



January 1, 2006 – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us . . ." John 1:14

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RESPECT FOR LIFE

As we approach the Pro-Life Mass on January 24, I share with you on this important event, the Respect Life Essay Contest and some quotes from the Holy Father on the sacredness of life from the very beginning.

The Annual Pro-Life Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Weigand at 10:30 am on January 24th, 2006, in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. The Pro-Life Rosary will be said before the Mass. This will be a great opportunity to join in prayer to promote a culture of life in our state and in our nation.

Catholics for Life is sponsoring the Respect Life essay contest for all high school age students living in the Diocese of Sacramento, whether in public or parochial school or home schooled. The contest will demonstrate the ability of the youth in our faith community to articulate their understanding of the issues of life and the relationship of these issues to the message of the Gospel.

More information on both of these events can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

Pope Benedict XVI weighed in on this issue on the Feast of the Holy Innocents, dedicating his last general audience of the year to the unborn child, saying even the tiniest embryo is the object of God's loving gaze and concern.

God looks upon all people with "loving eyes," even the "shapeless" human life curled inside a mother's womb, he said in his Dec. 28 general audience in St. Peter's Square.

The pope devoted his Dec. 28 catechesis to the last half of Psalm 139, in which the psalmist thanks God for having "knit me in my mother's womb." He said this psalm displays God's

all-knowing and ever-present nature; even from the moment of conception, he knows a person's past, present and future.

The psalm also shows "the greatness of this small, unborn human creature, created with God's hands and surrounded by his love. The benevolent and loving gaze of God's eyes already rests upon the tiny, shapeless embryo," he said.

The Old Testament is replete with images of God as an artisan, a potter, even a tailor; he lovingly handcrafts people from "the clay of the ground" and "with bones and sinews knit me together," the pope said, citing verses from the books of Genesis and Job.

He said these images show "what a masterpiece the human person is," even when he or she has been "afflicted and wounded by suffering. Whatever his or her size or condition, the human being is 'a prodigy' of God and represents the highest and most awesome reality in the entire universe. The Son of God became man, rather, became a child, for our salvation," he said.

The Pope stated in his catechesis that even those who are weak in the faith and in Christian life are a part of the architecture of the church. "It's true, they are imperfect and small; however, for as much as they are able to understand, they love God and their neighbor, and they don't neglect to do the good they can," he said.

The pope also paid tribute to the hundreds of thousands of people hit by the Indian Ocean tsunami last year. He asked for prayers for those struck by the Dec. 26, 2004, disaster and for all those who "have been affected by natural disasters in other parts of the world and are still waiting for our concrete and proactive solidarity."

PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:

Barbie Adorno, Peter Alvarez, Marcel Arnal, Mary Avila, Jack Barca, Cody Bartley, Ray Bechler, Teresa Bennett Smith, Charles Black, Jill Boyd, Chet Brown, Bernard Burke, Arlene Chapla, Diane Cummings, Maria Dixon, Andrew Flores, Roman Fontana, Evelyn Gonsalves, Robert Gonzaga, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, R. Gutierrez, Stanley Hayes, Jenny Kam, Betty Kava, Adeline Lozano, Maria Mamauog, Maria Martinez, Earl Mattingly, Jenine Michilena, Mary Nekrassoff, Eleanor Obmann, Bud Phelps, Peter Popjevalo, Sr. Mary Porter, Troy Doyle Powers (Father of Fr. Troy Powers), Christine Regan, Zan Rockett, Charles Schneider, Katherine Schottgen, Phyllis Steele, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, Maureena Sutton, I. Thompson, X. Thompson, Bishop Weigand, Elly Weiss, Bob Westbrook, Lani Zacherson

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: Kathy O'Connors & Father & Brother +
Tuesday: Toribio Sabillo +
Wednesday: Jose Bagtas +
Thursday: John Sadro +
Friday: Richard Seward +
Saturday: Richard Seward +



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen:
1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Tue: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Wed: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Thu: St. John Neumann: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11
Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
Sun: The Epiphany of the Lord:
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



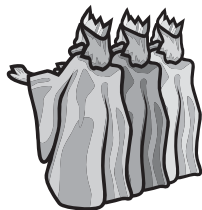
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, JANUARY 8, 2006:

Holy Family Church will utilize the regular weekend schedule of Masses for the holy day weekend.

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 12:00 noon & 6:00 pm in English
10:30 am in Spanish

There will be incense at all Masses except the 9:00 am Sunday Mass.



BLESS YOUR DOOR ON EPIPHANY:

Later in this bulletin you will find an article on this Epiphany tradition. Look for the article and watch for chalk and instructions at next weekend's Masses.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:

The Baptism of the Lord will be celebrated at the 8:30 am Mass on Monday, January 9th.



Catholic Faith Formation

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU'S

Holy Family Faith Formation wishes to express our thanks and gratitude to all our families for their time and efforts as they expressed concern and love for our adopted families this Christmas.

Also, a huge thank you to our children that took part in the play at the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve. What an awesome experience for all as the Holy Family Children's Choir accompanied the play. Thank you!

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. Matt 2:9



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Jesus stays with us day and night in the Blessed Sacrament, blessing us with the grace that encourages us, consoles us, strengthens us, guides us and inspires us to place our trust in Him. We stay with the Real Presence of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration to be more personally involved with Him and to keep the Eucharist central in our lives. Spending time with Jesus in the Eucharist helps us build a truly personal relationship with Him. Come into His presence in our beautiful chapel - He is looking forward to your visit!

Stewardship
~ a way of life ~

THANKS FROM (AND TO) THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

How beautifully we were able to prepare our Church for the celebration of Christ's birthday because of the generosity of those who donated their time, talent and treasure. Many thanks to all who donated poinsettias this year. We all have been blessed with the visual, as well as the spiritual beauty again this Christmas Season.

Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. Luke 1:35

PLANNED GIVING

End-of-the-Year Contributions

If you are in the position to make end-of-the-year contributions, please consider Holy Family Parish as a beneficiary of your support. Donating securities such as stocks, bonds or mutual funds can give special tax benefits.

STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE	
GENERAL COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 10,500.00
Dec 4	\$ 13,781.00
Dec 11	\$ 10,179.00
Dec 18	\$ 9,600.00
Dec 25	\$ 10,500.00 *
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 266,321.00
Goal-to-Date (26 Weeks)	\$ 273,000.00
% of Goal Collected	97.55 %
Annual Goal	\$ 546,000.00
* Generally, Christmas and Easter collections are separate line items in parish budget projections and thus are not included in averaging income or calculating goal-to-date percentages for the general collection; however, as this year Christmas is also one of the 52 Sundays of the fiscal year, we have included the full amount of the weekly goal to keep the projections of our progress as accurate as possible. The full amount of Christmas contributions will be published in next week's bulletin. Thank you for your generosity.	
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 3,750.00
Dec 4	\$ 2,887.50
Dec 11	\$ 1,000.00
Dec 18	\$ 3,958.00
Dec 25	\$ 2,151.50
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 61,119.34
Goal-to-Date (26 Weeks)	\$ 97,500.00
% of Goal Collected	62.69 %
Annual Goal	\$ 195,000.00
SPECIAL COLLECTION	
Christmas Collection for the Poor	\$ 4,659.00
Christmas General Collection	Still Coming In!
<i>In the word "family" we imagine warmth and love and generosity...</i>	



Holy Family School

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL students will return to classes this Wednesday, January 4, 2006. Additionally, this day is noteworthy because the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Visiting Team will make its initial visit to the school that day, and the school office begins to accept names for the 2006-2007 Waiting List on Wednesday. Happy New Year!

YOUTH MINISTRY

HOLY FAMILY YOUTH MINISTRY RUMMAGE SALE:

It's time to get a jump on Spring Cleaning...We are beginning to collect items for the Youth Group Rummage Sale to be held on the first weekend of February. We are in need of good, clean, and working items. Donations of furniture, books, household items, sports equipment, linens, baby items, gently used toys, etc. would be appreciated. Please call 721-8329 and leave a message if you would like to donate. You may also email at: holyfamilycym@yahoo.com. We are also looking for many volunteers to help with this event. Please let us know if you are available!

THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH MASS OR MEETING ON JANUARY 1ST.

A WARM THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who contributed to the CYM Blanket Drive and after Christmas Sandwich drives! Your gifts of warmth and comfort this season to someone in need were greatly appreciated.

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

Mark your calendars: All 7th Grade Students from the parish and the school who are preparing for Confirmation, there will be a special Rite of Blessing at the 9am Mass next Sunday, January 8th, with a reception to follow. More info will be sent home,



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT WEEKEND

Come join your parish family for breakfast next Sunday, November 6, from 7:00 to 11:00 am. don't miss out on a great breakfast and good company.

PARISH BOOK SALE:

Come by the parish book sale at our monthly breakfast on Jan. 8, 2006. If you have any gently used books you would like to donate for the sale please call Tom Poeschl @780-0254 or Cathy Sucharski @ 725-2053. Books may also be dropped off at the Parish Office.

CHRIST THE KING RETREAT CENTER HOLY FAMILY MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT:

Saint Luke tells us that in the final moment of His life, "Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Father, into your hands! commend my spirit'. "These words of the Lord complete the portrait of Him that began, "Here I am ... I have come to do your will, O God." (Hebrews 10:5,7) It is the picture of One whose life was not 'sometimes yes and sometimes no' but a life of total commitment to, "Thy will be done!"

This year's theme here at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center will be "Into Your hands ... Risking, Releasing, Receiving." We will be considering this constant dynamic in the life of Jesus and how it is supremely relevant to our living in the 21st Century! If we do indeed live surrounded by a "culture of death", it is especially urgent to come to understand the meaning and purpose of our lives!

Sign-up now! It is an unwinding weekend of peace and quiet. You will enjoy good rest, good food, and insightful talks to help draw you closer to God, to your loved ones, and to yourself! The men of Holy Family are scheduled to come on retreat the weekend of January 20-22, 2006. Call Chuck Rose, (916) 725-7119, or Ed Clark, (916) 725-3371, or the Retreat Center at (916) 7254720 for details and reservations. View the Center at: www.passionist.org/retreats/christtheking.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR ANNUAL PRO-LIFE MASS JANUARY 24, 2006

Celebrant:
Bishop William Weigand

Time:
10:30 a.m.

Place:
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
1017 11 th Street - Sacramento

Come join us as we pray to promote a culture of life in our State & in our Nation!

SPECIAL NOTE:
Pro-life Rosary will be said at 10:00 am.

St. Francis High School Chamber Singers will be providing the music!

**QUESTIONS?
CALL THE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE (916) 733-0140**



Health Ministry

*Wishing you the gift of health of body, mind
and spirit this Christmas season.*

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE - AND BEYOND

RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST:

Catholics for Life is sponsoring a Respect Life Essay Contest. We are very happy to announce that the A WARDS HAVE BEEN INCREASED! A \$350.00 prize will be awarded to the first place student winner and a second prize of \$250.00 will be awarded for second place. All high school age students living in the Diocese of Sacramento are invited to participate. This includes those in public or parochial school and students who are home schooled.

Contestants are to research and write an original PRO-LIFE essay. The topic of the essay is: "How does abortion hurt women's equality as well as degrade individual women?"

Essays will be judged on the student's ability to articulate her or his understanding of the issues, to present current facts and information and to include the message of the Gospel in relation to those issues. The essay should be typed in 1500 words, or less, on 8 1/2" x 11" pages and single sided. All essays are due by January 3, 2006.

Essays can be mailed to:

Catholics for Life
c/o Sally Fisher, Educational Chair
3 Somer Ridge Drive #127
Roseville, CA 95661-5265

Essays can be e-mailed to: e4sallyf@bigvalley.net.

Please send the essay in the body of the e-mail and not as an attachment. If you have any questions please call Sally at (916) 780-5305. CATHOLICS FOR LIFE will gratefully accept sponsorship to offset cost of prize money.

PRAYER SERVICE TO HONOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The Sacramento Diocese Black Catholic Council will host a Prayer Service in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, January 14, 2006 from 10:00 am to noon at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 1107 11th Street (between J and K.)

CATHOLIC HIGH-SCHOOL PLACEMENT EXAM:

The High School Placement Exam for prospective students of all four Catholic high schools will be on Saturday, January 28 at 8:00 a.m. Registration for the exam should be done at the school you plan to attend in the fall.

For more information contact the individual school's admission's offices at:

Christian Brothers High School:

733-3690 or www.cbhs-sacramento.org

Jesuit High School:

482-6060 x 227 or register on line @ www.ihssac.org

Loretto High School:

482-7793 x 103 or www.1oretto.net

St. Francis High School:

452-3461 x 195 or www.stfrancishs.org

BUS TRIP TO RENO

The Roseville Knights of Columbus #4540 are sponsoring a bus trip to Silver Legacy, Reno, Nevada, on Sunday January 22nd - The cost is \$25.00 with \$15.00 back. Checks should be made payable to "K of C #4540". Please call Kathy at (916)783-3596 for reservations.

2ND ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

Make history! Join thousands of West Coast pro-lifers on January 21, 2006 in the 2nd Annual Walk for Life West Coast. Join us as we continue to challenge the idea that abortion has been a good choice for women, for men, for families and for our society. Join us as we proclaim that Abortion Hurts Women, Men and Children and that We All Deserve Better than Abortion. Join us as we proclaim a message of Life and Peace throughout the streets of San Francisco. The Walk for Life will begin at 11:00 am at Justin Herman Plaza (near the Ferry Building in San Francisco). For more info - call (415) 586-1576 or visit our website www.walkforlifewc.com.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK:

A great idea for the New Year-celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week! The week of January 9-13, 2006, parish communities across the U.S. will celebrate this special occasion which begins with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday. Join with others to pray and renew your vocation.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS:

"Nations shall walk by your light..." Scripture reminds us that we as Christians must be a light to the world. Spend a weekend growing closer to your spouse and to God and make your marriage/Holy Orders "light" shine brighter than ever. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are: Feb 10-12, Sacramento, and March 17-19, Vallejo. To register, call Raul & Gayla Ponce, 866-825-2046; Email: srsregistrar@comcast.net.

EXPLORE AFRICA!

Explore Africa with the Sacramento Africa Initiative Group. Visit Nigeria and Ghana for 15 days in the summer of 2006 (July 23rd - August 6th). Observe first-hand the opportunities and issues facing Africa today. Cost = \$ 3,300 per person (double occupancy). For more details, contact Charlene Harris at (916) 733-0160; Charlene har@msn.com or Phyllis Johnson at (916) 729-8110; lilpi@surewest.net.

STAY INFORMED - READ THE CATHOLIC HERALD:

Keeping up to date on news and events that impact the lives of Catholics throughout Northern California is as simple as reading *the Newspaper of the Diocese of Sacramento*:

The Catholic Herald

And, getting The Catholic Herald is as simple as calling (916) 452-3344 or the Holy Family Parish Office at 723-2494.

BLESS YOUR DOOR ON EPIPHANY

The gospel tells us that the magi found Christ "on entering the house." The door to your home is a holy threshold. It is unfortunate today, that homes are often not blessed. This may be accounted for in part by our modern mobility and lack of home ownership. Let us revive this Epiphany tradition, which is a practice appreciated by children and adults alike.

You can bless those who come in and go out by inscribing above the door in chalk, especially blessed for the occasion, the first two numbers of the year + C + M + B + the last two numbers of the year. This year, the legend will read:

20 + C + M + B + 06

Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the magi, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Adolph Adam points out that It may also mean "Christus mansionem benedicat" or "May Christ bless this dwelling," It's appropriate to bless your door in January - janua means "door" and the first month is the door to the new year.

In religious houses the legend is written over the door of every room. Like the other blessings of homes, this one is meant to invoke protection over the mind and body of those who dwell within. In this instance the priest prays:

"Bless, O Lord, Almighty God, this home, that in it there may be health, chastity, strength of victory, humility, goodness, and industry, a fullness of law and the action of graces through God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and that this blessing may remain on this home and on those who frequent it. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

After inscribing the doorway, say this prayer:

God of Bethlehem and Cana,
God of Jordan's leaping waters,
in baptism you bring us
into your family.
You wed us and embrace us
as your beloved.
May we fill this place
with kindness to one another,
with hospitality to guests,
and with abundant care
for every stranger,
By the gentle light of a star,
guide home all who seek you
on paths of faith, hope and love.
Then we will join the angels
in proclaiming your praise
Glory in heaven and peace on earth,
now and for ever. Amen.

Then sing a Christmas carol!

Next weekend, Holy Family Parish will distribute blessed chalk and instructions at all weekend Masses.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

In the next two weeks, we will be printing the covers for the bulletins for next several weeks - through Ordinary time.

Now is the perfect time to get your advertisement placed in the Holy Family Parish Bulletin.

We are grateful to the businesses that have loyally supported our bulletin through the years.

Advertising in the bulletin is a wonderful way to support Holy Family Parish in a direct and effective way while also supporting your business.

Holy Family offers the services of an experienced graphic designer to assist you in designing your ad, complete with photos, logos and coupons.

If you or your firm may be interested in advertising in the Holy Family Bulletin, please call the parish office at 723-2494. In the meantime, please support those who support us by patronizing Holy Family bulletin advertisers.

Thank you!

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