gemma & Siri

Patrick Madrid is Coming to Eureka! Mark your calendars! St. Bernard Parish will be hosting Patrick Madrid, a popular Catholic radio and EWTN apologist on Friday, March 15th, at 7PM. This will be a free event, however, space may be limited, so please register to reserve your seat. Call 707-442-6466 or email office@saintbernards.org. For more information go to www.saintbernards.org.

Women's Discernment Day: Are you seeking for Truth? Are you yearning for the infinite and for happiness? Christ is the Answer! The Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery are hosting a 'Come and See Day' for single, Catholic women ages 18-38 on January 19th at their monastery on 215 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park, CA. For those outside the San Francisco Bay Area, the nuns also have limited accommodations for overnight guests. For information & to register email Sister Joseph Marie O.P. at vocations@opnunsmenlo.org.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Annual Ministry Appeal!

The AMA funds a variety of worthwhile and needed ministries within the Diocese. Please remember all amounts collected in excess of St. Mary's target will be given back directly to our parish. If the target is not met, the balance is paid through parish funds. If you have not yet donated to the AMA, please consider doing so. **Your generosity and commitment are much appreciated.** Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

AMA Target: \$23,838 / Payments as of Nov 30th: \$23,055

Additional Adoration and Mass Opportunities Christ the King Church Parish, McKinleville

Weekdays:

Monday Mass 9:00am
Tuesday Prayer Service 9:00am
Friday Adoration 3:00pm followed by Mass 4:00pm

Weekends:

Saturday Confessions 4:30-4:45pm followed by Mass 5:00pm
Sunday Mass 9:00am
Saturday Mass 6:30pm **Trinidad** (First Saturday of the month)

Kateri Tekakwitha Mission, Hoopa

Sunday Mass 11:30am

HSU Newman Center, 700 Union St. Arcata

Sunday: 5:30pm Mass

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S! Whether you are a long time parishioner, a returning Catholic, or a new member, we hope your time with us is a meaningful and spiritual experience. If you haven't registered, please complete this form and return it to the rectory office or place it in the offertory basket. Name: _____ New Parishioner yes / no
Address: _____ Phone: _____