January 5, 2020



# **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

This week the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany, the manifestation of Christ to the gentile nations, shortly after Jesus' birth. The Magi, the three kings from other nations, represent non-Jewish faiths who come to honor and pay homage to

Israel's newborn king. The Old Testament relationships of God to his chosen people Israel was widely known to the people outside of Israel. There were testimonials of God's love and abiding presence to His people. The miracles of the parting of the Red Sea, the manna from heaven while wandering in the desert, the miraculous victories of Israel's battles all give witness to God's favor with Israel and the other nations. Now the Gentile nations come to pay homage to Israel's newborn King, Jesus the Christ.

This reminds me of the nations that came from all corners of the world to pay homage at the death of the Vicar of Christ, the funeral of now Saint Pope John Paul *II*. I remember vivid images on the television with commentators identifying practically all known religions and main line Protestant, Evangelical, Denominational and Non-Denominational Christian traditions that represented the gentile nations. Here the nations honored the late Pope who stood in the place of Christ on earth in the Catholic Church and for the benefit of all nations.

Since then I realized, though the Church has its critics, detractors, and even enemies, (as in the days of Christ), the nations still look to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church; has been and always will carry the standard of the pillar of truth, the fullness of the faith, that defines for the world all moral goodness. Though she too suffers from concupiscence (human weakness), she remains the Body of Christ, and his bride. And nations look to the Church to identify for the world all matters of faith and morals. When she speaks, the world listens. The Epiphany is alive and well in the world. With the Vicar of Christ leading the faithful, Christ is present in His Body, present in the World.

Prayerfully in Christ, Your Pastor, Fr. Jeffrey Wilson

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The new calendar year is upon us and you and your family may want to bless your home with an inscription meant to remind us of

how we are to follow the star of the newborn King as did the Magi. It is most appropriate to bless our doorway in January, this being the first month of the year, as *janua* is Latin for gate, door or opening. This inscription above the entry of our house should be a reminder to us to be with and go to Christ in all our comings and goings, and may remain above the doorway until Pentecost.

PARISH GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Pastoral Care Givers Prayer Meeting-Monday at 9:00am in the All Saints' Parish Hall Parish Pantry—1st, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Tuesdays, 10am to 11:45am. ATCAA Food Bank—3rd Tuesday 10:00—Noon. Both are located in Cottage #3 at All Saints' Church. All Saints' Ladies Guild - Meets every other month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 9:30am in the Parish Hall. NO meetings during Winter.

Pastoral Council - every 3rd Wednesday 6pm monthly Choir Practice—Tuesdays at 5:00pm at All Saints. Order of Franciscan Seculars / Blessed Giles of Assisi First Saturdays at 10:30am at All Saints' Church. Every First Sundays is Coffee "clatch" in Parish Hall. St. Joseph's Guild general monthly meeting—First Sunday after Mass at St. Joseph's Church. St. Joseph's Coffee Sundays—Third Sunday of the month.

Turning Point Fellowship of AA meets Tues., 7:00pm in Cottage #4. Keep it Simple Group of NA meets Wed., 6:30pm in Cottage #4.

#### CHILDREN'S CATECHISM SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Religious Education Classes for Kindergarten through sixth grade is on-going Sunday mornings starting at 9:30am to 10:45am. Youth Group and Confirmation meets at the same times. Parents and Parishioners, gather for Sunday readings

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before Mass from 9:45 to 10:45 each Sunday. For more information or to register please contact Noli Farwell at (209) 586-3161 or email her at nfarwell@sbcglobal.net.

## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN**



Adult Fuith INITIATION FOR ADULTS Curious? If you are Catholic and have never received your First Communion or Confirmation, we can help you prepare for the recep-

tion of those sacraments. If you are not Catholic and are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, we can answer your questions and guide you on your journey. The RCIA team is ready to serve you. Meets for optional supper at 6:00 pm and class starts at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Contact Gloria Hofer at 408-802-1232.

#### YEAR ROUND SUNDAY SCRIPTURE PREPARATION Meets Mondays 11am St. Joseph & Tuesdays 4pm All Saints. For more

information, please contact John Dunlap at 928-3477.

STUDY GROUP contact: Dan Garcia 209-840-2644.

NEWMAN BOOK CIRCLE meets monthly. Contact Preston or Suzanne Patterson at 965-4260 for meeting times.

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena, 9 Days for Life, Tuesday, January 21 – Wednesday, January 29. Pray for the respect of all human life with daily intentions, brief reflec-

tions, and more. Download a free mobile app, or sign up to receive the novena through daily emails or text message. Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com!

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

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#### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

All Saints Catholic Church in Twain Harte and Saint Joseph Mission Church in Tuolumne, responds to the Universal Call to Holiness in celebration of the Eucharist and is committed to a community of fellowship with the help of the Holy Spirit offering gifts, time, and talent to the people of God.

#### THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2020

That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Please pray for the Sick in our Parish,	
and their family members.	

Dorothy Handel	Joe Freitas	<b>Bob Combs</b>	
Chris Karels	Frank Scully	Ralph Webster	
Barbara Volpi Leon Heinen	Fr. John Fitzgerald Pauline Beltran	Sandy Kopp	

To add or remove a name from the list, please contact Diane Prill at 586-5461 and leave a message with your contact number and name of person to be put on the prayer list.

### Pray for the repose of the souls of the following:

#### **Recently Deceased:**

**All Saints** 

Pray for in Memoriam: Fr. George Lacey, Msgr. Thomas Hayes, Fr. Eshai Joseph, Fr. E. Donohoe, Dcn. Eddie Zoma, Don & Trudy Brenon. Bishop Steven E. Blaire



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander the earth seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Walk for Life West Coast 2020: Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 16th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 25, 2020. Mass at 9:30AM at St. Mary's Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Alexander Sample from Portland, OR. Rally begins at 12:30PM in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down Market Street, begins 1:30PM. Last year's Walk drew 50,000+ people. Visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.

Please Note: Requests for insertion of bulletin information must be submitted in writing to the parish office by noon on Wednesday prior to distribution.

# The Parish of All Saints and St. Joseph

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-REGULAR SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES-

Saturday Sunday Sunday

4:30pm Vigil 9:00am 11:00am

All Saints St. Joseph All Saints

#### ~WEEK DAY MASSES~

Monday – Thursday Friday First Friday

First Saturday

8:30am All Saints 8:30am St Joseph 8:30am St. Joseph 8:30am All Saints

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15pm at All Saints Sunday: 8:45am at St Joseph 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays following 8:30am Mass at All Saints

Office Hours: Monday -- Friday ~ 9:30am to 4:00pm Phone 586-3161, Fax-586-3161



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION Every Friday at 5:00pm All Saints Church

To arrange a visit for shut-in members of our community, please contact the Parish office.

Marriages & Baptisms by appointment 6 months notice for marriage. **Contact the Diocesan Respect Life Office** at 1-800-396-8777 and Foothill Pregnancy Center at 536-9262 for support before and after childbirth.

Project Rachel -1-800-396-8777 offers grief counseling and retreats for the loss of unborn children

TRANSPORTATION FOR OLDER ADULTS assistance: Call Dial-a-Ride (209) 532-0404

By Appt. & 24-hour advance notice required. Fixed Regular Rate \$2, Senior rate \$1 per ride. Includes transportation for disabled.

Rides are local: Chicken Ranch, Sierra Village, Avalon and up to Longeway (not past the school). Also, Rent-a-Ride (650)-787-7022, contact: Jill or Donna. \$20+ Rides include and extend outside the



local area: Twain Harte, Modesto, Columbia, Carmel

PARISH OFFERTORY Weekend of Dec. 29th	2019 Offertory	CHRISTMAS ONLY	2018 Offertory	
All Saints	\$1,770	\$5,728	\$2,905	
St. Joseph	\$653	\$743	\$842	
Next week's 2nd Collection is for Maintenance Fund.				

**PARISH PANTRY** The year of 2019 ended with feeding a total of 1,329 households and serving 2,158 clients. PLEASE NO GREEN BEANS. The Pantry is currently in need of the following items: Canned vegetables (peas, corn, diced tomatoes, pasta sauce and beans), Chili, Canned meals, Tuna, Jelly, Boxed Helpers and Soups. Thank you to all who continually support those in need. -Margie-