BEHOLD, THE STAR

that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

~ Matthew 2:9
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD    JANUARY 7, 2018

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

- Psalm 72:11

TO THE AAA 1% CLUB MEMBERS DON'T FORGET!
Our 2017 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 1% Club Appreciation Dinner is on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 6 PM in the Flanagan Center.

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).
Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).
Second Reading — The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).
Gospel — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).


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 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6, Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday:  1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-babcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and 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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week; Julian Calendar Christmas
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Saturday: St. Hilary; Blessed Virgin Mary

ARE YOU A NEW PARISHIONER? Or just never registered?
You may register online at http://holynamesf.org/parishregistration/
You may also call (415) 664-8590 or drop by the Parish office (1555 39th Ave./Lawton St.) 9 AM-4 AM, Monday-Friday.

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FAZtor’s Notes
By Fr. Arnold Zamora

We celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord this Sunday. This feast is traditionally celebrated on the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. In the Dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2nd and January 8th. The Epiphany is the feast of the manifestation of the majesty and divinity of the newborn Savior. What but what it is usually associated with and what comes to our minds when we celebrate this feast are the Three Kings. So we sometimes called it the feast of the Three Kings and hence we greet each other on this day: “Happy Three Kings.” The Bible doesn’t mention about kings, but wise men or sages. Toward the end of the fourth century, as the feast gradually came to be known and celebrated in the West, the adoration of the Christ-Child by the Magi or Wise Men was stressed. Soon these sages were looked upon as the Three Kings.

The three wise men, or if you insist, the Three Kings, were led by a star to find the newborn Jesus. At Holy Name, I think of the many stars leading us to Jesus. I am referring to our Church Volunteers, as this Sunday is also our Volunteer Appreciation Sunday. We honor and thank our volunteers for their ministry here at our parish, which is indeed a part of walking the Stewardship way of life, of sharing your time and talent with the church.

Do you want to know what really keeps a church alive and prosperous? Many people would say that it is the pastor. I firmly believe that the role of the pastor is extremely important. However church volunteerism is the lifeblood of any church. Think about it. It takes a lot of work to make a church function. Without the efforts of many spirit filled believers any church would fall apart. Do you know that at Holy Name, we have over one hundred and fifty volunteers? If you are one of those, thank you, and if you are not yet part of any ministry, consider getting involved. Walk with us. Be that star that leads people to Jesus!

Christmas season will officially be over with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which is celebrated this Monday, January 8th.

Reminds me about a story about a pastor who baptized Tim and dipped his head in water three times. After the third time he said: “You are now baptized. You are a new creation; your old creation is gone. No more drinking of alcohol for you. Your new name is David.”

David went back home and headed straight for the fridge. He took a beer, dipped it in water three times and said: “You are now a new creation; your old name is gone. Your new name is Orange Juice!”

What a journey 2017 has been for all of us. And what will 2018 be like? We do not know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future in His hands. As we journey on, let us be reminded that the journey is not just

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BLESSED FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD!

Thank You Parish Volunteers!
This Sunday as we celebrate the Epiphany, we also celebrate our parish volunteers, for their dedication and cheerful giving of themselves. We are marking this Volunteer Appreciation Sunday with a luncheon at 12:30PM in the Flanagan Center. Invitation cards were sent out to over one hundred volunteers in our various ministries here at Holy Name of Jesus. — This gathering is a simple token of gratitude, because you “serve the Lord with gladness.” (Psalm 100:2) God bless you and your families.

Religious Education Library: We are in the process of updating the books we have in the library for the use of the children attending our parish’s Religious Education Program. We need the following: Illustrated Bible for Children, Lives of Saints Coloring Book, Spiritual Reading books for children and youth, activity books for Catholic children. Thanks very much for your attention.

14th Annual Walk for Life West Coast will be on Saturday, January 27, 2018. It will start with a Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral at 9:30AM, with Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone as main celebrant. Rally will be at 12:30PM in the Civic Center Plaza. The walk will be down Market Street (2 miles). It will end at Justin Herman Plaza/Ferry Building. Everyone is encouraged to take part in this pro-life event.

For more information: WalkforLifeWC.com

Seven Secrets of Successful Parishioners: 1) Believe in the adventure of being Catholic; 2) Believe in other parishioners; 3) See the parish as the spiritual epicenter of their life; 4) Do not always have to win or be right; 5) Are proud enough of the parish to represent it well; 6) Are not members, but disciples; 7) Believe in the power of prayer and the Eucharist. — Paul Wilkes

What would you add to this list? Why are prayer and the Eucharist the most important? Name some ways in which you can be a disciple. This reflection is a good way to begin the new year!

Prayer Intention for Life:
We ask that each woman who has suffered the loss of her child through abortion will be given the grace of repentance and receive God’s mercy and forgiveness. We also pray for repentance and true contrition for all fathers, grandparents, relatives and others who have enabled the death of a child through abortion.

LET US PROCLAIM THE WE ARE PEOPLE FOR LIFE.
LET US PROMOTE THE CULTURE OF LIFE!

[Column continued] about destination, comfort, distance or speed. Life as a journey is also about companions, necessary pauses and stops, detours and setbacks, and a constant moving on—a journey to the heart.
Today's Second Collection is the ACE Collection for the benefit of our Parish School.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND
Next Sunday, our second collection will be for our Building & Maintenance Fund. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

ACE COLLECTION

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS
Starting JANUARY, 2018, the monthly Pre-Baptismal Prep class will be every Second Saturday of the month at 1:30 PM except for the months of March, June, September & December (please inquire for the date). Parents and Godparents who need to take classes are requested to sign up prior to the class by calling the Parish office at (415) 664-8590.

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 payable to Holy Name of Jesus Church 1555 39th Ave. San Francisco, CA 94122.

HOLY NAME WEEKLY CALENDAR  Week of Jan 7, 2018

Sunday, Jan 07, 2018
10:30 AM Religious Education  Pastoral Center
12:30 PM Volunteer Appreciation  Flanagan Cen.
12:45 PM Baptism  Church
1:00 PM Lay Canossians Meeting  TBA

Monday, Jan 08, 2018
1:00 PM Sewing Group  Pastoral Center
2:00 PM Knit & Crochet  Pastoral Center
7:30 PM SVDP Meeting  Pastoral Center

Tuesday, Jan 09, 2018
9:30 AM C/E Class  Pastoral Center
10:00 AM Lectio Divina  Pastoral Center
6:00 PM Preschool Parents Mtg. Flanagan Ctr.
7:30 PM Legion of Mary  Pastoral Center

Wednesday, Jan 10, 2018
11:00 AM HNLA Mtg  Pastoral Center
12:00 PM Deanery 1 Meeting  Pastoral Center
7:00 PM R.C.I.A  Pastoral Center
7:30 PM Chinese Bible Study Flanagan Center

Thursday, Jan 11, 2018
11:00 AM Senior Club  Flanagan Center
4:00 PM Taekwondo  Flanagan Center
7:00 PM R.C.I.A.  Pastoral Center

Saturday, Jan 13, 2018
1:00 PM Chinese RCIA  Green Room
1:30 PM Pre-Baptismal Prep Class  Pastoral Center
2:30 PM Chinese Social  Pastoral Center
3:00 PM Chinese Mass  Church
5:00 PM AAA 1% Dinner  Flanagan Center

HN CHOIR CASINO TRIP TO THUNDER VALLEY
Tuesday January 16, 2018  9:00 am Departure
$15.00 Machine Play...$12.00 Food Coupon

$35.00 per Person  (Payment Confirms Seat Assignment)
Refreshments will be served in Flanagan Center at 8:15 AM on departure day
Contact: Benny Capuyan (415)-863-6576

Recently some Christian scientists got to work trying to explain the star that led the wise men to Bethlehem. They came up with a complicated, and no doubt plausible, astronomical theory about how a certain brilliant star may have appeared around the time of the birth of Jesus. Though I was intrigued by their methods, I wondered why they bothered. Matthew's wandering star is not about astronomy. It's religious shorthand for describing how the heavens preside over and guide the events of the world. The image of a star is used in similar ways in the Books of Deuteronomy, Numbers, Isaiah, and the Psalms. This entire feast is all about symbols, not science. Reported by Hippolytus as early as the third century, it is celebrated twelve days after Christmas, the number itself echoing God's goodness in creating and recreating us.

The wise men's star is on a par with the other images Matthew uses. At the center of each of the first three chapters of his Gospel there is an extraordinary event. In chapter one Joseph hears the message of an angel in a dream. In chapter two the wise men find Jesus by following a star. And by chapter three the heavens open and God speaks at the baptism of the Lord. By any standards that's quite an opening to a biography! It's all about the manifestation, or epiphany, of God's glory in the world.

And let's look carefully at where and for whom this glory is revealed. The first instance is to Joseph while he's in bed asleep. The second is to gentle astrologers who, by reporting their news to Herod, set up an immediate threat to Jesus. The third instance is to all those Jews who were coming to hear John the Baptist. Within three chapters of Matthew's Gospel the circles of God's glory revealed in Jesus become more public and change lives. The lives of Joseph, the star gazers, John the Baptist, and those who heard Jesus preach will never be the same again.

The Feast of the Epiphany is not an ancient version of Halley's comet. It is about how God's glory changes human hearts. T.S. Eliot got this point in his poem "The journey of the Magi:"

"Birth or death? There was a Birth, certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
And let's look carefully at where and for whom this glory is revealed.

And so may this feast change our hearts and enable us to die to self so as to be born to God's glory that can and does shine through us.

And may we remember that this epiphany is not meant for us alone, but that we are called to go public with it and demonstrate our belief in today's feast by the way we live, the world we help create, and the one we strive to recreate.

- Richard Leonard, S.J.
Holy Name Parish

Parish Leadership
Parish Pastoral Council: Paul Roscelli
Finance Council: Jim Regan
Stewardship Council: Bruce McKie
Liturgical Ministries
Eucharistic Ministers & Children’s Liturgy: Roberta Beach
Lectors: Leo Nascimento
Altar Servers: Tri Nguyen
Music Ministry: Carl Vengco
Sacristans: Ramsey Ramos
Environment: Cres Payumo
Linens: Maria Lee
Faith Formation & Catechesis
Religious Education: Hilda Dela Cruz
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Youth Ministry: Vince Nguyen, Alejandra Brito & Julie Quock
Pastoral Outreach
Sick & Homebound Ministry: Susan Logan
Senior Club: Pat Relampagos
Holy Name Ladies Aid: Letty Palpalatoc
Grief & Consolation Ministry: Valerie Toy
Knights of Holy Name: Bill Flaherty
Hospitality: Linda & Tony Sideco, Noreen McEllistrim, Mary Dunne
Chinese Ministry: Nelson Lao
Fil-Am Club: Ramsey Ramos
St. Vincent De Paul Conference: Carol Elliott Maloof
Marian Shrine: Ester Aue & Marisa Reyes
Legion of Mary: Ray Frost
Gabriel Project: Rose Tang

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.

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, 9:00 AM, and 7:00 PM
Confessions: 15 minutes before 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses on Sunday & 4:30 - 5:00 PM Saturday or by appointment
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Wednesday—9:30 AM—12 Noon
Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotions:
Friday after 9:00 AM Mass
Perpetual Help Devotions:
Saturday after 9:00 AM Mass
First Saturday Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary begins at 8:30 AM with the Rosary, then Mass & Benediction
Baptisms by appointment
Baptismal Preparation—Every 1st Saturday of the month in the Pastoral Center - 1 PM—You need to register for the class ahead of time.
Baptism Ministry (Sewing Group): Every Monday 1-3 PM in the Pastoral Center Event Room
Marriages:
Contact Pastoral Center 6 months in advance.
Sundays 12:30-2:30 PM, Flanagan Center
R.C.I.A. (Chinese):
Every Saturday—Green Room—1:30 PM
Lectio Divina: Tuesday 10—11 AM (Pastoral Center)
Bible Study Group (Chinese):
Every Wednesday—7:30 PM — Flanagan Center
Parish Pastoral Council: contact Fr. Arnold Zamora
St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting— every Monday at 7:30 PM (Pastoral Center)
Holy Name Ladies Aid: every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 11:45 AM (Pastoral Center)
Senior Club: every Thursday at 10:30 AM (Flanagan Ctr.)
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 Saturday 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
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