We are a welcoming inter-generational community united through our faith in Jesus Christ, demonstrating our love to others through service and charity. All are Welcome, All Belong!

**January 6, 2019 - The Epiphany of the Lord**

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**MASS TIMES**

Sunday:  
8:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  

Saturday:  
Vigil 5:00 p.m.  

Weekdays:  
8:00 a.m. - Chapel  

Holy Days:  
8:00 a.m.  
7:00 p.m.  

Confessions:  
4:15 p.m. (Saturday)

**DEVOTIONS**

Rosary - Monday - Saturday after  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass

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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

The feast of the Epiphany is celebrated in many cultures and oftentimes more prominently than Christmas! At a time when many homes have taken down decorations and put away special dishes from the season, we are reminded that there are still celebrations to be had. This story of the visit from the magi is unique to Matthew’s gospel and when read on its own terms it can be especially revealing. Often, however, we read this gospel with preconceived notions. For example, the text doesn’t say how many magi there were but because they gave three gifts (gold, frankincense, and myrrh) artists, preachers, and homilists through the centuries talk about there being three kings. Aside from fulfilling Scripture (e.g., Isa 60:6), the gifts are symbolic as they were given to kings or divinities in antiquity. Gold is a precious element representing kingship, frankincense a perfume, and myrrh a costly balm or ointment.

And this leads to the term, “king,” which is not used in the gospel text. Instead, the term is “magi,” which designated the Persian (modern-day Iran) priestly caste. Thus, Matthew foreshadows the post-resurrection mission to the Gentiles by showing Gentiles (Persians) coming to worship the child Jesus. Ultimately, this is a story about who Jesus is and what his mission will be.

It is also significant that the magi worship the child Jesus. Matthew does not use the term infant here for Jesus is no longer an infant. And it’s clear from the story that Mary is at her house, not in a manger as Luke would have it. Again, when we read these stories on their own terms without importing “what we know” from other stories, a different picture emerges, and that can be a picture that conforms more closely to the theology that the evangelist wanted to impart.

In the story following today’s gospel, Matthew tells us of the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt to escape Herod slaughtering all the male children in Bethlehem up to two years old (Matt 2:16). This is a clear indication that the magi visited the home about two years after the birth of Jesus. And the point here is theological. Jesus is brought to Egypt so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled, “Out of Egypt I called my son” (Matt 2:15; Hos 11:1; NABRE). So in today’s gospel reading we see the mission to the Gentiles and the universal scope of salvation foreshadowed by the visit of the magi to worship the child Jesus. Salvation knows no bounds. This is a cause for celebration indeed!

“All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.”
January 6, 2019

01/05 Saturday
Saint John Neumann, Bishop
8:00 a.m. Special Intention
(by: Emilia Brust)
5:00 p.m. Intentions of Val Karels
(by: Lola Karels)

01/06 Sunday
The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Intentions of S. H. Howell
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

01/07 Monday
Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest
8:00 a.m. Michael J. & Cassie O’Donnell
(by: Peggy Fullerton)

01/08 Tuesday
8:00 a.m. Bridget Flanagan & Family (Spl. Int.)
(by: Maureen Fitzpatrick)

01/09 Wednesday
8:00 a.m. † Brid McCabe
(by: Peggy Fullerton)

01/10 Thursday
8:00 a.m. † Joseph O’Toole
(by: Peggy Fullerton)

01/11 Friday
8:00 a.m. † Mona Timlin
(by: Peggy Fullerton)

01/12 Saturday
8:00 a.m. † Regina DiSerio
(by: Tom DiSerio)
5:00 p.m. † Arthur & Francis White
(by: Peggy O’Dowd)

01/13 Sunday
The Baptism of the Lord
8:00 a.m. † Carrie Topo
(by: Mary Tom)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Let us remember in our Prayers...

Those who are sick or who suffer in any way, especially the homebound and the elderly, that God will assist them in their time of need and that they may find comfort and healing in Christ.

John Bamber  Michael Brust  Mary Dekle
Corrado DeMartini  Marian Dickey  Danny Forchione
Laura Garcia  Denyse Hale  Dolores Martin
Fred Jungmann  Mow, Kain Chiu  Ron Ramirez
Bill Matthews  Agnes Piva

Those who have died, the deceased of our parish, and especially those who have no one to pray for them.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. May the Perpetual Light Shine upon them.

Get your 2019 Calendars

Our annual calendars are available for your use. Please take one per family at this time.

We offer our thanks to Duggans-Welch Funeral Services on 17th Street for sponsoring our calendars once again this year.

Offertory report will be shown in a further bulletin due to early bulletin printing schedule. Thank you.

Sunday, January 6, 2019
Epiphany of the Lord
Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 13, 2019
The Baptism of he Lord
Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Choirs on Christmas Break

01/06 Second Collection for Parish Maintenance & facilities
01/07 Parish school resumes class after Christmas Break
01/09 Wednesday, School Epiphany Mass, 8:00 a.m.
01/09 Wednesday, Cub Scouts Mtg, 6PM, Parish Hall
01/13 Second Collection for St. Philip’s School
01/13 Religious Education classes resume, 9:15 a.m., chapel

IS GOD CALLING YOU?
ST. PATRICK’S SEMINARY DISCERNMENT RETREAT
JANUARY 18-20, 2019

Conferences by Most Rev. Thomas A. Daly, Bishop of Spokane
All meals and lodging provided.
Attendance does not imply further obligation.
Must be a single man — 21 years or older.

To register, contact: FR. PATRICK SUMMERHAYS
vocations@sfarch.org
(415) 614-5683
How can we make this week a special one as the Christmas season draws to a close? In some parts of the world daylight is plentiful right now, but for many of us the days are short and the dark of night surrounds us many hours each day. This could be the week to reflect on that darkness and the light that Jesus brings into our hearts. Each morning as our feet touch the floor next to our beds, we can open our hands briefly in the darkness and ask God to show us the light in our lives. Gratitude is a wonderful way to pray and to recognize the light we sometimes don't notice in our lives. Maybe in this final week of Christmas, we can light a candle at dinner and remember a special blessing we have been given or something we are grateful for in our lives.

Dear Lord,
You came to your disciples when they felt alone on the stormy waters and comforted them with your presence. Be with me today and let my heart be touched by the love you so lavishly give to me. Let me remember to turn to you in my fears and darkness and know that you will heal me.

Amen

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A Light for All Nations

God of light,
on the first day of creation
you filled the world with your light;
you created humans in your image
and likeness
and gave them this place of light for
their home.
But they chose darkness, so you
sent prophets
with the promise of a great Light.
You gave us your Son, the Light
of the World,
a Light so radiant that all nations
would be drawn to him for all ages,
bringing gifts and offering praise.
May we always walk by his light
and never lose sight of him.
May we bring him the best we have,
a total offering of ourselves,
as Jesus offered himself completely for us.
We pray through his Most Holy Name.
Amen.

Sunday, January 6, 2019

A Revelation to the Gentiles

Today’s Readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8,
10–11, 12–13; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12.
The message of Christ’s birth comes first to poor Jewish
shepherds in the nearby countryside. They find Jesus just as
the angel had said and return home praising and glorifying
the Lord. Later, mysterious Magi from distant lands, follow-
ing a star, come to see the newborn king to do him homage
and give him precious gifts.

This pattern of revelation—first to the Jews and then to
the Gentiles—is repeated during Jesus’ lifetime and the
early days of the Church. During his ministry, Jesus says,
“I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel”
(Matthew 15:24); but he heals others who have great faith.
After his Resurrection, he tells the Apostles to “make dis-
ciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19a); but at first much of
their time is spent preaching the Gospel to Jews. When Paul,
a persecutor of Christians, meets Jesus on the road to
Damascus, he becomes a zealous Apostle. Jesus calms the
fears of a disciple who is afraid of Paul by reassuring him
that Paul “is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name
before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites” (Acts 9:15). With the
tireless travels and preaching of Paul, and the eventual
acceptance of the Gentiles by the other Apostles, the Church
is established in communities far from Jerusalem.

The visit of the Magi foreshadows the spread of
Christianity to the entire world. The birth of Jesus is indeed
“good news of great joy that will be for all the people”
(Luke 2:10).
Who is an Active Parishioner?

- Regular attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Registered in the Parish, receiving and using weekly envelopes or online platform supporting the Parish according to the best of one’s ability.
- Volunteers and participates in Parish activities with time, talent, and resources as means permit.
- Trying to live the Catholic Faith as best they can with God’s help and the support of family and friends at home and in the Parish.

PARISH REGISTRATION
ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL BELONG

Our parish is blessed and enriched by the presence of new parishioners.

We welcome all new families and individuals. If you are interested in joining the Saint Philip’s parish community, feel free to call our office at 415-282-0141 for a registration form, or go online at www.saintphilipparish.org to complete the form online.

Interested in having your child Baptized at Saint Philip the Apostle Church?

Please call the parish office at 415.282.0141 to reserve your spot for any upcoming preparation session and schedule a date for the baptism.

Next Session will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory.

Call the Parish office at 415-282-0141 to make your reservation.

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES RESUME ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 9:15 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL

A Prayer for Vocations

Loving and generous God,
you called the prophets
to bring your word to your chosen people.
Your Son, Jesus, called the first disciples
to be bold proclaimers of the good news.
In the modern world, you continue to call
your sons and daughters to the priesthood,
diocese, and consecrated life.
Calm the chaos and soothe the sounds of our world,
and allow more to hear your soft voice
calling them to pick up their cross and follow.
May the Holy Spirit fall upon your church in a profound way,
so that we may experience a tremendous harvest of grace.
May vocations increase ever abundantly
and may your church stand as a witness to the world
of the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

We encourage you to enroll in our online giving Program during 2019

- It’s easy to set up
- Gives you real-time access of your charitable donations

We invite you to visit our website at www.saintphilipparish.org and select the online giving tab on the homepage. Alternatively, you can download the mobile app from Googleplay or the Apple App Store. Register by entering our church ID of (4254)

If you wish to continue to use your paper envelopes, you are most welcomed to do so.

Walk for Life West Coast 2019:
January 26, 2019

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 15th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 26, 2019.

There will be Mass at 9:30AM celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

The rally begins at 12:30PM in San Francisco’s Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city’s Market Street, begins at 1:30PM. Last year’s Walk drew 50,000+ people.

For complete information about the Walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.
**PARISH SERVICES**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
This Sacrament is for those who are elderly, seriously ill, or scheduled for surgery. Contact the Parish Office to schedule the anointing in Church or at home. If in hospital, or care facility, please request the Catholic Chaplain or a priest from the Parish in which the hospital or care facility is located, through the nursing station.

**BAPTISM**
Parents wishing to baptize children should call the parish office to schedule the baptism and to schedule participation in our baptismal preparation program. Please call two months before you wish the baptism. Parents must make an appointment to attend the preparation session. Godparents may attend if they wish. As of January, 2019, these sessions will take place the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. The preparation may be done before the birth of the child. Please call the Parish office at 415-282-0141 for more information.

**FAITH FORMATION**
Saccramental preparation is a one year program here at St. Philips. First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated in the 2nd grade. However, we offer accommodations for those older. Classes are held in the chapel on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. A copy of the child’s baptismal certificate will be required upon registration. Please call the Parish office for complete details. 415-282-0141

Our Confirmation Program is designed for those youth entering the 8th grade or already in high school. These sessions begin in the fall. You must provide baptismal and First Eucharist certificates. To register call the Parish Office 415-282-0141

**R.C.I.A.—**Adults wishing to explore the Catholic faith are welcome to attend an Inquiry Session in the fall. Classes are held on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Resource Center building (the old convent). Call the Parish Office at 415-282-0141 for a registration form.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**
Call the Parish Office to arrange for visitation and the gift of Holy Communion from one of our Extraordinary Ministers for your friends and family members who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or hospitalization. This is a beautiful ministry which allows for the Church to reach out to those who are homebound and share faith and friendship.

**MARRIAGE**
Couples are asked to call the Parish Office at least six months prior to their intended wedding date to schedule an appointment with the Pastoral Staff to begin their marriage preparation journey.

**RECONCILIATION**
Saturdays 4:15—4:45 p.m. or by appointment

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**
Monday—Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
415-282-0141 Fax: 415-282-8962
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**PARISH RESOURCES**

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**MUSIC MINISTRY**
Carlton White, Music Director

**DEVOTIONS**
Rosary - Monday - Saturday • After 8:00 a.m. Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help • Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass

**SCHOOL GRADES TK-8**
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**PARISH OUTREACH**

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As a service to the community, we sponsor the following:
Monday A.A. Meeting (Men's) 7:00 p.m. Hall 3
Tuesday A.A. Kitchen (Ladies) 6:00 p.m. Hall 3
Wednesday Al-Anon 7:00 p.m. Lyons