

# Holy Spirit Parish

## The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2018

Did you know that the only reason we say that there were three wise men is that they brought three gifts? The Bible never says their number or their names. The gifts tell us about the givers. And these special gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—tell us much.

When one king visited or sent an ambassador to another, he would give a gift of gold to show that he acknowledged the kingship of the other. So the first gift of the wise men tells us they recognized Jesus as King. The second gift is a type of incense, which was used in Jesus time to worship God. So this gift shows the wise men paying homage to Jesus' divinity. The gift of myrrh is oil used to anoint the dying. It reminds us of Jesus suffering and death on the cross.

So what gifts do we have for Jesus? Maybe we can take a hint from the wise men. If we acknowledge Jesus as king, maybe a better gift than gold would be to pledge our obedience to him. Each day we can promise to live our vocation as best we can, to love those around us, and forgive those who hurt us.

A better way than burning incense to pay homage to Jesus' divinity is to take time to pray throughout the day. Some people are able to attend daily Mass, others spend time in adoration before the Eucharist, or even a few minutes of their lunch break to say the rosary.

As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear each day. When we accept suffering in our lives, especially that caused by our sins, we give ourselves to Jesus as he gave himself for us on the cross.

The song "Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give. Let Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day.

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### Masses:

**Saturday Vigil** 5:15 p.m.  
**Sunday** 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.  
**Weekday** 8:00 a.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

**Baptisms:** By appointment. Please call the Rectory 443-5442

**Marriage:** Couples planning marriage are asked to make an appointment at Rectory at least six months prior to your anticipated wedding date.

- **Holy Spirit Parish School: (Grades TK-8) 448-5663**  
Ann Marie Faires, Interim Principal
- **Catholic Faith Formation (CFF): Patricia Scott, Director**  
Grades K-8; Mondays, 5:45 to 7p.m. at Holy Spirit School.
- **Respect Life Ministry: Mack & Lucy White 447-7327.**
- **Care of Sick & Elderly: Call the Rectory for Holy Communion home calls. 443-5442**
- **St Vincent dePaul Society ~SVdP Meet 4th Tues each month 397-7264**



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*We, the people of  
Holy Spirit Parish  
seek to live as disciples of Christ.  
Guided by the Holy Spirit,  
fed and strengthened  
at the Eucharistic table,  
we are called to witness the Good  
News of the Gospel by our  
lives of faith, service,  
community, and hospitality.*



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All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.

— *Psalm 72:11*

### Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:15 pm</b>	John Costello +
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Don Maestretti +
	<b>11:00 am</b>	All Souls
	<b>5:15 pm</b>	Irene Paquin +
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Holy Spirit Parishioners
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Poor Souls
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Louie Guisto +
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	For the sick of our parish
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Missionary work
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:15 pm</b>	Donna Neuerburg +
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Dorothy Jarzen +
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Emma Aguirre +
	<b>5:15 pm</b>	Holy Spirit Parishioners



#### EASTERN STAR

Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd  
to run  
Before the sages, to the rising Sun,  
Here cease thy course, and wonder  
that the cloud  
Of this poor stable can thy Maker  
shroud.

—Sir John Beaumont

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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#### New Parishioner Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Ph. # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please place form in the collection or drop off at the rectory.*

**Here at Home**

***Time Talent Treasure (TTT)***

*Faithful Stewardship. A way of life.  
Everything we think, say and do  
after we say "I believe."*

Holy Spirit Parish offers lots of opportunity for persons to be actively involved in the faith. Prayerfully consider how you can contribute your time, talent, and treasure. This is a great way to begin the New Year:

\*\*You can join in the monthly adoration held on the First Friday of the month from 8:30 to 10:30am.

\*\*You can join our St. Vincent de Paul Society or our Helping Hearts Ministry and be of service to those in need.

\*\*You can deepen your faith by participating in our Bible Study Classes or Coffee & Catholicism, or join our new Vocation committee.

\*\*You can help steward our beautiful church by joining either our Holy Spirit Guild, our Garden Club, or our Environment Committee.

\*\*You can become a liturgical minister as a choir member, lector, Eucharistic minister, altar server, or usher.

*Whatever your choice, you are giving back to God  
the gift of yourself.*

**Epiphany Celebration**

**Sunday, January 7th, 4:00pm**



Epiphany is this Sunday, **January 7th**. As usual, Holy Spirit will celebrate the end of the Christmas Season with music.

We will gather in the **church at 4:00pm** and sing everyone's favorite Carols. This program will take about one hour & will include some featured performances as well. If you don't want to sing, come & just listen. If you haven't gone to Mass, you can then attend the 5:15pm Mass.

The cost is **FREE!** And, of course there will be refreshments afterwards. Let's get together as a parish to celebrate the end of this joyous season.

**Hat, Gloves, and Scarf Drive**

Holy Spirit St. Vincent de Paul is hosting a warm hat, gloves, & scarf drive. It's winter and there are hundreds of homeless in Sacramento living without necessary warm clothing items. Your kind donations will be accepted at Collection bins located at front/side Church entrances during all Mass schedules on **Jan. 6 & 7 and Jan. 13 & 14**.



**This Week At A Glance**

- Jan 7 Epiphany Sing-a-Long
- Jan 8 CFF classes
- Jan 8 Church Environment meeting
- Jan 9 SVdP home visit training
- Jan 9 2nd grade Parent meeting
- Jan 10 RCIA
- Jan 11 Bible Study

**Annual HSPS Crab Feed**

Come support Holy Spirit Parish and School at our annual Crab Feed!

- ♦ Where: Holy Spirit Parish School gymnasium
  - ♦ When: **Saturday, January 20, 2018**. Cocktails at 5:30, dinner at 7:00pm
  - ♦ Tickets: \$50 per person. Table for 20 people: \$1000
- Reservations/questions: Contact Heather Balfour at 916-296-5132 or [heatherdbalfour@gmail.com](mailto:heatherdbalfour@gmail.com) or purchase online at [www.hs-ps.com](http://www.hs-ps.com).

**Diaper Drive for Maryhouse**

Maryhouse is a daytime hospitality shelter for homeless women and children providing personal attention to each woman to help her identify and take the next step. The students of HSPS will hold a diaper drive for the guests of Maryhouse from **Jan 22-Feb 2**. You are invited to help build a wall of diapers by dropping diapers (size 4,5,6) off to the school between the hours of 8am and 3pm.

**Now Accepting Applications  
for TK and Kindergarten**

Holy Spirit Parish School is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year for both Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes. If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2018 you can apply by contacting the school at 916-448-5663. Holy Spirit Parish School focuses on following the teachings of Jesus and developing the love of learning. 1:1 i-Pad Technology - Academic Excellence - Fine Arts Program - Spanish - After School Care. Come to the Open House at the school from **10:30am to 12:00noon on January 28, 2018**.

**Walk for Life West Coast 2018**

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 14th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on **January 27, 2018**. 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 info about the Walk, visit [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com) or call 415-658-1793.

**The Magi followed a star to find Jesus. Who or what leads you to Jesus today?**

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