


January 6, 2019		THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED: Hearing aids for use are in the sacristy—please return them after Mass.			
With joy & happiness we welcome all of you who have come to pray and worship with us We hope you will find friendship and fellowship in our community and encouragement to face whatever may come in the week ahead. For our guests & visitors, we pray that your stay in Tahoe is wonderful, that you have a safe journey home – and return to us soon.			
TODAY’S READINGS		READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).		Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	
Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).		Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44	
Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).		Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52	
Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).		Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a	
MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS		Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16	
Saturday January 5 St. John Neumann		Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30	
5:30 pm Bill Horning (dec) by Al & Audrey Coster		Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22	
Sunday January 6		WEEK AT A GLANCE	
8:00 am Ann G Henry (dec) by the Eidam family		Monday, January 7	8am Mass; 4pm-5:30pm Bread & Broth Meal
10:00 am Angelo & Ruedorfer family (dec) by Gabriell		Tuesday, January 8	8am Mass; 4:30pm Children Faith Formation; 6:30pm RCIA in English; 7:30pm Classical Choral Music with the University of Notre Dame Glee Club
12:00 pm Nick Marinkovich (dec) by his family		Wednesday, January 9	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 7pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
7:00 pm		Thursday, January 10	8am Mass; 6pm Blessed Is She Program
Monday January 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort		Friday, January 11	8am Mass; 12noon Mass; 3pm-4:30pm Food Pantry
8:00 am Patrick & Catherine Hurley (dec) by the Hurley family		Saturday, January 12	4pm Confessions; 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Tuesday January 8		Sunday, January 13	8am, 10am, 12 noon and 7pm (in Spanish)
8:00 am Edward Parks (dec) by his family		 DONATE ONLINE Now you can donate online! Look for the “Donate” button on our website www.tahoeatholic.com	
Wednesday January 9		PRAYER REQUESTS	
8:00 am Paulette Williams (spec int) by her sister Marsha		FOR PARISHIONERS ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY	
12:00 pm Robert Growden (dec) by Bridget Spencer		Phillip Gaston Corbett Martin Zachary Martin Erik Townsend	
Thursday January 10		FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL	
8:00 am Ruby Darnstaedt (bday/dec) by the Chiappa family		Concordia Balong Bill Barboni Kathleen Brady Krista Carson Romie Enriquez Gene Estepa Mamerto Estepa Steve Frick Ophelia Kirvida Kel Lohmeier Matthew Morisky Simon McQuarrie Byron Melrose Jamie O’Malley Cecilia Ramirez Tony Russo Gloria Walkowiak	
Friday January 11		PRAYER REQUESTS	
8:00 am Brendan Coughlin (dec) by the Eidam family		If you would like to add to the prayer list, please send an email with your loved one’s name along with your name and phone number to tahoeatholicbulletin@gmail.com .	
12:00 pm Phil Smith & Michael Blank Jr (dec) by the St. Theresa parish staff			
Saturday January 12			
5:30 pm Bill Horning (dec) by Jim & Alison (Coster) Krebs			
 DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP Wednesdays 10:30a.m. in the Church with the Rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet, and novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help			
STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH			
12/30	Regular Collection	7060.27	
	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	3796.53	
Second collection THIS weekend: NO SECOND COLLECTION			
Second collection NEXT weekend: NO SECOND COLLECTION			



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KNIGHT'S CORNER

Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never have enough" Oprah

Men of the Parish are you looking for something more in your life? We do men's Catholic Fellowship! St. Theresa commemorative keepsakes for sale for a small donation. Ask a Knight

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Jan. 6 after the 8AM & 10AM Masses. It always tastes right when cooked by a Knight! December proceeds of \$600 donated to the **"CAMP FIRE"**

MONTHLY MEETING—Jan 9—Dinner at 6pm meeting at 7pm

Become a better version of yourself. Become a knight! George Westinghouse (530)-721-1753 will be happy to help you learn more about the Knights of Columbus

GOD'S IMAGINATION

So much of our energy, time, and money goes into maintaining distance from one another. Many if not most of the resources of the world are used to defend ourselves against each other, to maintain or increase our power, and to safeguard our own privileged position.

Imagine all that effort being put in the service of peace and reconciliation! Would there be any poverty? Would there be crimes and wars? Just imagine that there was no longer fear among people, no longer any rivalry, hostility, bitterness, or revenge. Just imagine all the people on this planet holding hands and forming one large circle of love. We say, "I can't imagine." But God says, "That's what I imagine, a whole world not only created but also living in my image."

<https://henrinouwen.org/resources/daily-meditation/>

LETTING GO OF OLD HURTS

One of the hardest things in life is to let go of old hurts. We often say, or at least think: "What you did to me and my family, my ancestors, or my friends I cannot forget or forgive. ... One day you will have to pay for it." Sometimes our memories are decades, even centuries, old and keep asking for revenge. Holding people's faults against them often creates an impenetrable wall. But listen to Paul: "For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation: the old order is gone and a new being is there to see. It is all God's work" (2 Corinthians 5:17-18). Indeed, we cannot let go of old hurts, but God can. Paul says: "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not holding anyone's fault against them" (2 Corinthians 5:19). It is God's work, but we are God's ministers, because the God who reconciled the world to God entrusted to us "the message of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:19). This message calls us to let go of old hurts in the Name of God. It is the message our world most needs to hear.

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WISDOM DOES NOT CONTRADICT ITSELF

"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house, found the Child with Mary His mother." — Matthew 2:10-11

The wise men found the infant Jesus in a house some days after Jesus had been born in a stable. Their coming may have occurred around the days of Jesus' Presentation in the Temple forty days after His birth when Simeon prophesied that Jesus was both "a revealing Light to the Gentiles" and "a Sign of contradiction" ([Lk 2:32, 34](#), our transl). Possibly the wise men were wise because they did not contradict Jesus, a Sign of contradiction.

Because they believed the star of Bethlehem was announcing the birth of the King of the Jews, the wise men followed the star, prostrated themselves before Jesus, and "presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" ([Mt 2:11](#)). The actions of the wise men did not contradict Jesus. However, Herod, after having said he would offer Jesus homage ([Mt 2:8](#)), contradicted himself and tried to murder Jesus ([Mt 2:16](#)).

We too contradict Jesus and ourselves when we say:

- we believe in God, but we don't tell others about Him,
- we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion, but we don't center our lives on receiving Communion,
- the Bible is the Word of God, but we don't read it daily, and
- prayer is communicating with God, but we don't set aside a daily prayer time.

There may be other contradictions in our lives. Yet the wise men and women are not contradictory; they are prostrate in worship of Jesus.

Prayer: *Father, make me consistent, faithful, and wise.*

Promise: *"Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you... Nations shall walk by your light." —Is 60:1-3*

Praise: *Praise You, risen Jesus! You contradicted worldly wisdom by defeating death and sin. Alleluia!*

<https://www.presentationministries.com/obob/obob.asp?lang=en&d=01/06/2019>

A MINISTRY THAT NEVER ENDS

Reconciliation is much more than a one-time event by which a conflict is resolved and peace established. A ministry of reconciliation goes far beyond problem solving, mediation, and peace agreements. There is not a moment in our lives without the need for reconciliation. When we dare to look at the myriad hostile feelings and thoughts in our hearts and minds, we will immediately recognize the many little and big wars in which we take part. Our enemy can be a parent, a child, a "friendly" neighbor, people with different lifestyles, people who do not think as we think, speak as we speak, or act as we act. They all can become "them." Right there is where reconciliation is needed.

Reconciliation touches the most hidden parts of our souls. God gave reconciliation to us as a ministry that never ends.
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REFLECTIONS

“REJOICE AND BE GLAD” | In the next few weeks we will be posting excerpts from the **APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION *GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE* OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY’S WORLD.**

CHAPTER FIVE | DISCERNMENT

The logic of gift and of the cross

174. An essential condition for progress in discernment is a growing understanding of God’s patience and his timetable, which are never our own. God does not pour down fire upon those who are unfaithful (cf. *Lk* 9:54), or allow the zealous to uproot the tares growing among the wheat (cf. *Mt* 13:29). Generosity too is demanded, for “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (*Acts* 20:35). Discernment is not about discovering what more we can get out of this life, but about recognizing how we can better accomplish the mission entrusted to us at our baptism. This entails a readiness to make sacrifices, even to sacrificing everything. For happiness is a paradox. We experience it most when we accept the mysterious logic that is not of this world: “This is our logic”, says Saint Bonaventure,[125] pointing to the cross. Once we enter into this dynamic, we will not let our consciences be numbed and we will open ourselves generously to discernment.

175. When, in God’s presence, we examine our life’s journey, no areas can be off limits. In all aspects of life we can continue to grow and offer something greater to God, even in those areas we find most difficult. We need, though, to ask the Holy Spirit to liberate us and to expel the fear that makes us ban him from certain parts of our lives. God asks everything of us, yet he also gives everything to us. He does not want to enter our lives to cripple or diminish them, but to bring them to fulfilment. Discernment, then, is not a solipsistic self-analysis or a form of egotistical introspection, but an authentic process of leaving ourselves behind in order to approach the mystery of God, who helps us to carry out the mission to which he has called us, for the good of our brothers and sisters.

176. I would like these reflections to be crowned by Mary, because she lived the Beatitudes of Jesus as none other. She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us. Our converse with her consoles, frees and sanctifies us. Mary our Mother does not need a flood of words. She does not need us to tell her what is happening in our lives. All we need do is whisper, time and time again: “Hail Mary...”

177. It is my hope that these pages will prove helpful by enabling the whole Church to devote herself anew to promoting the desire for holiness. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God’s greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort. In this way, we will share a happiness that the world will not be able to take from us.

Given in Rome, at Saint Peter’s, on 19 March, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, in the year 2018, the sixth of my Pontificate.

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html#The_logic_of_gift_and_of_the_cross

WHAT’S THE SMOKE FOR?

Dear Johan,

I am somewhat confused by the fact that we call Mary Mother of God. Would it not be better to refer to her as the Mother of Jesus?

Gentle Reader,

Be careful, someone may accuse you of Nestorianism and St. Gregory of Nazianzus (ca. 329–90) would have replied that if you question that Mary is the Mother of God, you are at odds with God. In your defense, this is a matter that took a few centuries to settle.

The title of Mother of God, or Theotokos in Greek, is one of the oldest titles for Mary. The earliest written references date back to the early third century and by the fourth century the use of the title was widespread. This does not mean, however, that the theology of this title was fully developed. It also does not mean that the title was accepted by all. Indicative of this ongoing discovery of the meaning of the title Theotokos is the conflict that arose in Constantinople between those who insisted on the title Theotokos or “God-bearer,” emphasizing that in Christ God had been born as a human, and those who rejected that title because God as an eternal being could not have been born. Nestorius, who was patriarch of Constantinople between 428 and 431, tried to find a middle ground and suggested the title of Christotokos or Christ-bearer. Neither camp accepted this title.

In order to once and for all settle the debate Cyril of Alexandria (ca. 376–444) and Celestine of Rome (422–32) called on Emperor Theodosius II (401–50) to call an ecumenical council. During this somewhat unruly council, known as the First Council of Ephesus (431), Nestorius was condemned for suggesting that the title Christotokos was preferable over Theotokos. Since Nestorius was unwilling to recant, he was deposed and banned.

From that time onward, the church in both the East and West has embraced the title of Theotokos, thus emphasizing the divine nature of Jesus even when human.

So, are you OK with using the title? Or will you continue to teeter on the brink of Nestorian heresy?

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THE NOTRE DAME MEN'S GLEE CLUB | JANUARY 8

The Notre Dame A Cappella Men's Choir will be performing at St. Theresa Church on Tuesday, January 8 at 7:30 p.m. as they tour throughout California. The choir was established in 1915 and has performed in 40 of the 50 United States of America. The professional choir sings a combination of sacred, classical secular music, folk songs and spirituals. For more information, please contact Moe Leonard at 530-307-0151

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2019 | JANUARY 26

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.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY – RENEWAL OF VOWS | FEBRUARY 9

On Saturday, February 9, 2019 Bishop Jaime Soto will preside at a special 11:00 am Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in which married couples will receive a special blessing and have an opportunity to renew their marital commitments. An informal reception for couples and their families will follow. Special certificates will be given to couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+). If you are interested in attending this free event, please register (names and anniversary year) at www.scd.org/wmd. For more information call the Office of Family and Faith Formation at (916) 733-0177.

LITURGICAL YEAR

The liturgical year is made up of six seasons:

Advent-four weeks of preparation before the celebration of Jesus' birth

Christmas - recalling the Nativity of Jesus Christ and his manifestation to the peoples of the world

Lent-a six-week period of penance before Easter

Sacred Paschal Triduum - the holiest "Three Days" of the Church's year, where the Christian people recall the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus

Easter-50 days of joyful celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead and his sending forth of the Holy Spirit

Ordinary Time-divided into two sections (one span of 4-8 weeks after Christmas Time and another lasting about six months after Easter Time), wherein the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and works among his people

The mystery of Christ, unfolded through the cycle of the year, calls us to live his mystery in our own lives. This call is best illustrated in the lives of Mary and the saints, celebrated by the Church throughout the year. There is no tension between the mystery of Christ and the celebration of the saints, but rather a marvelous harmony. The Blessed Virgin Mary is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son, and the feasts of all the saints proclaim the wonderful works of Christ in his servants and offer the faithful fitting examples for their imitation. In the feasts of Mary and of the saints, the Paschal Mystery of Christ is proclaimed and renewed.

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/index.cfm>

BEING SAFE PLACES FOR OTHERS

When we are free from the need to judge or condemn, we can become safe places for people to meet in vulnerability and take down the walls that separate them. Being deeply rooted in the love of God, we cannot help but invite people to love one another. When people realise that we have no hidden agendas or unspoken intentions, that we are not trying to gain any profit for ourselves, and that our only desire is for peace and reconciliation, they may find the inner freedom and courage to leave their guns at the door and enter into conversation with their enemies.

Many times this happens even without our planning. Our ministry of reconciliation most often takes place when we ourselves are least aware of it. Our simple, nonjudgmental presence does it.

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A NONJUDGMENTAL PRESENCE

To the degree that we accept that through Christ we ourselves have been reconciled with God we can be messengers of reconciliation for others. Essential to the work of reconciliation is a nonjudgmental presence. We are not sent to the world to judge, to condemn, to evaluate, to classify, or to label. When we walk around as if we have to make up our mind about people and tell them what is wrong with them and how they should change, we will only create more division. Jesus says it clearly: "Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge; ... do not condemn; ... forgive" (Luke 6:36-37).

In a world that constantly asks us to make up our minds about other people, a nonjudgmental presence seems nearly impossible. But it is one of the most beautiful fruits of a deep spiritual life and will be easily recognized by those who long for reconciliation.

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