O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

Psalm 63:2
**TODAY’S READINGS**

First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

FAZtor’s Notes
By Fr. Arnold Zamora

Not too long ago the priests in the Archdiocese of San Francisco had a 4-day Priests Convocation, for our priestly solidarity and spirituality as we look into the future of our Archdiocese. Part of the group discussion was the clustering and merging of parishes as is happening now with some parishes in the Archdiocese. Aside from the decline of parishioners and financial stability as the reasons for combining parishes into one, the lack of priests plays a substantial role in this consideration. A lot of our priests are retiring in few years’ time with no one to replace them. This year we only had the ordination of two priests, Fr. Michael Liliedahl (St Cecilia) and Fr. Alvin Yu (St. Matthew) and next year, we won’t have any ordinations at all.

Last week was Vocation Awareness week and we prayed and will continue to pray that young people in today’s society will hear and respond to God’s call. Please do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

Our archdiocese is now relying on immigrant priests like we 3 priests at Holy Name. I guess, for me, this is payback time. Before, the American priests would go to the Philippines or to the other parts of the world as missionaries. Now it’s our turn to pay back the favor.

The Archdiocese should be grateful and proud to have produced an immigrant bishop in the person of Bishop Wang who is living with us. We at Holy Name are also grateful to Fr. Simon Jin who came to us 3 years ago and is now our parochial vicar and the Director of our Chinese Ministry. Our Chinese Ministry at Holy Name is moving by leaps and bounds with his leadership, together with Nelson Lao as coordinator. Not too long ago, Cardinal Zen, Bishop Emeritus of Hong Kong, visited and gave a talk to our Chinese Ministry. Two weeks ago, Bishop Joseph Ha Chi-sing, the Auxiliary bishop of Hong Kong also gave a talk to our Chinese Ministry and had dinner with us at our parish rectory. Several of our Chinese brothers and sisters came to our New Parishioners Dinner and many of them have turned in their Stewardship Commitment Cards.

PETER: "Are there any Jews in China?"
JOHN: "I don't know.
Why don't we ask the waiter?"

John asked him:
"Are there any Chinese Jews?"
WAHTER: "No Chinese Jews, Sir."
JOHN: "Are you sure? I can't believe there are no Chinese Jews."
The waiter replied exasperated.
WAITER: "We have Orange Jews, Prune Jews, Tomato Jews and Grape Jews, but no Chinese Jews."

Combining two cultures into one is always possible, like Irish American, or French American. The Filipino and American combination we call Fil-Am. The Filipino and Chinese are called Fil-Chi (Filtsay) or “Tsinoy” – Chinese-Pinoy (a colloquial word for Filipinos). The Chinese Americans are popularly called “ABC”- American Born Chinese. We also have the “FBI”- Full Blooded Irish, the “CIA” – Cambodians in America and the “MAFIA”-Malaysian Foreigners in America. But what if two parishes or churches are combined into one? If Holy Name was merged with St. Anne’s, we could call it Hol-Anne or better yet “Holland!” If we merged Holy Name and St. Cecilia, it could be Hol-Cel or easier to say and easy to remember by just calling it “Wholesale!”

Wherever life takes us, let us not forget our union with God. We are always one in Christ.

FAITH FORMATION * CATECHESIS *
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Holy Name of Jesus Youth Ministry Mission Statement: We provide activities, events, reflections and discussions that empower the young people to exemplify the teachings of Jesus Christ. This challenges our youth to spread the Word, and to live the values of Christian life and the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Upcoming Activities
Saturday, November 18, 2017
5:00 PM     Sunday Vigil Mass (Church)
6:00-7:30 PM (Pastoral Center) Reflection on All Saints.

Followed by group activity: preparing care packages for the poor and homeless. A Simple Dinner will be served.

We will need the following for the care packages: small packs of raisins, small boxes of fruit juice with straw, small packs of tuna or chicken with crackers, small packs of Kleenex, small hand sanitizer, small packs of cookies.

Please bring to Sr. Cristina’s office in the Pastoral Center.
Thank you for your continuing support of this outreach activity of our Youth Ministry.

We want to thank the Holy Name Ladies Aid Society for donating $200 to buy things for the packages, Julie Quock for the food items and parishioners who provided some small toiletries.

Advent 2017 Giving Trees The weekend before Thanksgiving, November 18-19, will mark the beginning of Holy Name of Jesus Parish’s annual Giving Tress Project. Ornaments with wish gifts will be hanging on trees. We ask parishioners who are willing to donate to sign up after each Mass that weekend. Our Ladies Aid members will be responsible for the sign-ups.

This is to help in following up with the donors who picked up an ornament to make sure all ornaments taken are accounted for. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reflection: “Healing, nurturing, reconciling. These words capture the heart and actions of Jesus Christ as he encountered the many people in his ministry. Jesus’ mercy, compassion, understanding, and actions are the models through which each Christian responds to a suffering person. Our presence, accompaniment, and listening are the compassionate expressions that Jesus brings.” - Pope Francis

2018 MASS BOOK
The 2018 Mass Intentions book is now ready. Please mail your requests with (1) the Name of the person you wish to have the Mass said for, (2) please indicate if the person is (L) Living or (D) Deceased, (3)your name, address and phone number (4) enclose a check payment. The cost is $10 for each Mass offering and send to 2018 Mass Requests Holy Name of Jesus Church 1555 39th Ave. San Francisco, CA 94122.

FIL-AM CLUB MEETING
Attention: Fil-Am Club members
Our Fil-Am Club meeting is on Friday, November 17, 2017, 7 pm in Flanagan Center.
ST. PATRICK’S SEMINARY COLLECTION
Today’s Second Collection is for St. Patrick’s Seminary. For more than a century, St. Patrick’s Seminary and University in Menlo Park has been dedicated to the ministry of priestly formation, preparing seminarians for ordination and supporting the continued growth of priests already ordained. Well prepared priests are needed more than ever at this time. To sustain their vitally important work, they rely on the generosity of our benefactors and of the parishioners whom our seminarians will one day serve as priests.

NEXT SUNDAY’s SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

COLLECTION TO AID SANTA ROSA DIOCESE WITH FIRE DAMAGE
For those who would like to give monetary donations to the Diocese of Santa Rosa Fire Victims, you can still do so by dropping off your check in a separate envelope in the collection baskets or mailing your donation to the Parish Office at 1555 39th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94122 by NOVEMBER 24, 2017—ALL DONATIONS FROM HOLY NAME WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE ARCHDIOCESE. It is still undetermined how many people perished in these fires. Thousands of homes and businesses within the diocese were destroyed. Many people no longer have jobs and nowhere to live. Schools were also destroyed including a major part of Cardinal Newman High School. The Archdiocese will also substantially supplement the money collected from the parishes. Your generosity will help rebuild lives.

Checks for all special collections such as this one should be made out to HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH. In the memo line write the appropriate reference for your donation, for example: Santa Rosa Fire Collection.

PARISH SUMMARY REPORT

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH SAN FRANCISCO
is a welcoming multicultural and liturgical community that celebrates our Christian Faith. In the spirit of the “Joy of the Gospel” we work together promoting Catholic values and teachings. Our parish encourages a strong devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, who gives us an example of faithful discipleship and a generous stewardship way of life.

I CAN DO ANYTHING
I have started houses with no more than the price of a loaf of bread and prayers, for with him who comforts me, I can do anything.
—Frances Xavier Cabrini

HOLY NAME WEEKLY CALENDAR  Week of Nov 12, 2017

Sunday, Nov 12, 2017
10:30 AM  Religious Education  Pastoral Center

Monday, November 13, 2017
10 AM Monday Exercise Group Flanagan Center
1 PM Sewing Group  Pastoral Center
2 PM Knitting & Crochet  Pastoral Center
7:30 PM SVDP Meeting  Pastoral Center

Tuesday, November 14, 2017
9:30 AM  C/E Class  Pastoral Center
10 AM Lectio Divina    Pastoral Center
5:30 PM Fright Fest Wrap Up Meeting Flanagan Center
7:30 PM Legion of Mary  Pastoral Center

Wednesday, Nov 15, 2017
10 AM Consolation Ministry Pastoral Center
12:30 PM Staff Meeting  Pastoral Center
6 PM HN Choir  Pastoral Center
7 PM RCIA  Pastoral Center
7:30 PM Chinese Bible Study Flanagan Center

Thursday, Nov 16, 2017
11 AM Senior Club Flanagan Center
4 PM Taekwondo Flanagan Center
6 PM Preschool Parents Meeting  Flanagan Center
7 PM RCIA  Pastoral Center

Friday, Nov 17, 2017
7 PM Fil-Am Meeting  Flanagan Center

Saturday, Nov 18, 2017
1 PM Chinese RCIA  Green Room
2:30 PM Chinese Social  Pastoral Center
3 PM Chinese Mass  Church
5 PM Youth Ministry with Mass  CH/Pastoral Center

ORNAMENT LUNCHEON & RAFFLE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017  12 Noon
Flanagan Center  Holy Name of Jesus Church
corner Lawton St & 39th Ave., San Francisco, CA
COST: $35.00 per person

Please bring a wrapped ornament for exchange and an item for a baby layette to be given to the Alpha Pregnancy Center. All proceeds from this luncheon benefit the Alpha Pregnancy Center. A special raffle will be held for an ornament made by Gina Wood.
Send reservations by Saturday, November 25 to Christine Del Carlo, 4043-25th St. San Francisco, CA 94114 (415)648-4522.

SAVE THE DATE
Holy Name School cordially invites you to
OPEN YOUR HEART
for a Red Dress Silent & Live Auction
to celebrate and support our students and community
Saturday, February 10, 2018
6:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight
Registration Opens 5:30 p.m.
Ryan Hall Gymnasium
1560 40th Avenue, San Francisco
Beer, Wine & Cocktails | Delicious Food | Silent & Live Auction
Live DJ & Dancing | Games | Raffles | and much more!
Cocktail Attire: Red Admired, but Not Required
All proceeds will benefit Holy Name Enrichment Programs and Technology
www.holynamesf.com
One Sunday a pastor told the congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns. After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a $1000 check on the plate. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said, “He’d like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

A very quiet, elderly, saintly spinster at the back shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to altar. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and, in thanksgiving, asked her to pick out three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three most handsome men in the congregation and said, “OK Father, I’ll take him, him, and him.” Now that’s a modern take on a wise virgin!

One sense the parable of the wise and foolish virgins could be considered the first known oil crisis in the east. It is, however, about planning for the future and pacing oneself to see that one has a future to enjoy.

In Christian theology this is called “discernment.” St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, wrote a lot about discernment and one of his teachings is that the Holy Spirit allows us to prepare for our future without living it.

Think for a moment of the times when we are going to have a difficult interview or a conversation we would rather not have. We play out in our mind how the interaction will run. It rarely happens how we imagine and we find that our anxiety and fear has often been misplaced. What is curious is that on the next occasion we go through this same process of trying to live the future all over again. Tragically, some people are so anxious about their future that they try and control it and everyone associated with it. It’s always a disaster.

St. Ignatius was suspicious of this process. Ignatius seems to have understood today’s Gospel very well. The early church thought Jesus would return quickly. There was a crisis of faith when he didn’t. Some Christians lived as though this imminent return was a fact. We are still waiting. Matthew tells us then, that the Christian life is about wisdom, right judgment and reading the signs of the times.

St. Ignatius tells us the best way to prepare for the future is to let go of the unhealed past, as best as we can, and live in the here and now. The Holy Spirit helps us see what needs to be done today and what preparation is necessary for tomorrow. This is such simple and sound advice and yet many of us don’t heed it. For some of us it takes nothing to feel the hurt and pain of our past or to be consumed by the future.

Alcoholics Anonymous sums it up neatly when it tells us to take life “one day at a time” which is another way of saying what Matthew’s community came to see, “keep awake because you know not the time or place.”

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Holy Name CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC
Private lessons are offered in piano, voice, guitar, violin and viola. To register or more information please contact Jackie at (415) 664-8590.

RECTORY: 3240 Lawton St. San Francisco, CA 94122 (415) 759-4295  Priest on Duty: (415)806-3315

FLANAGAN CENTER: (415) 564-2632
PARISH NURSE PROGRAM: Carol, R.N. (415) 664-8590 ext. 109

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (Family Mass), 11:30 AM, Saturday
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM (Chinese), 5:00 PM (Vigil)
Weekdays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
Holy Days 7:30 AM, 9:00AM, and 7:00 PM

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Every Wednesday—9:30 AM—12 Noon
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Contact Pastoral Center 6 months in advance.
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FIL-AM Club: Every 3rd Friday of the month, 7pm in the Flanagan Center.
HOLY NAME Choir Practice: every WEDNESDAY at 6:00 PM in the Pastoral Center
The Gabriel Project: Contact Rose Tang (415)793-0967
Youth Ministry: One designated Saturday a month 5 PM—7:30 PM including Mass. Contact person: Sr. Cristina & Team (415)664-8590
Blood Pressure Screening: every 2nd Wednesday from after the 7:30 AM Mass until 11 AM (Pastoral Center)
Except July & August
Hospitality: Every Wednesday after the 7:30 AM and 9 AM Masses in the Pastoral Center except July & August

Stewardship

IS NOT A PROGRAM
NOT A FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN
NOT AN EMPTY BUZZWORD BUT A Way of Life
“LIFE IS NOT GIVEN TO US TO BE JEALOUSLY GUARDED FOR OURSELVES BUT IS GIVEN TO US SO THAT WE MAY GIVE IT IN TURN”—Pope Francis

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