



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

JANUARY 2024 BULLETIN

CHALLENGE FOR JANUARY

In a recent sermon, Father Fred mentioned the story of the father of John the Baptist (Zechariah) who was the high priest at the time of Herod. Zechariah's duty was to go into the "Holy of Holies" in the temple and pray before the **Ark of the Covenant**. During one of those prayer experiences, he was visited by an angel of God who told him that his wife Elizabeth would give birth to a son and that the son's name should be John. We know the rest of that story, but do we know what that **Ark of the Covenant** was and what it contained? [See page 7 for the answers to this month's challenges.](#)

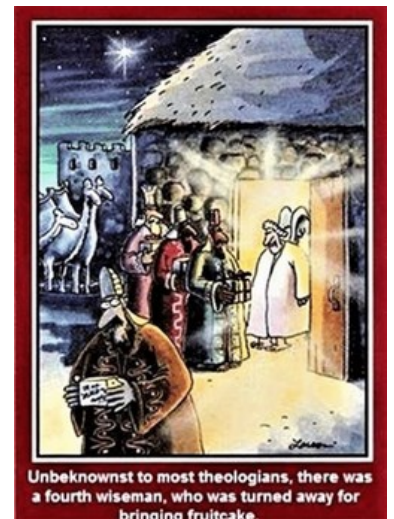
HOLY FAMILY PRAYER



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.

THE MONTH OF EPIPHANY

Be sure to open your bible and read from the Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 2, Verses 1-12, to read the story of the "Wise Men" or astrologers who had an "epiphany" (or manifestation, showing forth, appearance or revelation) in the form of a divine star leading them to Jerusalem and then to Bethlehem where they found the Christ Child and paid Him homage and showered Him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Be careful not to read too much into the story beyond what is recorded in the Gospel - nativity plays and songs tend to embellish the story with added details that unfortunately have become more of a myth than fact. Epiphany = January 6th.



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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

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Missionary Families of Christ – Frank Lee

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Baptism Prep (3 month notice) – 2nd Wednesdays
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MONTHLY CALENDAR

- Jan. - Women's Club luncheon date TBA.
- Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary Mass 10:00am.
- Jan. 6 - Children's Rosary 2:00 pm in church. Children and parents invited.
- Jan. 7 - Feast of the Epiphany
- Jan. 8 - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
- Jan. 9 - Men's Club meeting 6:00 pm - pot luck at the Walton residence 238 Carolyn Dr.
- Jan. 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 20/21 - Collection to pay off church loan.
- Jan. 25 - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting 7:00 pm in CCD or Knights Room.
- Jan. 27 - Finance Committee meets 9:00 am at church.
- Jan. - Pastoral Council meeting TBA
- Jan. 27/28 - Special collection for the Church in Latin America

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STEWARDSHIP

NOVEMBER PARISH FINANCIAL STATUS

Church Income - Mass collections = \$27,523.00
 E-giving = \$4,762.00
 Church Expenses = \$30,200.00
 (payroll, utilities, insurance, rectory, etc.)

Pay-off Loan - Mass collections = \$13,868.00
 E-giving = \$5,955.00

Save yourself the weekly hassle of looking for parish envelopes and writing checks. Consider E-giving online that can be automatically taken out of a bank account. It's simple. Just go to:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/holy402264>

Thanks to those already using E-giving (see above).

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Holy Family Parish is offering Communion for the sick and homebound. If you are interested (for yourself or others) please contact the parish office.



FATHER FRED'S CORNER

My Dear Friends,

I thank God everyday for your lives. It is by His grace that we are still up and kicking. Praise be His Name. A lot has gone on throughout our lives and we are grateful to Him for everything. This Christmas season was spectacular and Church attendance was superb and excellent.

Since the year 2024 is proclaimed by Pope Francis and the Church as the "Year of Grace," I have a firm belief that this New Year will be a positive year, a year marked by prosperity and good health. Let us all leave the baggage in 2023 behind and embrace the year 2024 with positive attitudes and good manners. Families that lost loved ones, we place them in the hands of God.

As I told you earlier on I have lost my dear father, Mr. Peter Kwesi Mensah, a man who was a beacon of hope and a classmate and a *fidus achate*, a good friend and sole companion of my father. They were good partners in crime. There is nobody on earth who can replace Mr. Peter Mensah popularly known as "Teacher Peter". We have indeed lost a dear one. May his soul and the souls of my father and mother through the mercy of God rest in peace. I have a bulletin insert of who made me who I am and the house where I grew up.

The Grupo Guadalupano through their fundraising event in lieu of the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, raised \$1,064.00 and it has been deposited in the loan pay off. I thank all those who made this event possible. God bless you all.

Once again, Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to you all. AMEN.

--- Rev. Fr. Frederick K.A. Kutubebi, Pastor

SUNDAY MASS READINGS FOR JANUARY

Sunday, December 31st (Feast of the Holy Family)

First Reading from the Book of Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 - Fathers honor their children and mothers confirm authority over them. Those children who revere their fathers will live a long life, which brings comfort to their mothers. All should take care of their parents when they turn old; kindness to elders will not be forgotten.

Responsive Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 - "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

Epistle Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:12-21 - We are God's chosen ones and should put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another and forgive one another. Husbands and wives should respect one another and love one another, and children should please the family.

Gospel of Luke 2:22-40 - The story of Mary and Joseph taking the infant Jesus to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord. In the temple, Simeon recognized the infant as divine and told Mary that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many in Israel, and that Mary would have her own heart pierced because of her son. Another prophetess in the temple, Anna, gave thanks to God for her having seen the child who will redeem Jerusalem. The Holy Family then returned to Galilee, to their own hometown of Nazareth, and the child Jesus grew and became filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon Him.

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Sunday, January 7th (Feast of the Epiphany)

First Reading from the Book of Isaiah 60:1-6 - A light will rise up over Jerusalem. The Lord's radiance will reign over all nations. Caravans of camels will come from afar bearing gold and frankincense and praising the Lord.

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

Epistle Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 - Paul declares that the mystery of God was made known to him as it was not made known in other generations. The Spirit has made the apostles and the prophets coheirs in the promise of Christ Jesus through the good news of faith.

Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12 - The full story of the Epiphany and the Magi arriving to find the newborn King of the Jews. See the front page of this bulletin and read the entire story on your own!

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Sunday, January 14th (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading from the First Book of Samuel 3:3-10, 19 - The call of the Lord to Samuel the future prophet and Samuel's interaction with Eli, his mentor. Three times the Lord called to Samuel who did not recognize the call. Finally Samuel recognized the call with "Here I am, Lord. Speak, for your servant is listening"

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

Epistle Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 - Paul exhorts the people to avoid immorality. Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. Your body is a member of Christ. Glorify God with your body.

Gospel of John 1:35-42 - Two future disciples were with John when Jesus walked by. John told them to "Behold the Lamp of God," and the disciples followed Jesus to see where he was staying and what he was preaching. One of the two was Andrew, the brother of Simon, and he went to his brother and told him that they had found the Messiah. When Simon went to Jesus, He looked at him and said that from then on he would be called Peter, and Peter, along with Andrew, continued to follow Jesus.

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Sunday, January 21st (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading from the Book of Jonah 3:1-5, 10 - Jonah is instructed by God to go to the city of Nineveh and warn the people that God will destroy the city if they do not change their ways. At Jonah’s teaching, the people repented and God did not destroy Nineveh.

Responsive Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 - “Teach me your ways, O Lord.”

Epistle Reading from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians 7:29-31- Paul warns the people of Corinth that time is running out and if they do not repent, the world in its present form will pass away.

Gospel of Mark 1:14-20 - After John was arrested, Jesus continued His ministry in Galilee warning the people that the Kingdom of God is at hand and they should all repent and believe in the gospel. Mark tells the story of Jesus seeing fishermen at the Sea of Galilee and He welcomes them to follow Him. They all abandon their nets and their boats and began to follow Jesus. These were part of the twelve.

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Sunday, January 28th (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

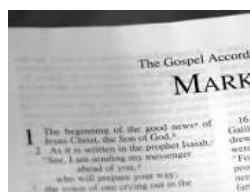
First Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy 18:15-20 - Moses tells the people that God will raise up a prophet from among them whom they should listen to for God will put His words in the mouth of the prophet. Anyone who does not listen to God’s words will have to answer to it. Anyone who speaks in the name of other gods will die.

Responsive Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 - “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”

Epistle Reading from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians 7:32-35 - Paul tells the people of Corinth that they should avoid all anxieties. Married or unmarried men and married or unmarried women all exhibit anxieties. Paul says that, for their own sakes, they all should be restrained and adhere to the Lord without distraction.

Gospel of Mark 1:21-28 - Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum on the Sabbath and Jesus taught in the synagogue. The people were amazed that Jesus taught with authority, not as the Scribes taught. In the synagogue was a man possessed by an unclean spirit who rebuked Jesus for having come to destroy the people. The spirit within the man called out to Jesus in anger. Jesus told the spirit to come out of the man, which happened immediately. The people were amazed that Jesus commanded the unclean spirit who obeyed Him. nd Jesus’ fame spread throughout the region of Galilee.

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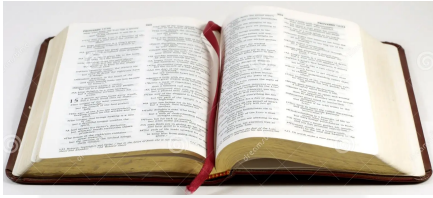


As we begin 2024, we have entered into **Cycle B** of the Lectionary cycle of the Liturgical year, which means that most of the Gospel stories in the coming months will be taken from the Gospel according to **Mark** (Matthew is used in Cycle A and Luke is used in Cycle C). Here are some highlights of Mark’s Gospel in chronological order:

- John the Baptist • Baptism of Jesus (no birth story in Mark) • temptation of Jesus in the desert • the first disciples called • cures (man possessed by the devil, leper, paralytic, withered hand, blind mute) • parables (sower, lamp, mustard seed) • calming the storm • feeding the 5000 • walking on water • Transfiguration • entering Jerusalem • incident with money changers in the Temple • Judas • Last Supper • denial by Peter • agony in the garden • arrest of Jesus • Pilate’s court • carrying the cross • Simon of Cyrene • crucifixion • entombment • empty tomb • post-resurrection appearances • Ascension

Stay tuned to the Sunday Gospels for the rest of the year to hear the above stories (and others) proclaimed.

DAILY READINGS FOR JANUARY



Monday, January 1st

Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Tuesday, January 2nd

1 John 2:22-28
Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 4
John 1:19-28

Wednesday, January 3rd

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

Thursday, January 4th

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

Friday, January 5th

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

Saturday, January 6th

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

Monday, January 8th

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Mark 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9th

1 Samuel 1:9-20
1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8
Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10th

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20
Psalm 40:2, 5, 7-9, 10
Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11th

1 Samuel 4:1-11
Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15,
24-25
Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 12th

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22
Psalm 89:16-17, 18-19
Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13th

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1
Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Mark 2:13-17

Monday, January 15th

1 Samuel 15:16-23
Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23
Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 16th

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 89:20, 21-22, 27-28
Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 17th

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37,
40-51
Psalm 144:1, 2, 9-10
Mark 3:1-6

Thursday, January 18th

1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Psalm 56:2-3, 9-11, 12-13
Mark 3:7-12

Friday, January 19th

1 Samuel 24:3-21
Psalm 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11
Mark 3:13-19

Saturday, January 20th

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19,
23-27
Psalm 80:2-3, 5-7
Mark 3:20-21

Monday, January 22nd

2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10
Psalm 89:20, 21-22, 25-26
Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 23rd

2 Samuel 6:12-15, 17-19
Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 24th

2 Samuel 7:4-17
Psalm 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30
Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 25th

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

Friday, January 26th

2 Timothy 1:1-8
Psalm 96:1-3, 7-8, 10
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, January 27th

2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17
Psalm 51:12-13, 14-17
Mark 4:35-41

Monday, January 29th

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30;
16:5-13
Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 30th

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14,
24-25, 30-19:3
Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, January 31st

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17
Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 1st

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12
1 Chronicles 29:10, 11-12
Mark 6:7-13

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Missionary Families of Christ



65 Blessing Bags were distributed from Holy Family to our nearby homeless, containing necessity items such as socks, underwear, snacks, hygiene products, and dental items. In addition, a box of supplies was sent to the Hope Women's Shelter in Napa and boxes of canned foods were sent to the Food Bank of Napa County.

Many thanks to all those parishioners who contributed so many items and to those who helped to put the bags and boxes together for delivery: Carol Strausborger Patti Cancilla, Mary Weir, Marie and Bill Walton, Chris Engle, Shanda Neumeyer and Dave Mezzera.

Missionary Families of Christ (MFC) is an evangelistic and charismatic community empowered by the Holy Spirit to improve the life and mission of the Church. MFC contains the following components: MFC Kids, MFC Youth, MFC Campus-based, MFC Singles and MFC Couples. Our Holy Family group provides the choir at certain Saturday 5:15 Masses along with lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. To find out more about this Catholic service organization, please contact Frank Lee.

HAVE YOU MARKED YOUR REL. ED. CALENDAR YET?

"SUPER" BOWL

The Holy Family Women's Club will once again challenge everyone with a Super Bowl squares pool contest in January and early February. Listen for upcoming announcements. Proceeds will go to the building fund.

Confirmation Retreat for the 2nd Year Confirmation students will be on Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Reconciliation will be on Saturday, February 10th, 2024 at 10:00 am.

Who are the KCs?



Don't confuse KC with KFC! The Knights of Columbus (KCs) goes way back to 1882 when it was founded by Fr. Michael McGivney in

New Haven, CT, with a mission of charity to God's people. During WWI, the Knights of Columbus provided services under the motto "Everybody Welcome, Everything Free" - a philosophy upheld in today's charitable programs. The Great Depression led to a renewed sense of volunteer service - and Knights across the nation stepped up. In 1954, the words "under God" were added to the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance completing an effort the Knights had begun three years earlier. During John Paul II's pontificate, the Knights strengthened ties to the Church through increased support of the Vatican. This is but a miniature history of the KCs. Today, the Knights give our HF men a way to put their faith into action by supporting various ministries of the parish and responding to Fr. Fred's call when there is a need for hospitality or service to the people of the parish. The Parish Council KC # is 15750. To find out more about our Council and possible membership, contact Romy Blanquera or John Fahey at church. Or find #15750 on line and send a message via ==>> <https://www.kofc.org/en/get-involved/find-a-council.html>

For our young ones to color for Epiphany!



In the Book of Exodus [Chapter 25], God gave Moses instructions about building the **Ark of the Covenant** (representing the “Covenant” between God and His people) using wood and gilding the box with gold. It was to be adorned with two gold angels and be able to be carried by wooden poles through rings in the Ark. God commanded Moses to place in the Ark the stone tablets given to him on Mount Sinai.

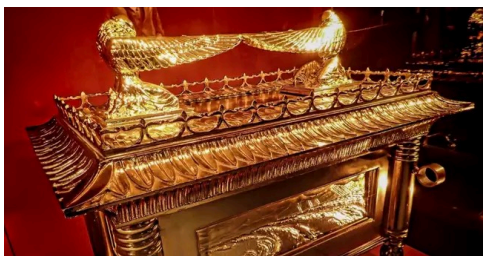


The Ark was then carried by Moses’ men on the years-long trek through the desert on the way to the Promised Land. Each night, the Ark would be placed under a tent to wait for the next day’s journey. Along the way, the story of the manna in the

desert unfolded, in which God provided food for the hungry and disgruntled Israelites. From that point on, God also commanded that a gold jar containing fragments of the manna should be placed in the Ark, along with the staff of Aaron which had mystically budded, blossomed and produced almonds to show that Aaron should be the leader of the tribe of Levi, the priestly tribe [Numbers 17]. When the Israelites finally reached the Promised Land, they built a temple and placed the **Ark of the Covenant** - and its three contents - within the inner recesses of the temple, behind a veil [see Hebrews 9:2-5], to be prayed to by the high priest from the Tribe of Levi on the Day of

Atonement to expiate the sins of the Hebrews. Such was the case with Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist which began this month’s challenge story.

Above left is a bas-relief from the Cathédrale d’Auch in the Pyrenees of France which shows the Israelites carrying the Ark as they progressed from one camp site to the next during their long migration in the wilderness headed toward the Promised Land; and below is a mock rendition of the Ark as it would have been in the inner sanctuary of the Temple.



1st reader / 2nd reader

Weekend of December 30/31

5:15: Debbie Adams / Shirlese Hayes
7:30: Rose Borja / Davet Mohammed
9:30: Bill Walton / Teri Urrutia
11:30: Rose Tamoro / Kevin Belton (Esp.)

Weekend of January 6/7

5:15: MFC / MFC
7:30: Roselle Tamoro / Hemmy Bacareza
9:30: Marie Walton / Betty Lorenz
11:30: Suzette Yturralde / Marina Maldonado (Esp.)

Weekend of January 13/14

5:15: Debbie Adams / Rolando Negranza
7:30: Davet Mohammed / Greg Bacareza
9:30: Frank Lee / Rona Yacob
11:30: Rose Tamoro / Francisco Jimenez (Esp.)

Weekend of January 20/21

5:15: Shirlese Hayes / Catherine Pott
7:30: Rose Borja / Leslie Gaffney
9:30: Teri Urrutia / Bill Walton
11:30: Clarisse Cruz / Justin Sacramento (Youth)

Weekend of January 27/28

5:15: David Mezzera / Melita Negranza
7:30: Davet Mohammed / Roselle Tamoro
9:30: Josie Rubang / Marie Walton
11:30: Nidia Romabiles / Xochtil Rivera (Esp.)

EM SCHEDULES

Eucharistic Ministers’ stations: (1) Knights of Columbus Room (2) Lobby (3) CCD Room

Weekend of December 30/31

5:15: David Pott
7:30: Maria Leach
9:30: (1) Rona Yacob / (2) Betty Lorenz / (3) Erika Myers
11:30: (1) N. Tamora / (2) Marnel Yturralde / (3) Danny Barcelon

Weekend of January 6/7

5:15: MFC
7:30: Davet Mohammed
9:30: (1) Maria Leach / (2) Nina Tolentino / (3) Dolly Flores
11:30: (1) Percy Barcelon / (2) Marnel Yturralde / (3) Francisco J.

Weekend of January 13/14

5:15: David Mezzera
7:30: Nina Tolentino
9:30: (1) Norma Flores / (2) Erika Myers / (3) Bannie Lee
11:30: (1) Suzette Y. / (2) Danny Barcelon / (3) Marina Maldonado

Weekend of January 20/21

5:15: David Pott
7:30: Nina Tolentino
9:30: (1) Maria Leach / (2) Dolly Flores / (3) Marie Walton
11:30: (1) Rose Tamoro / (2) Numer Tamoro / (3) Marnel Yturralde

Weekend of January 27/28

5:15: Shirlese Hayes
7:30: Leslie Gaffney
9:30: (1) Bill Walton / (2) Frank Lee / (3) Romy Blanquera
11:30: (1) Danny Barcelon / (2) Francisco J. / (3) Kevin Belton