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HOLY FAMILY PARISH BULLETIN

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For information, to submit a bulletin item or to place an ad:

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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH CHRISTMAS 2008

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.

What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race;
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.
The true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world.

And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.

John 1:1-9, 14

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

HORAS DE OFICINA DE LA PARROQUIA

Monday/ Lunes 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Tuesday - Friday/ Martes - Viernes 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday/ Sábado y Domingo Closed

MASS SCHEDULE - HORARIO DE MISAS

Daily Mass (Mon-Sat)/ Misa Diaria (Lunes-Sábado) 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil/ Vigilia Sabatina 4:30 pm

Sunday / Domingo

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 12:30 pm, and 6:00 pm (in English)

10:30 am (en Español)

Holy Days/ Días de Fiesta 8:30 am, 6:00 pm (in English)

7:30 pm (en Español)

CONFESSIONS - CONFESIONES

Saturday/ Sábado 3:00 - 4:00 pm (in English and Spanish)

In addition to the time shown, confessions are available by appointment in English and Spanish.

Además de estos horarios, las confesiones están disponibles pidiendo cita y son en inglés o español.

MARRIAGES - MATRIMONIOS

Six months advance notice requested - Please contact the parish office.

Avisar seis meses antes -

Por favor contacte la oficina de la parroquia.

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Please contact Michelle Rose (916) 726-7217

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dear friend in Christ, proud member of Holy Family Parish,

At the beginning of a Christmas story that is familiar to us all, Bob Cratchit greets his uncle cheerfully, "A merry Christmas, uncle! God save you!" His uncle, the notorious Ebenezer Scrooge, responds with his famous sneer, "Bah! Humbug!" Then he demands of his nephew, "What right have you to be merry? You're poor enough." Cratchit counters this remark with: "What right have you to be dismal? What reason have you to be morose? You're rich enough."

As we celebrate Christmas this year, we recognize that we have many blessings to be grateful for. At the same time, we are acutely aware that there is much fear and anxiety in the lives of many of our fellow Americans. We all hope that we have seen the worst of the economic crisis, but knowledgeable prognosticators tell us that it will continue throughout the coming year. That means that our lives will be consumed with more people having fewer resources. And we will see our own co-workers struggle to maintain a quality of life for their families as well. These challenges will affect all of us as we struggle to be creative in our response. But will we succeed?

We need this celebration of Christmas to remind us that success is not only measured in numbers of bags of groceries distributed or shelter beds provided, but more importantly in how each person in need is received. As Catholics we see in each person the image of God and, in many the suffering person of Christ. Whatever else we are able to offer them, the greatest gift we give is the assurance of God's love and compassion. As Pope Benedict XVI reminds us, we are people of hope who everyday witness to God's kingdom in our midst.

The work of being the church in this country and throughout the world is evidence of our faith and hope put into action. You as Holy Family parishioners respond to a profound calling to this work. The mystery of the Incarnation is made visible in your dedication and leadership. You have taken the words of the medieval mystic, Meister Eckhardt, to heart: what good is it for Christ to have come into the world so long ago, if he is not born anew in my heart this year?

In the Christmas opera Amahl and the Night Visitors, the mother of the poor crippled boy Amahl in her need tries to steal the Magi's gold meant as a gift for the newborn king. The response of the kings is not one of condemnation, but rather of generosity:

"O woman, you can keep the gold.
The Child we seek doesn't need our gold.
On love, on love alone he will build his kingdom.
His pierced hand will hold no scepter.
His haloed head will wear no crown.
His might will not be built on your toil.
He will bring us new life and receive our death,
and the keys to his city belong to the poor."

My dear parishioners we are privileged to serve the poor, the marginalized, the needy, the forgotten. This is truly holy work. As you gift your community in so many ways, my prayer for you is that you be truly blessed in your life and your work. May you know the joy of Mary and Joseph, the wonder of the shepherds and the peace of the Christ Child who brings meaning and purpose to our lives.

With warm regards, appreciation and love in Christ,
Reverend Michael F. Kiernan

UNEMPLOYED ON POPE'S MIND DURING HOLIDAYS

Calls for Solidarity With Those Affected by Financial Crisis

This Christmas, Benedict XVI will be thinking of those affected by the current economic crisis, and in particular those who have lost their jobs.

The Pope, speaking to members of the Labor Office of the Apostolic See, said, "Approaching Christmas, I think almost naturally about the unemployment crisis that worries all of humanity. Whoever has the possibility to work, give thanks to the Lord, and open your spirit with generosity to those who are unemployed or who are encountering economic hardship."

"May the Christ Child, who was born on that Holy Night of Bethlehem, draw near us in our difficulties, and look with kindness on those who are sorely affected by this world crisis, awakening in them feelings of authentic solidarity."

CHRISTMAS WISHES TO YOU

in Gaelic, Tagalog, and Spanish with translation below

*nollaig naofa,
beannachtaí iosa,
nollaig chroíuil,
is bliain nua mhaíth.*

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Maligayang Pasko at Manigong Bagong Taon sa inyoung lahat. Maging mapayapa at masagana sana ang taong 2009 para sa Inyong mga pamilya.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you. May the year 2009 bring so much blessings and peace to your families.

Paz en el mundo y buena voluntad a todos. Feliz Navidad.

Peace in the world and good will to all. Merry Christmas.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Come celebrate our parish feast day this weekend, December 27 & 28 as we kick-off the celebration of the **60th Anniversary of our beloved parish!**

The Knights of Columbus are serving breakfast after the morning Masses and there will be fellowship after all Masses!

Join your parish family as we continue the blessed Christmas Season...

PREACHER: GIVE BIRTH TO CHRIST THIS CHRISTMAS

Father Cantalamessa Reflects on Mary as Role Model

The preacher of the Pontifical Household is urging the faithful to follow the example of Mary and give birth to Christ this Christmas. Not physically, of course, but spiritually.

Capuchin Father Raniero Cantalamessa reflected on giving birth to Christ in one's heart during his third and last Advent sermon this year at the Vatican in the presence of Benedict XVI and the Roman Curia. The talks centered around the theme: "When the Fullness of Time Had Come, God Sent his Son, Born of a Woman: Going With St. Paul to Meet the Christ Who Comes."

"We are mothers of Christ when we carry him in our heart and in our body by divine love and with a pure and sincere conscience," Father Cantalamessa said, quoting St. Francis of Assisi. "We give birth to him through holy works, which should shine forth as an example for others."

"How holy and dear, pleasant, humble, peaceful, lovable and desirable above all things it is to have such a brother and such a son, our Lord Jesus Christ!"

"The saint is telling us that we conceive Christ when we love him with a sincere heart and with rectitude of conscience, and we give birth to him when we accomplish holy deeds that manifest him to the world."

"For St. Bonaventure, the soul conceives Jesus when, dissatisfied with the life one is living, prompted by holy inspirations and inflamed by holy ardor, a person resolutely tears himself/herself away from old habits and defects, is in a way made spiritually fertile by the grace of the Holy Spirit and conceives the project of a new life. Christ has been conceived!"

"Once conceived, the blessed Son of God will be born in the heart so long as this soul, after having made a right discernment, asked for appropriate advice and called upon God for help, puts God's holy plan immediately into practice and begins to realize that which had been ripening in him but which he had always put off for fear of being incapable of succeeding in it."

Father Cantalamessa warned, however, that "this project of a new life must translate itself, without delay, into something concrete, into a change, possibly even external and visible, in our lives."

"If you decide to change your lifestyle and enter into the category of the poor and humble, who, like Mary, only seek the grace of God, without worrying about pleasing people, then, St. Bonaventure writes, you must arm yourself with courage, because you will need it."

He then offered the example of the Mother of God, suggested "to bring this new drive to our spiritual life: to truly conceive and give birth to Jesus in us this Christmas."