

**Online Worship Opportunities**

Dispensation from attending Mass in person is still in effect. In an effort to continue the practice of our faith in these trying times, you may find livestreamed masses &/or resources on the following websites:

- [www.santarosacatholic.org](http://www.santarosacatholic.org) (diocese)
- [www.franciscanmedia.org](http://www.franciscanmedia.org) (saint of day)
- [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org) (click on Resources)
- [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com) (click on TV)



**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**We are coheirs to the promises of God.**

**Holy Communion**

Those of you who are sheltering in place and attending Mass virtually are invited to **receive Holy Communion** by coming to the church immediately following our “in-person” Masses. You may also contact a priest to schedule a time to receive Holy Communion by calling 707-822-7696 and leaving a message on Fr Francis’ or Fr Fabian’s line.



- Sat Jan 2: Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen  
Rdgs: 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28  
3:00 pm – Carlos P. Avelar +

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- Sun Jan 3: The Epiphany of the Lord  
Rdgs: Is 60:1-6 Ps 7s:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12  
11:00 am – Frederico & Annuncipina Louporini +

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- Mon Jan 4: St Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Rdgs: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
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- Tue Jan 5: St John Neumann  
Rdgs: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44  
8:30 am – Natalia Oliveira +

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- Wed Jan 6: Christmas Weekday; St Andre Bessette  
Rdgs: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52  
8:30 am – Msgr Brady +

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- Thu Jan 7: Christmas Weekday; St Raymond of Penyafort  
Rdgs: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22a  
8:30 am – Available for your intention

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- Fri Jan 8: Christmas Weekday  
Rdgs: 1Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16  
8:30 am – Available for your intention

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- Sat Jan 9: Christmas Weekday  
Rdgs: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 3:22-30  
3:00 pm – Carlos P. Avelar +

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- Sun Jan 10: The Baptism of the Lord  
Rdgs: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Mk 1:7-11  
8:30 am – Natalia Oliveira +  
11:00 am – Michael & Olivia Lozano +

**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](mailto:stmarysarcata@gmail.com). Thank you.

Barbara, Joan, Scott Cahill, , Lyle Family, Larry Duff, Carl Sikora, Melissa Gordon, Linda Burr, Krista Melendy, Natalia Avelar, Peter Stark, Joseph Johnston, Connie Jo Nunes, Elena David, Mike Salamunovich, Cecilia Mendonca, Gary Nicholson, Kevin Krause, & Fred Avelar

**Pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed:**  
Natalia Oliveira, Mary Carson, Msgr Gerard Brady, Carlos P. Avelar, Olivia Lozano, Emma Filippini, Erica Mills, & Levi Chamberlain

**Youth & Young Adult resources:** [www.sryouth.org](http://www.sryouth.org) & [www.catholicya.org](http://www.catholicya.org) or Stephen Morris at [dsryouth@srdiocese.org](mailto:dsryouth@srdiocese.org)

Matthew’s Gospel provides a fair amount of information about Jesus’ life. His first chapter begins our Christmas season, as we read his genealogy account at the Christmas Vigil Mass. This genealogy links Jesus to the patriarchs – as the fulfillment of the great promise of one to come, the Messiah. Matthew structured the genealogy into three blocks of figures that correspond to epochs of Israel’s history: From Abraham to David, from David to the exile in Babylon, and from the exile in Babylon to the Christ (1:17).

Today’s feast of the Epiphany is a major event in Jesus’ life story, and in our own salvation history. The magi, men from the east – that is, not from the Israelite people – followed the star to find ... the newborn king of the Jews! What a startling thing. They knew something profound had happened in the world, even if it had not been part of their own heritage to expect such a thing. Yet, they were overjoyed at seeing the star, and upon finding Jesus, they prostrated themselves and did him homage. To this baby they offer gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and we see the connection to what is foretold in today’s first reading. Rise up in splendor! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you ... All from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.

It is also in this moment of God leading non-Israelites to seek out this baby and acknowledge his reign that we see the connection to us: The Son of God has come for all people, Jews and Gentiles alike. Saint Paul explains this in our second reading today, saying, the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus. The light of Christ beckons all, and all are welcome to follow it to where Christ may be found. For those of us baptized into this light, we – like the magi – bring gifts, in this case the gifts of our lives and our faith. We offer our very selves for Christ in honor of his kingship, priesthood, and sacrifice. And we are to go out into the world that still needs that light, and direct others to it.

The feast of Epiphany reminds us that the glory of the Lord indeed shines upon us. Jesus has come into the world. We should all bow and do him homage.

*~Excerpts from Faith Catholic*

**Our Parish needs your support!**

**Thank you** to all those who have donated to the parish.

Your generosity is much appreciated. This is a challenging time for all of us: spiritually, physically, & financially. If your budget allows during these trying times, please consider donating to St Mary’s Church, 1690 Janes Rd, Arcata, CA 95521, or donating online at [www.stmarysarcata.com](http://www.stmarysarcata.com). **Thank you!**

**Offertory Donation Christmas: \$2455 and Dec 27: \$1282**



### Saint of the Week Saint Basil the Great

Basil was on his way to becoming a famous teacher when he decided to begin a religious life of gospel poverty. After studying various modes of religious life, he founded what was probably the first monastery in Asia Minor. He is to monks of the East what Saint Benedict is to the West, and Basil's principles influence Eastern monasticism today. He was ordained a priest, assisted the archbishop of Caesarea—now southeastern Turkey—and ultimately became archbishop himself, in spite of opposition from some of the bishops under him, probably because they foresaw coming reforms. Arianism, one of the most damaging heresies in the history of the Church which denied the divinity of Christ, was at its height. Emperor Valens persecuted orthodox believers and put great pressure on Basil to remain silent and admit the heretics to communion. Basil remained firm, and Valens backed down. But trouble remained. When the great Saint Athanasius died, the mantle of defender of the faith against Arianism fell upon Basil. He strove mightily to unite and rally his fellow Catholics who were crushed by tyranny and torn by internal dissension. He was misunderstood, misrepresented, accused of heresy and ambition. Even appeals to the pope brought no response. "For my sins I seem to be unsuccessful in everything."

Basil was tireless in pastoral care. He preached twice a day to huge crowds, built a hospital that was called a wonder of the world—as a youth he had organized famine relief and worked in a soup kitchen himself—and fought the prostitution business. Basil was best known as an orator. Though not recognized greatly in his lifetime, his writings rightly place him among the great teachers of the Church. Seventy-two years after his death, the Council of Chalcedon described him as "the great Basil, minister of grace who has expounded the truth to the whole earth."

**Reflection:** As the French say, "The more things change, the more they remain the same." Basil faced the same problems as modern Christians. Sainthood meant trying to preserve the spirit of Christ in such perplexing and painful problems as reform, organization, fighting for the poor, maintaining balance and peace in misunderstanding.

Saint Basil the Great is the Patron Saint of Russia.  
~Excerpts from Franciscan Media

#### Pope Francis' Intention: Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

#### Annual Ministry Appeal 2020

The AMA funds a variety of worthwhile & needed ministries within the Diocese. Your generosity & commitment are much appreciated. Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

AMA Target: \$27,836 Payments as of Nov 30: \$23,970

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Mass schedule changes as of Jan 9<sup>th</sup>

As many of you know, Humboldt County has moved to the Red Tier. If we remain in the Red Tier, beginning Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, our mass schedule will include two indoor Masses on Sunday, and one outdoor Mass on Saturday. This gives parishioners an option to worship where they feel the most comfortable. Please wear a face mask, practice social distancing, and arrive in good health for all masses. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Saturdays at 3:00 pm – Outdoor**  
**Sundays at 8:30 & 11:00 am – Indoor**  
**Tues through Fri at 8:30 am – Indoor**

#### Pregnancy Care Center Cradle Drive

St. Mary's will be participating in the Pregnancy Care Center's Cradle Drive through the month of January. The Pregnancy Care Center is in need of necessities such as diapers and diaper wipes. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Please write your check to the **Pregnancy Care Center**. All donations may be dropped in the containers provided during weekend mass times. Thank you for your generosity.

#### Women in the Bible

Our study of Women in the Bible will resume on Thursday, January 7 at 10:30 a.m., via ZOOM. We will be exploring the life of Martha of Bethany, and Mary of Bethany will follow. All women are welcome to join in the study and the only thing that you need to have handy is your Bible, an open heart, and a desire to be in community with other women in our wonderful parish. Please call Paula at 707-822-9573 if you have any questions.

#### Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Scrip!** We are so happy to tell you that the scrip program generated a total of \$5,500 profit earned in 5 months. We want to thank the loyal supporters who purchased scrip. You made it happen! The money earned goes to the maintenance fund to help with the upkeep of the church. NOW is the time for others to step up and buy scrip. Call Alice @ 707-822-6850, Cathy @ 707-616-4772 or Bev @ 707-826-2729 and we will help you. We have scrip for most all the local grocery stores on hand. We also have CVS and VISA scrip...and so many more! We order scrip on Sunday and usually have it here to sell on Wednesday. There are no fees or other costs for you to use this scrip program; it is a very easy way to help support our parish. Even though this is a rough time, we all still eat! Please consider purchasing scrip to use for groceries. Let us help you help YOUR parish! Thank you.

#### Additional Mass & Worship Opportunities

##### Christ the King Church, McKinleville

##### Weekdays

Monday Mass: 11:00am  
Friday Adoration: 3:00pm  
Friday Mass: 3:30pm

##### Weekends

Saturday Mass: 3:00pm  
Sunday Mass: 1:00pm