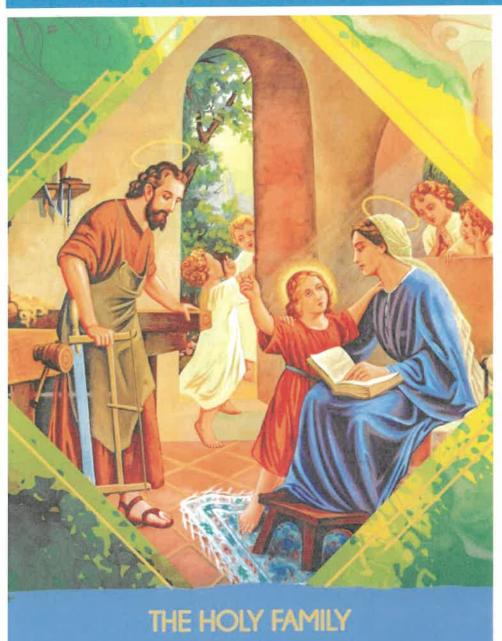
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December 31, 2023 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday 8:15 am

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday. 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am and 5:00 pm

Rite of Reconciliation (Confessions) Saturday following the 8:15 am Mass in the church.

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The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF



I have always been a believer in new beginnings. The beginning of Advent, the beginning of Lent, my birthday, the beginning of each season: all of these days call me to make resolutions about improving my relationship with the Lord, my relationships with others, and other facets of my personal life. Do I always keep these resolutions? Of course not. But to set a good goal and strive for that goal is still a good thing, for as long as it lasts.

It's no surprise, then, that with a new year approaching, I'm thinking about making a resolution or two. Lots of people make New Year's resolutions, and many others do not make them because they are convinced they will not keep them. That's fine; there are no rules about such things. But I'd like to share with you a few thoughts about resolutions.

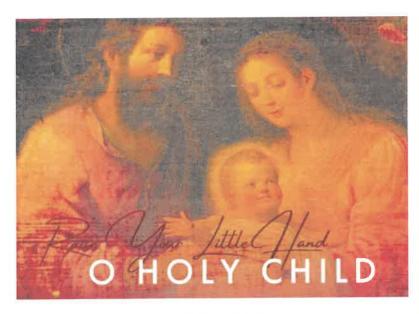
In my opinion, an effective resolution needs to have three qualities. First, it must be specific. A general resolution, like "I'm going to be more prayerful," is hard to verify. A specific resolution, like "I'm going to spend 5 minutes in prayer as soon as I get up each morning," is much easier to track. Secondly, it must be practical. An unrealistic resolution, like "I'm going to read an entire book of the Bible each day," is doomed to failure. A practical resolution, like "I'm going to read one chapter from the Gospels each day," is much more likely to succeed. Thirdly (and this is the most important quality), an effective resolution must be renewable. If you slip up one day, you don't give up on the entire idea; you renew the resolution and start over. That's how we move forward.

In my case, I like to list several possible resolutions and then pick one (only one) to work on. If, after multiple attempts to keep it, it just doesn't seem to be right for me, I go back to the list and pick another. For me, the key is to aim towards progress—to keep growing.

Whether you choose to make a New Year's resolution or not, I wish you a happy and blessed New Year. If you want to ponder the possibilities and express your hopes for the year 2024, you might like to Google and read Alfred Lord Tennyson's poem entitled "Ring Out, Wild Bells." As we "ring out the old" and "ring in the new," let's hopefully strive to "ring in the Christ that is to be."

Fr. Philip

THE WEEK AHEAD



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/ Monday:

Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Tuesday:

Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42 Thursday:

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51 Friday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Saturday:

Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/ Sunday:

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Second Reading: It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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SSJ HAPPENINGS

Monday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

- 9:30 am Mass | † Crystal Daun Sanchez, † Chris Sawyer | † Georganne Menterfering
- 7:00 pm Mass | Order of Chritian Initiation of Adults (FR)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 2 - Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzan

• 8:15 am Mass | † Reona Furrell

Wednesday, January 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (FR)
- 8:15 am Mass | † Lorenzo Apodaca
- 3:30 pm Parking Lot Prayer
- 5:30 pm Quilt Guild (CC)

Thursday, January 4- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

• 8:15 am Mass | † Antonio Morizio

Friday, January 5 - St. John Neumann

• 8:15 am Mass | Mario Uribe

Saturday, January 6 - St. André Bessette

- 8:15 am Mass | † Peter O. Shea † Monie Lopez, † Reona Furrell
- 9:00 am Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass | John and Shirley Denny

Sunday, January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord

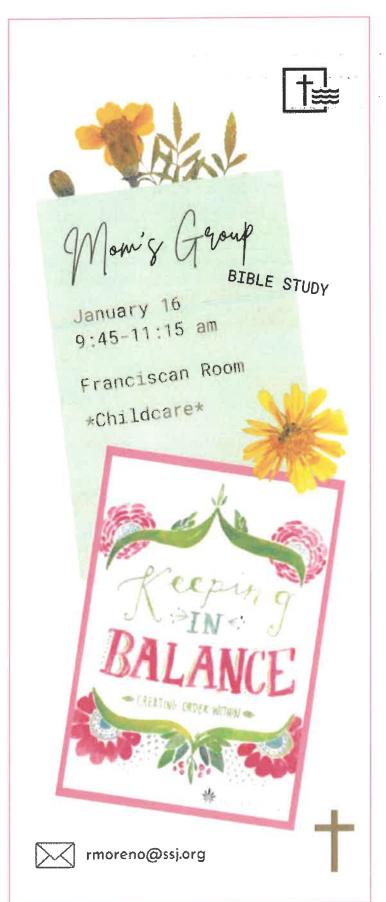
- 8:00 am Mass | Saints Simon & Jude Catholic Church
- 9:30 am Mass | † Walter Michalski
- 11:15 am Mass | Ryan Stack
- 5:00 pm Mass | † Robert Garvin

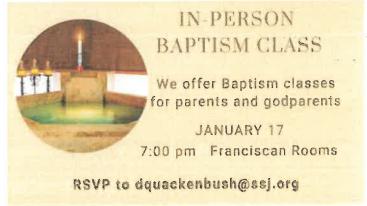
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FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTS



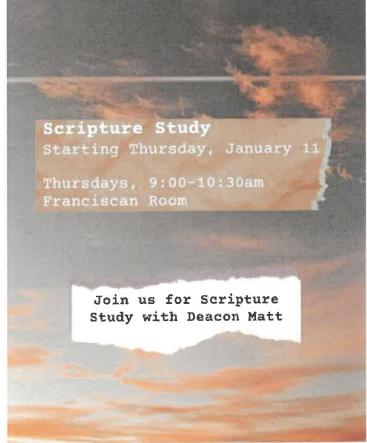


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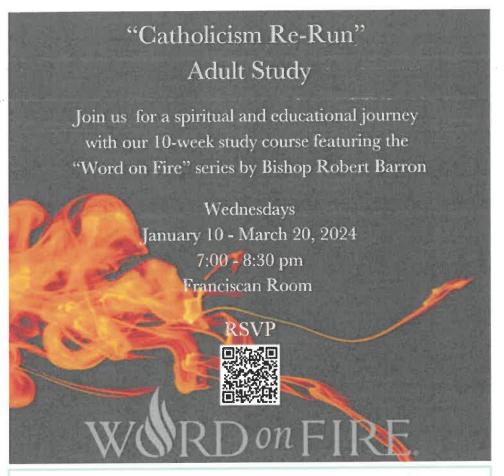
JANUARY 9 & JANUARY 23

9am - 10am in Franciscan Room 0-3 yrs old with adult





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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Catholic Book Study

We invite you to deepen your faith by participating in our Catholic Book Study Group. We are excited to offer a selection of thought-provoking books. Small groups focused on each book will be formed to discuss your book. We encourage you to select and read one of our chosen books now, in preparation for enriching discussions during Lent.

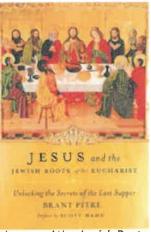
To RVSP, contact the parish office at (714) 962-3333 or ssj@ssj.org and provide your contact information and the title of the book you've chosen. We will contact you to confirm your book choice and provide dates, times, and location for our discussion sessions.



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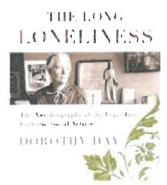


Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist Brant Pitre

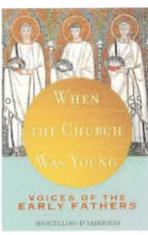


Conversion - The Spiritual Journey of a Twentieth-Century Pilgrim Malcolm Muggeridge

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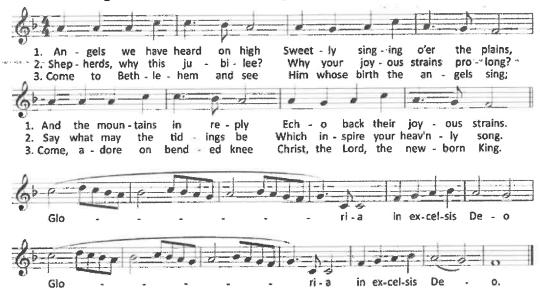


The Long Loneliness
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When the Church
Was Young
Marcellindo D'Ambrosio

Entrance: Angels We Have Heard on High - GLORIA



Gloria: Mass of Joy and Peace - Tony Alonso

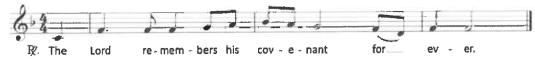


We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God. Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Reading I: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying: "Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?" Abram continued, "See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 105 - Owen Alstott



Reading II: Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age -- and Sarah herself was sterile-- for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man; himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

Gospel Acclamation: Christmastime Alleluia - James A. Chepponis



V: May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; and the fullness of his message live within you.

Gospel: LK 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted —and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in alory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

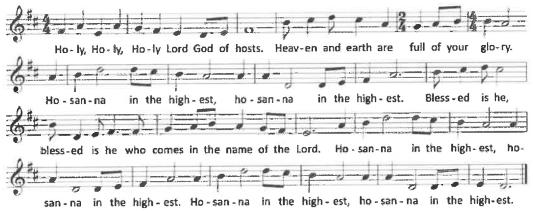
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Preparation of the Gifts: The First Noel - THE FIRST NOWELL



Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Joy and Peace - Tony Alonso

Holy, Holy, Holy



Mystery of Faith



Amen





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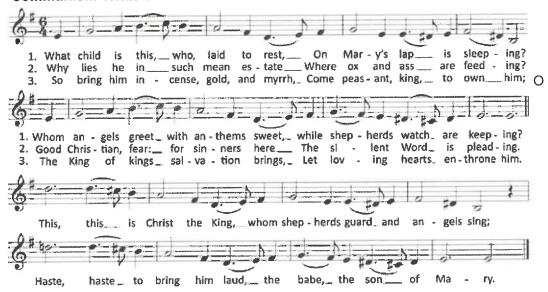


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Communion: What Child Is This - GREENSLEEVES



Meditation: We Adore - Scott Krippayne/Sarah Hart

Refrain:

We adore him: baby, Savior, King; heaven's pure and perfect offering. Sweet salvation, mercy, Lamb, and Lord; we adore, we adore.

Sending Forth: Joy to the World - ANTIOCH





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