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December 31, 2017    Feast of the Holy Family

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Teach Your Family

Good and gracious God,
who filled Simeon with the Holy Spirit,
we bless you for revealing to us the Light
of your salvation.
Fill your family with grace
and, like Mary and Joseph,
may our love for you remain strong
so that, filled with the light of faith,
your family may grow in obedience
to your Word.

Bless and protect all families who seek
your embrace.
Open their eyes to see the glory of your Son.
You have promised the Church unity in faith
and love;
as you fulfilled your promises by being part
of the Holy Family.
Be present in our midst
and make us the instruments by which you
heal the world.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 31, 2017
Wisdom

*Today’s Readings: Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14 or Genesis 15:1–6;
21:1–3; Psalm 128:1–2, 3, 4–5 or Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8–9; Colossians 3:12–21 or Hebrews 11:8, 11–12, 17–19;
Luke 2:22–40.* In today’s Gospel, Simeon announces that
Jesus is God’s salvation for the world, and that many will
oppose him. He even tells Mary that she, too, would be
pierced, foreshadowing the sorrow that overcomes her during
the Passion. On this feast of the Holy Family, the Church
is asked to ponder the mystery of salvation. Jesus, who is the
Light of the World, will suffer so that all can share in salva-
tion. In this Gospel, we hear again of the fulfillment of
God’s promise that the prophets foretold.

While today’s Gospel is certainly joyful, it also
reminds families that suffering is part of the journey.
Following the Gospel and working to reveal God’s love and
mercy in our world are often met with persecution and ridi-
cule. The Holy Family teaches us that faith in God is neces-
sary to endure suffering and to share the light of Christ.

As you discern the ways in which your family lives out
the Gospel, take time to identify wisdom figures in your
community and family. Listen to their stories and learn the
ways their faith grew in the midst of joy and suffering. What
can these wisdom figures teach you? Pray that your family
remain strong in faith and trust in God’s mercy.
MASSES FOR THE WEEK
December 31, 2017

12/30 Saturday  
8:00 a.m. † Lucille Taft  
(by: Anne Holman)  
5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving  
(by: The Cagalingan Family)

12/31 Sunday  
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
8:00 a.m. Rev. Tony P. LaTorre (Spl. Intention)  
(by: Carol Cagalingan)  
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

01/01 Monday  
The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
9:00 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant

01/02 Tuesday  
Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church  
8:00 a.m. Penny Glassman (Spl. Intention)  
(by: Carolee Lubin)

01/03 Wednesday  
The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
8:00 a.m. James Glassman (Spl. Intention)  
(by: Carolee Lubin)

01/04 Thursday  
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious  
8:00 a.m. † Lee Shut Fong  
(by: Mary Tom)

01/05 Friday  
Saint John Neumann, Bishop  
8:00 a.m. † Josefina Rodriguez  
(by: Office Staff at Cal-Cade Construction)

01/06 Saturday  
Saint André Bessette, Religious  
8:00 a.m. The McInerney Family (Spl. Int.)  
(by: Anne Holman)  
5:00 p.m. The Intentions of Fr. S. H. Howell

01/07 Sunday  
The Epiphany of the Lord  
8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving  
(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.

Patricia Crowley  
Mow, Kain Chiu  
Mary Crowley

Laura Garcia  
Mary Deke  
David Dickey

Agnes Piva  
Marian Dickey  
Dolores Martin

John Bamber  
Bill Matthews  
Michael Brust

Fred Jungmann  
Leo Juarez  
Corrado DeMartini

Ron Ramirez  
Chloe Smith  
Father Paul Rossi  
Jana Atlas

Those who have died, Manjushree Gupta, mother to Rajiv Gupta, 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.

We are sincerely grateful for your financial stewardship supporting our various parish needs.

As a result of early Holiday Printing Schedules your stewardship offerings will be reported in a future bulletin edition.

Sunday, December 31, 2017  
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
Regular weekend Mass schedule

Monday, January 1, 2018  
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
9:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 7, 2018  
Epiphany of the Lord - Regular weekend schedule

Reflection for the New Year—2018

Right after Christmas is the perfect time to look back and examine our hearts. What is Jesus saying to me these days after Christmas? What is he asking me? What is he inviting me to do? He won't be asking us to repeat our account of what happened, in terms of who was right and who was wrong. Jesus will always draw us to himself, always inviting us into the mystery of the power of surrender. Jesus is offering us a chance to stay longer in that stable, next to the manger, to draw deeper from the mystery of his self-sacrificing love. What do I do with my angry and hurt feelings? What if the other person isn't sorry, because this was just the way they are? What if the other person isn't "turning to Jesus"? This is the time we need to let the Lord's love for us to heal us. That is the deepest healing.

It's almost a year that we launched our worry-free online giving portal as we had received several requests to make this available. To date, we have 48 participants and would like to double that number for the coming year.

If you are new to Online Giving, 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)

Of course if you wish to continue to use your paper envelopes, you are most welcomed to do so. We are offering this option for your convenience.

Year end Tax Contributions

This is the time of year when you may be reflecting on catching up on your charitable contributions for the 2017 tax year.

If you plan to add Saint Philip to your list, please make sure your donation is dated by December 31, 2017 in order to receive credit for 2017. As always, year-end tax contribution letters are available to you by request.
Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph was not your typical nuclear family. It consisted of a child, his birth mother, and an adoptive father. And yet they lived as faith-filled families of their day were expected to live. They went to the temple to present Jesus to God. They heard words of praise and thanksgiving about their son and a prediction of possible hardship from Simeon and Anna. Returning home, Jesus grew in wisdom and strength, as most children do. Abram, Sarah and Isaac were not typical, either. Sarah, became pregnant well beyond childbearing years. And yet their lives are prototypes for living one’s faith. They trusted God, even when God seemed to ask for the impossible.

Whether our family is described as “typical” or it would be defined in ways other than “typical,” we are all children of a God who promises to be with us throughout our lives. Sometimes we feel God present in clear and concrete ways, as did Mary and Joseph and Abraham and Sarah. Sometimes God seems absent or life is challenging, as it was for them as well. Sarah doubted God and laughed at being told she would bear a child in her old age. Mary’s heart was pierced watching her son ridiculed, rejected, and crucified. Yet they knew God’s presence and that God promises to be with us, in good times and in bad. Look for God in your life as it is. Be who you are and be that well, for the same God who was with Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac, and Jesus, Mary, and Joseph has promised to care for us today, tomorrow, and every day. Look to find God’s favor, to grow and become strong, filled with wisdom and grace.

**Living the Paschal Mystery**

Family life is the heart of faith life for so many of us, including Jesus himself. It is the family where we first experience unconditional love. This experience then becomes one image or model upon which we imagine God’s love. For this reason, but not only for this reason, the experience of family is sacred.

After the experience in the temple, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph returned home and lived as a family. They did not live in the temple. Instead, it was in the daily routine of living, in a small town away from the activity of Jerusalem, that Jesus grew and became strong with God’s favor upon him.

We are reminded, then, of the sacredness of our own homes and family life. God’s presence and favor is in the caring for children, self-sacrificing for their benefit and well-being. God’s grace is in the relationships we share in which we experience and express unconditional love.
Come cheer on the priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese of San Francisco as they face off in this second annual event!

Half-time entertainment for all ages. Bring family and friends to Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep's gym (Sister Teresa Piro, DC Student Life Center) on **Friday, January 5 at 7 pm**.

Parking available in the Cathedral parking lot, across the street from the school.

**Admission:** $7.00

Tickets can be purchased online at: [sfarch.org/basketball](http://sfarch.org/basketball)

Jan 1, 2018  
Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.  
(Not a holy day of obligation this year)

"The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a liturgical celebration observed on January 1st. The use of the word “Solemnity” here is not a statement about Mary’s personality. It is a designation used for certain days within the liturgical (church-based) calendar of the Church. Solemnities are the highest rank of liturgical celebration, higher than feast days or memorials. By celebrating a solemnity dedicated to Mary’s motherhood, the Church highlights the significance of her part in the life of Jesus, and emphasizes that he is both human and divine.

Though New Year’s Day may seem more like a day for football and hangovers than for Mary, there’s a beautiful spiritual significance in celebrating her during the heart of the Christmas season. Pope Paul VI, in his apostolic exhortation Marialis Cultus (1974), called the Solemnity of Mary “a fitting occasion for renewing adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels (cf. Lk 2:14), and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace.”"

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Save the Date January 27th for the 14th Annual Walk for Life West Coast
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, 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

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

Solution to last week’s Gospel Crossword

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First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery
Saturday, January 6, 11:00 am
All Saints Chapel,
1500 Mission Rd., Colma
Monica Williams 650-756-2060
holycrosscemeteries.com

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery invites you to begin the year in prayer for our deceased loved ones.

Please join Fr. Tony LaTorre, Pastor of St. Stephen’s Church, for First Saturday Mass on January 6 at 11:00 am in the All Saints Chapel at Holy Cross in Colma.

Are you planning a 2018 spring or summer wedding?

If so, now is the time to contact the church’s rectory office and discuss your plans with our pastoral staff and reserve the church.

Keep in mind Archdiocese guidelines require couples contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date to begin the pre-Cana preparation.

Feel free to call our parish office to schedule your initial meeting at 415-282-0141

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our Parish School is now offers Transitional Kindergarten beginning with the 2017-2018 school term!

This two-year program is designed for students who will turn five years of age between September 2nd and December 2nd.

The registration and testing process is the same as for any other kindergarten applicant, with the exception that if a student is not accepted in Kindergarten, the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program is now available.

For complete details of this new program, please visit the school website at: www.saintphilipschool.org or call the office at: 415.824.8467

We are pleased to offer this new program as an added convenience to interested families. Spread the word!

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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. These sessions normally take place the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The preparation maybe done before the birth of the child. Please call the Parish office at 415-282-0141 for more information.

FAITH FORMATION
Sacramental preparation is a one year program here at St. Philip’s. 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 to 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 RESOURCES

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MUSIC MINISTRY
Carlton White, Music Director

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Ms. Rachel Williams, Director
Email: preschoolinfo@saintphilipparish.org

PARISH OUTREACH
Baptismal Classes First Tuesday of the Month 7:00 p.m. (Rectory by appt.)
Belfry Society
Adult Choir Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Church)
Children Choir Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (Hall 1)
First Communion Instruction…Sundays 9:15 a.m. (chapel)
CCD Confirmation Instruction Sundays 9:15 a.m. (Lyons Rm)
Liturgical Committee
Parish Council
Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Sunday 9:15 (Resource Center)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Second & Third Thursday, 11:30a.m., (Hall 3)
Rosary Makers School Board
Second & Third Thursday, Young at Heart (Senior Club) 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Please contact the rectory at (415) 282-0141
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 6:00 p.m. Hall 3
Wednesday Alanon 7:00 p.m. Lyons
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