



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

JANUARY 2023 BULLETIN

CHALLENGE FOR JANUARY

At the Thanksgiving morning Mass at Holy Family in November, Fr. Borlang asked that if anyone had an extra pyx to please see him. Huh? A what? PYX? A short, strange word indeed. So what is a pyx in the Catholic tradition? [See page 7 for the answer to this month's challenge.](#)

HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

May God bless each family present and bless our entire Holy Family Parish. Make it like the family of your Son. May our moments of sorrow give way to the seasons of joy. May the memory of harsh words fade before the warmth of a loving touch. May the tears of sorrow be replaced by the music of laughter. May resentment be banished from our families. And may forgiveness reign in our hearts today and everyday. Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

In your daily devotions, we ask that you pray for all the sick members of our parish as you pray for your own loved ones. Please let Father Fred know of any special needs or intentions for his prayers. Here is a possible prayer for you to recite during January for those who are sick:

Oh Lord, You invite all who are burdened in mind, body and spirit to come to You. As you do, allow Your healing hand to touch those in need, especially our dear family and friends. We pray that You show compassion to all who ask for your help, and provide them with well-being as you see fit. Gently touch those lives you have lovingly created. Amen.

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Friday: 8:30 AM

Saturday: 5:15 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Every 3rd Sunday @ 11:30 AM - Youth Mass

**Please call the office and leave a message for
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Missionary Families of Christ – Frank Lee

Sacraments / Sacramentals

Marriage Prep (6 month notice please) - Fr. Fred

Baptism Prep (3 month notice) - Deacon Victor

Reconciliation - See Fr. Fred after Mass

Quinceañera Celebration - Call Office Secretary

Sacrament of Anointing - Contact Fr. Fred

Blessings - Contact Fr. Fred



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American Canyon, CA

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Dec. 31 / Jan. 1 - Mass schedule posted on doors and windows - usual Mass times.

Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary

Jan. 3 - Men's Club meets at 7:00 pm in the side meeting room at church.

Jan. 6 - Feast of the Epiphany.

Jan. 7 - Children's Rosary 2:00 pm in church. Children and parents invited.

Jan. X - Women's Club - stay tuned for date and location of January meeting.

Jan. 14/15 - Special collection to help payoff the church loan.

Jan. 21/22 - Collection for the Church in Latin America

Jan. 27 - Knights of Columbus meeting 7:00 pm in auxiliary room next to the sanctuary.

Jan. 28 - Finance Committee meeting at 9:00 am at church. All welcomed to attend.

January 31 - Pastoral Council meeting in the parish admin office at 6:00 pm.

STEWARDSHIP**NOVEMBER PARISH FINANCIAL STATUS**

Church Income = \$40,000

(all Masses and e-giving)

Church Expenses = \$24,600

(payroll, utilities, insurance, rectory, etc.)

Pay-off Loan Income = \$12,400 (a little lower)

Pay-off Loan Expenses = \$20,600

(Mortgage payment, interest)

Thank you all for your continued generosity.

*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have."
- Hebrews 13:16*

**FATHER FRED'S CORNER**

Dear Faithful Parishioners: Merry Christmas and a Victorious New Year to you all. I am blessed to have you all in my life and the golden opportunity to serve you all. You are awesome people. May God bless you all during this Yuletide. We continue to build a healthy Church for ourselves and later posterity especially our kids. Please, it is not over until it is over, so keep moving. We have so many things to accomplish, so I need all hands on deck. Parishioners who go an extra mile to do what they do to make the Church environment better, I thank you. Continue to offer your support. You come freely and you can go anytime you want. I do not dictate to anyone in the Church. You come here freely and then you leave and blame it on me; that is a shame and disaster. Do not look for personal glories. We are all serving God in any capacity that we choose to and no force at all. People should learn to appreciate every service and not destroy it; otherwise, you will have a question to answer before God. Judgement belongs to God alone. I would also like to thank our Church members who donated items to help the homeless shelters, food pantries, and family resource centers in honor of Tom Scott of blessed memory. May you all have your fill.

I have tried to be there for everybody with no discrimination. If I have ever offended anybody by my actions or utterances, I duly apologize to anyone that may have been affected. I forgive anyone in return too. Let this Christmas be a time of healing for everyone and let go of the past. I thank all my immediate team that works with me. May God richly bless you all. I wish you all success in your endeavors now and in the coming year 2023 if God permits us to see it. Once again, "Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year." See ya'.

— — — Your Pastor, Father Frederick K.A. Kutubebi



SUNDAY MASS READINGS FOR JANUARY**Sunday, December 25th (Christmas Day)**

First Reading from Isaiah 62:11-12 - The Lord proclaims to the ends of the earth that a savior is coming. You shall be called holy people who have been redeemed by the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12 - "A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us."

Epistle Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus 3:4-7 - Kindness and generous love from God comes to us not because of what we have done but because of the mercy of God. God has renewed us by sending us the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Thus we become heirs in the hope of eternal life.

Gospel of Luke 2:15-20 - When the angels left the shepherds, they said among themselves that they should go to Bethlehem to see what the Lord has made known to them. Thereupon, they found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in a manger. They told all they encountered what the angels had told them, which Mary kept in her heart; and the shepherds returned to their fields glorifying and praising God for all they had been told and all they had seen for themselves.

Sunday, January 1st (Solemnity of Mary)

First Reading from Numbers 6:22-27 - The Lord tells Moses how to bless the Israelites so God will fulfill the blessing.

Responsorial Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 - "May God bless us in his mercy."

Epistle Reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:4-7 - God sent His Son, born of a woman, to ransom those born under the law, who will become adopted as children of the Lord, so that all be heirs of the Father.

Gospel of Luke 2:16-21 - The story of the shepherds finding the baby Jesus and His parents. Eight days later, the baby was circumcised and given the name of Jesus. Mary kept all these things in her heart.

Sunday, January 8th (Epiphany Celebrated)

First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 60:1-6 - Jerusalem is lifted up in splendor; the glory of the Lord will shine on the city. Camels from the east will come with gifts of gold and frankincense and proclaim the praises of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 - "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

Epistle Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 - 3:2-3a, 5-6 - Paul says that the mystery was made known to him and the apostles by revelation. The stewardship of God's grace is now being spread even to the Gentiles.

Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12 - The story of the Magi visiting Herod to discover the location where the child might have been born. When they continue to follow the star, they are led to the location where the child Jesus was, and they offered Him praise and gave Him gifts from their treasures. See page 6 in this bulletin for more information about these Magi.

Joke for today: It suddenly occurred to me . . . I've never had an epiphany. (Look that one up!)

Up for another? Mary and Joseph playing poker . . . Mary: "Sorry, Joseph, two pair just ain't going to cut it. I've got three kings!"

- - Sunday readings continue on the next page - -

CONTINUED SUNDAY MASS READINGS FOR JANUARY

Sunday, January 15th (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 - The Lord said to Isaiah that he would be lifted up and made to be a servant of God. He was made glorious in the sight of God and thus has been made a light to all nations.

Responsorial Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 - "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

Epistle Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:1-3 - The opening lines of the letter to the Christian community in Corinth, wherein Paul tells the people that he has been called to be an apostle of Christ by the will of God. He sends grace and peace from God and the Lord Jesus Christ to all those in Corinth who will listen to his message.

Gospel of John 1:29-34 - While John was baptizing in the Jordan, he saw Jesus approaching and told the crowds that Jesus was the Lamb of God, that the Spirit came down from heaven and rested on Jesus; and that he, John, baptizes with water but that Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit as He is the Son of God.

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Sunday, January 22nd (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 8:23—9:3 - Where there used to be distress in the region of the Jordan, now a light has been shown. Those who had walked in the darkness have seen that great light. Abundant joy and great rejoicing has overtaken the people. The yoke that had burden them has been smashed by the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 - "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

Epistle Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 - Paul urges his readers to be united in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and not to be divided among themselves. The rivalries that had arisen between people who profess allegiance to Paul or Apollos or Cephas or Jesus must cease. They were baptized in the name of Jesus, not the others, and it was Jesus who was crucified for them, not the others.

Gospel of Matthew 4:12-23 - When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He left Nazareth and went to Galilee to begin his teaching, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." While at the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw Peter and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea. Jesus called them to be His followers and they complied. Jesus then saw two brothers, James and John, who were in their boat with their father Zebedee. He called them and they too left the boat to follow Jesus. They went around Galilee, curing illnesses and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom of God.

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Sunday, January 29th (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading from the Book of Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 - Seek justice and seek humility; in that way, you will be saved on the day of the Lord's anger. The righteous will speak no lies and do no wrong. They shall pasture their flocks and none will disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 - "Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!"

Epistle Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:26-31 - You may not be of noble birth and may not be the powerful of the world, but God has chosen you to be wise in the eyes of the Lord. You have been designated to be righteous, sanctified and redeemed in the name of Jesus Christ.

Gospel of Matthew 5:1-12 - This is the well-known story of the Sermon on the Mount. When the crowds appeared, Jesus went up onto a mountain and began to teach his disciples: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven . . ." and so on through a total of nine "Blessed be's" or nine Beatitudes. Read them ahead of time and read them again after Mass. They stress that even those who lack material goods stand to receive spiritual blessings as promised by God. This contrasts with the common thought of the day that those afflicted by illness or poverty are in that condition because of their sinfulness. Jesus strikes that notion down by this sermon.

Remember to continue to check out our parish website at: <https://holyfamily-amcan.church/>

DAILY READINGS FOR JANUARY



Monday, December 26th

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Psalm 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16, 17
Matthew 10:17-22

Tuesday, December 27th

1 John 1:1-4
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
John 20:1 and 2-8

Wednesday, December 28th

(Feast of Holy Innocents)
1 John 1:5—2:2
Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-8
Matthew 2:13-18

Thursday, December 29th

1 John 2:3-11
Psalm 96:1-3, 5-6
Luke 2:22-35

Friday, December 30th

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday, December 31st

1 John 2:18-21
Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13
John 1:1-18

Monday, January 2nd

1 John 2:22-28
Psalm 98:1-4
John 1:19-28

Tuesday, January 3rd

1 John 2:29—3:6
Psalm 98:1, 3-4, 5-6
John 1:29-34

Wednesday, January 4th

1 John 3:7-10
Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9
John 1:35-42

Thursday, January 5th

1 John 3:11-21
Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 4, 5
John 1:43-51

Friday, January 6th

1 John 5:5-13
Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20
Mark 1:7-11

Saturday, January 7th

1 John 5:14-21
Psalm 149:1-5, 6 and 9
John 2:1-11

Monday, January 9th

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10
Matthew 3:13-17

Tuesday, January 10th

Hebrews 2:5-12
Psalm 8:2 and 5, 6-7, 8-9
Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 11th

Hebrews 2:14-18
Psalm 105:1-4, 6-7, 8-9
Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 12th

Hebrews 3:7-14
Psalm 95:6-7, 8-9, 10-11
Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 13th

Hebrews 4:1-11
Psalm 78:3-4, 6-7, 8
Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 14th

Hebrews 4:12-16
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15
Mark 2:13-17

Monday, January 16th

Hebrews 5:1-10
Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 17th

Hebrews 6:10-20
Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10
Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 18th

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17
Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Mark 3:1-6

Thursday, January 19th

Hebrews 7:25—8:6
Psalm 40:7-9, 10, 17
Mark 3:7-12

Friday, January 20th

Hebrews 8:6-13
Psalm 85:8, 10-12, 13-14
Mark 3:13-19

Saturday, January 21st

Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Mark 3:20-21

Monday, January 23rd

Hebrews 9:15, 24-28
Psalm 98:1, 2-4, 5-6
Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 24th

Hebrews 10:1-10
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 10, 11
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 25th

Acts 22:3-16
Psalm 117:1, 2
Mark 16:15-18

Thursday, January 26th

2 Timothy 1:1-8
Psalm 96:1-3, 7-8, 10
Mark 4:21-25

Friday, January 27th

Hebrews 10:32-39
Psalm 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, January 28th

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 1:69-72, 73-75
Mark 4:35-41

Monday, January 30th

Hebrews 11:32-40
Psalm 31:20-24
Mark 5:1-20

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.



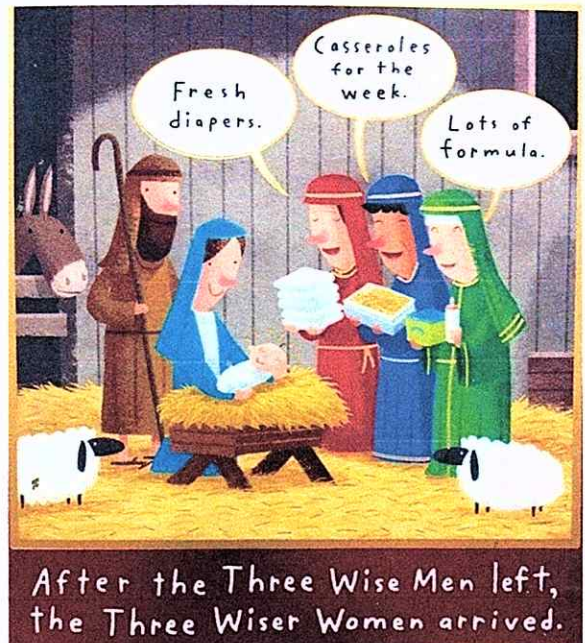
ANOTHER BIG THANK-YOU

Over 60 Blessing Bags were put together by our parishioners (see below) to distribute to the Global Center for Success and to homeless camps in American Canyon and Vallejo. A thank you to all those who contributed personal items used to fill the "goodie bags." This was an amazing success.



DON'T BE FOOLED

The trivia question a year ago about the Epiphany (January 6th but celebrated this year on Sunday, January 8th) tried to fool you about details of the Magi. Remember that based solely on scripture, we don't actually know the number of visitors from the East - we assume three because they gifted the Christ child with three gifts. Magi is plural so we assume at least two, but could well have been more than three. Also, based solely on scripture, we shouldn't refer to them as "Kings" as Matthew's Gospel (which is the only Gospel to tell their story) mentions them only as "wise men from the east." Since they were aware of star patterns, we might assume that they may have been astrologers. And of course, we see three kings and three camels in all crèche nativity scenes in the stable around the shepherds and the other farm animals. Matthew does not mention that they arrived on camels, but camels are mentioned in Isaiah 60:5-6 as bearing gifts to Jerusalem. And one more note: Matthew refers to their arriving at the "house where Jesus and Mary were" - not at the birth stable - so Jesus was likely a child at that point and not a newborn baby, and certainly not in a stable. This timing is further validated when we read that Herod had all babies younger than 2 years old murdered in an attempt to kill the baby Jesus. Hope that doesn't spoil your singing "We Three Kings of Orient Are." If you're interested in learning more about who the Magi really were, here's a book to explore: "Mystery of the Magi" - the Quest to Identify the Three Wise Men, by Fr. Dwight Longenecker.



After the Three Wise Men left,
the Three Wiser Women arrived.

CHALLENGE FOR JANUARY

A **pyx** (from the Latin: *pyxis*, a transliteration of Greek: *πυξίς*, a box or receptacle) is a small round container used in Catholic Churches to carry the Eucharist (consecrated hosts), to the sick or those who are otherwise unable to come to church in order to receive Holy Communion.

It is often about the size of a pocket watch and usually made of brass or other metals, traditionally lined with gold. A fabric or leather pouch in which the pyx may be carried is known as a "burse." Typically, this kind of burse can be securely closed and is fixed with cords so that the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion can affix it to his or her person during transport to the recipient of Communion.



Just after Communion is distributed to the congregation at Holy Family, watch for the deacon to take one or more pyx at the altar and place a consecrated host into it. The pyx is then given to an extraordinary minister after Mass to take to the homebound or nursing home inhabitant where they perform a prayer ritual and offer the Eucharist to the recipient.

IMPORTANT REL. ED. DATES

Confirmation Retreat: Saturday, February 25th, 2023, from 1:00- 6:30 pm.

First Reconciliation: TBA

Confirmation; Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 11:00 am.

First Communion: Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 10:00 am.

Check with your Religious Education teachers for more details.

REMINDERS

- † Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 11:30 am Mass each Sunday.
- † Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: please pick up your cross medallion before Mass, be ready for the single file procession, and return the cross after Mass to the Sacristy.

LECTOR SCHEDULES

1st reader / 2nd reader

Weekend of December 31 / January 1

5:15: Debbie Adams / Rolly Negranza
7:30: Davet Mohammed / Roselle Tamoro
9:30: Eunice DeLeon / Bill Walton
11:30: Danny Barcelon / Xochtil Rivera (Esp.)

Weekend of January 7/8

5:15: MFC / MFC
7:30: Rose Borja / Greg Bacareza
9:30: Marie Walton / Betty Lorenz
11:30: Bernie Borges / Francisco Jimenez (Esp.)

Weekend of January 14/15

5:15: Melita Negranza / Catherine Pott
7:30: Hemmy Bacareza / Rose Borja
9:30: Rona Yacob / Marie Walton
11:30: Samantha Vergara / Florelyn Lomuntad (Youth)

Weekend of January 21/22

5:15: David Pott / Debbie Adams
7:30: Roselle Tamoro / Davet Mohammed
9:30: Bill Walton / Frank Lee
11:30: Nidia Romabilies / Marco Pomatz (Esp.)

Weekend of January 28/29

5:15: Rolly Negranza / David Mezzera
7:30: Greg Bacareza / Hemmy Bacareza
9:30: Betty Lorenz / Eunice DeLeon
11:30: Suzette Yturralde / Ana Rosa Aranas (Esp.)

EM SCHEDULES

Weekend of January 31 / January 1

5:15: David Pott
9:30: Erika Myers / Resurrección Samaniego
11:30: Percy Barcelon / Marco Pomatz

Weekend of January 7/8

5:15: MFC
9:30: Marie Walton / Rona Yacob
11:30: Numer Tamoro / Marina Maldonado

Weekend of January 14/15

5:15: David Mezzera
9:30: Dolly Flores / Bill Walton
11:30: Danny Barcelon / Marnel Yturralde / Numer Tamoro

Weekend of January 21/22

5:15: David Mezzera
9:30: Bannie Lee / Resurrección Samaniego
11:30: Rose Tamoro / Marina Maldonado

Weekend of January 28/29

5:15: Romy Blanquera
9:30: Erika Myers / Dolly Flores
11:30: Marnel Yturralde / Francisco Jimenez / Numer Tamoro