

### The Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2013

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— Isaiah 60:1

#### FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.



#### KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS

St. Gregory School is now accepting applications for Kindergarten students for the 2013-2014 school year. Students <u>must</u> be 5 years old by September 1, 2013 and the family must be registered parishioners of St. Gregory's Parish. Applications are on-line at

stgregs-sanmateo.org
The deadline for applications is January 29th.

#### **NEW PARISH DIRECTORY**

It's been more than 10 years, so we're publishing an updated parish directory and invite all parish families to participate. Photographers will be in the Catacombs for 9 days between January 2 and January 12 for individual and family portrait sessions.

Parishioners who participate will receive at no cost:

- \* A professional portrait sitting
- \* A hardcover parish directory
- \* A FREE 8 x 10 print of your directory portrait
- \* Access to the online directory

There's no obligation, but if you purchase prints, you can also take advantage of:

- \* a 20% Senior Discount certificate (60 years +)
- \* 10% discount if you make your appointment online
- \* a \$5.00 off coupon if you bring a food item for the Feed the Need program

Make an appointment online today on the parish website http://www.saintgregorychurch.org

For questions, contact Barb Cordery @ 650-508-0601 or Lisa Souther @ 650-345-0762

Please join us after 9am Mass next Sunday, Jan 13th in the Vanos gym



Sponsored by the Young Families of St. Gregory's

Christmas Offering \$52,428.54

Thank You!

#### An Invitation from Bishop Justice

I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your support and to cordially invite you to walk with me in the

#### 1st Annual Walk for Peace Saturday, Jan12th at 10:00 AM

The Walk will include a Memorial Service for the 67 homicides that have occurred so far in San Francisco. I will walk with family members of the victims killed, ex-offenders, Restorative Justice Ministers working in jails, Clergy and youth in our community. We will help hold 67 crosses to honor those who died as a result of violence in our city. We will pray for peace in our communities, our county and the entire world. Please see program below.

**Opening Ceremony:** 10:00am

St. Anthony Catholic Church, 3215 Cesar Chavez

1st Stop (approx) 10:30am 24th & Mission Street

2nd Stop (approx.) 11:30am 16th & Mission

Street

Memorial Service 12:00

Mission Dolores Church, 3321 16th Street

To confirm your attendance or for further details,

please contact Julio Escobar Director of Restorative Justice

415-861-9579

or via email

at escobarj@sfarchdiocese.org

Please mention if you would be willing to carry one of the crosses



The next St. Vincent de Paul Conference meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan 9th at 7:30 pm (note revised time) in the Parish Center Vista Room. Anyone interested in learning more about our work is encouraged to attend.

# Mass Intentions For The Week

#### JANUARY 5 TO JANUARY 13

Saturday	5:00 †	Carmen Vaca
Sunday	9:00 † 10:30	Stephen Beland Karen and Richard Abbey St. Gregory Parishioners
		Jose and Maria Silva Thomas Ledda
Monday	8:30 †	Robert Bagneschi
Tuesday	8:30 †	Aaron Baltzer
Wednesday	8:30 †	Paula Marcheschi
Thursday	8:30 †	David Gough
Friday	8:30 †	Michael Mihalek
Saturday		Rose Fazio Lee Schneider
Sunday	9:00 † 10:30 12:00	Rose Fazio Rose Fazio St. Gregory Parishioners Rosaria Nepomuceno June Hesketh

Kathy Carr is the **Parish Council** contact member for the month of January.
Call her at 261-1806 with questions or suggestions.

#### **The Gregorian Seniors**

All parishioners 55 and over are invited to become members of the Gregorian Seniors. Our January meeting will be on **Friday**, **Jan 11th at noon** in the **Worner Center**, **followed by lunch and bingo**. Please note that this is the 2nd Friday and there will be **no noon Mass**.

Membership forms will be available at the meeting. Annual dues are \$10. There is a lunch fee of \$6.00 per person. Correct change will be greatly appreciated. Non-members are welcome and the fee for lunch is \$10. It is important to call Irene Bluth at 345-8028 to make a reservation for lunch by Tues, Jan 8th so that there will be space

#### For Women



St. Gregory Women's Club invites all parish women to

#### Reflections on a New Year

## A Day of Recollection from 9-12 on Saturday, January 12th

Followed by lunch at St. Gregory's There is no charge for this event.

Reservations are <u>required</u> no later than Thurs, Jan 10th

Please call Karen Elmore at the parish office 650-345-8506 or email her at kelmore@stgregs-sanmateo.org

### <u>Expands its Services</u> in San Mateo County

Catholic Charities CYO has expanded its Refugee and Immigrant Services in San Mateo County in response to input from parishes and clergy for increased immigration services. Catholic Charities CYO's new office at 36 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue in San Mateo will be staffed five days a week to help meet the need for these essential services in the area.

In addition, CCCYO has expanded its other services in the area including the addition of a bi-lingual Spanish speaking case manager and counselor to our San Mateo County Counseling Services and adding more caregiver workshops, through CCCYO's San Carlos Adult Day Services, for families challenged to care for aging spouses or parents.

To learn more about Catholic Charities CYO's programs and services, visit

#### www.cccyo.org

or follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/CatholicCharitiesCYO