



Welcome to Resurrection Catholic Community Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23, 2018

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." —Luke 1:45

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 30, 2018

"Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God." - 1 John 3:1

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS:

Whether this is your first visit or you are a frequent visitor we welcome you and are happy that you are celebrating Christmas with us! We hope you feel at home and come back again!



UPCOMING EVENTS



WALK FOR LIFE: Walk for Life West Coast, an annual gathering and march in San Francisco to witness to the sanctity of human

life from conception to natural death, will take place on **Saturday, January 26**. We have a bus leaving from Resurrection parking lot at 7:30 AM. We'll attend the Mass for Life at the St. Mary's Cathedral, then join the Walk for Life rally and march. We'll return to Resurrection around 5:30 PM. Cost is \$40 for adults and \$15 for youth and children. To reserve a seat, advance, non-refundable payment is needed to Resurrection Church for "Walk for Life Bus". You may drop off or mail payment to the parish office. (Donations for the youth/children subsidy are much appreciated!) Don't delay! Seats will go quickly. For more information, contact "Deacon for Life" Patrick at 831-840-3750 or pfconway@sbcglobal.net.

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN: After hearing all the responses to the Blessings and Dreams pastoral planning survey from this past year and prayerfully listening to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Fr. Romeo and the Pastoral Planning Council have created our new Parish Pastoral Plan. We thank everyone who participated in the planning process. Copies are available in the church entrance, at the parish office, and online. Please read it and pray, "God, what would you have me do?"



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, December 24—Tuesday, January 1

CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve

3:30 PM Christmas Carols
4:00 PM Family Christmas Mass

9:00 PM Christmas Carols
9:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass

Tuesday, December 25—Christmas Day

10:00 AM Mass

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 29 & 30
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2019
10:00 AM Mass

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sunday (12/23):

- 10:15 AM RCIA (lounge)

Monday (12/24):

- Christmas Eve—Parish Office Closed
- 3:30 PM Christmas Carols (church)
- 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Children's Mass (church)
- 9:00 PM Christmas Carols (church)
- 9:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass (church)

Tuesday (12/25):

- MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- Christmas Day—Parish Office Closed
- 10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass
- 5:00 PM Faith Community Shelter (MCC)

Wednesday (12/26):

- Parish Office Closed

Thursday (12/27):

- Parish Office Closed

Friday (12/28):

- Parish Office Closed



Saturday (12/29):

- 8:30 AM Contemplative Prayer Group (DMC)
- 4:20 PM Rosary (BSC)

Sunday (12/30):

- 10:15 AM RCIA (lounge)
- 11:30 AM Baptism (church)

Monday (12/31):

- Parish Office Closed

Tuesday (01/01):

- New Years Day—Parish Office Closed
- 10:00 AM Solemnity of Mary Mass (church)

Wednesday (01/02):

- 12:30 PM Yoga (hall)
- 6:30 PM Youth Core Team Meeting (YC)
- 6:45 PM Pacific Voices Rehearsal (church)

Thursday (01/03):

- 12:30 PM Bible Study (DMC)
- 6:30 PM Music Rehearsal (church & CCR)

Friday (01/04):

- 10:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (BSC)

Saturday (01/05):

- 8:30 AM Contemplative Prayer Group (DMC)
- 4:20 PM Rosary (BSC)

LITURGY & SPIRITUALITY



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

If you're a Confirmed Catholic and have a deep love and reverence for Jesus in the Eucharist, then you'll love being an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist! Your

parish needs you. If you're interested in learning more about this wonderful way to serve, please contact Deacon Patrick at pconway@sbcglobal.net or 831-840-3750.

GREETERS NEEDED AT ALL MASSES:

Do you have an easy smile and a warm handshake? Would you like to get to know people's names? Have you ever thought about GREETING at the Mass you attend? Please call Bonnie Wolf - 831-684-1591- if you could greet at one Mass a month or agree to substitute on occasion, or if you have any questions about this ministry. Let your "Light Shine!"



greeters

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL



A Christmas flower (poinsettia) memorial is a beautiful way to remember loved ones this Christmas. We invite you to make a contribution to our Christmas flower fund in memory of or in honor of a

loved one. Memorials will be listed in a bulletin during the Christmas season. Donation envelopes are available on the counter in the entrance of the church. Your envelopes can be dropped into the collection or brought by the parish office.

PLEASE PRAY for ALL THOSE in NEED OF HEALING

Adam	Terry Erwin	George Mungai
Cross/Boettcher/ Burghart families	Myriam Escudero	Joleen Munoz
Henry S.	Dee Feci	Judy Navarro
Lorenzo Abeyta	Trent Feliss	Zoe Nink
Marc Adato	Greg Finegan	Leo Olson
Javier Anaya	Diana Fischer	Gina Orlando
Becki Bailey	Mark Emmet Fisher	Teresa Orosco
Adeline Bautista	Tom & Dotty Garske	Kathy Osmonson
Maria Bernstein- Brumbaugh	Sue Gibson	Connor Paulbitski
Stacy Bischoff	Andre Grier	Dave Peasley
Jeraldine Boger	Avril Henderson	Gabe Ponce
Jim Bombardieri	Robert Higgins	Oliver Potts
Vera Borroel	Debra Hightower	Heidi R.
Tracy Boyd	Rick Housouer	Pablo R.
Michelle Brown	Allan Hughes	Chris Randolph
Basil Brunner	Fr. Derek Hughes	Dawn Renz
Betsy Burrows	Jim Jackson	Mary Repetti
Caitlin Jane Buse	Jaqueline Jacobs	Joel Rivera
Carlos C.	Faye Jahnigen	Chellie Roberts
Tony Cacache	Johnathan	Ray Rodman
Dante Calcagno	Ariel Johnson	Bob Spencer
Ardith Campbell	John Jones	Jose Rufino
Chelsea & Family	D.B.K.	Valerie Ruschke
Mary Church	Tony K.	John Sargetis
Trish Cronin	Baby Karleen	Joseph Saucier
Ralph Cross	Julie Watts Kenner	Anna Seely
Edith Cuevas	Dylan Kinion	Kim Sessa
Nancy Daves	Kathy Klapheke	Herb Silcox
Larry Davis	Mary Klaus	Alisha Smith
Betty deHart	Joshua Kobinski	William Smith
Carrie deHart	Michael Laflin	Diane Spoto
Tavish deHart	Ed Laverone	Agnes Subbiondo
Denise D.	Joan Lawlor	Olivia T.
Sr. Joan Derry	Eric Lee	Bob Tanner
Ralph Desmond	Frank Leonetti	Kathleen Tavares
Benny del Re	Carrie Levin	Paul Thompson
Margaret Detering	Donald Lowery	Alex Todisco
Mary Donatoni	Matthew Ludlow	Estelle Turner
Mark Duggan	Michael Lucas	Sharon Turner
Robert Duggan	Sylvia Lucas	Amy V.F.
Wyatt Duino	Paul Madsen	Lawrence W.
Pat Emard	Peter Mannina	Tannis Welch
Peter Empson	Ginny Solari Mazry	Maggie Young
Annie Enright	Connie McGill-	Rosemary Zamora
Sean Enright	Fergus	
Alicia Enriquez	Bill McDow	
Irma Enriquez	Jackie McDow	
	Mary McMenamy	
	Lisa McMenamy	

Please let the office know when a name can be removed from this prayer list. Thank you.

PRAYER LINE: Please call Rosalie Flores-Aguon (831-359-9799) or Mary Soltis (688-8326) if you or someone you know is in need of prayer.

IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND.....

If you or a member of your family are hospitalized or homebound, please call to let us know. We want to visit you in the hospital or home, but are often unaware of your situation. Due to HIPAA regulations, hospitals will not contact parishes unless you specifically request it.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

In today's Christmas Mass at dawn we hear from the Gospel reading that God has entered quietly into the world. Not into the great city of Jerusalem, but into a small village about five miles south. Not into a noble family, but to an outcast couple keeping the newborn in a manger. Not announced by royal edicts, but to common shepherds, the first human heralds of Christ's birth. As Christian stewards we simply allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share his love with us and reflect that love out to others. We now are the heralds of Christ's Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH??

- Do you want to know "What's Happening in the Parish" BEFORE you see the bulletin at mass?
- Do you want a "SNEAK PREVIEW" of the bulletin before you arrive at mass or do you prefer to look at it online?
- If you answered "YES" to one of the questions above then "SIGN UP TO RECEIVE WEEKLY EMAILS FROM THE PARISH"

We send out a weekly email each Thursday or Friday about what is currently happening our parish. The bulletin is also included as a link. If you want to stay connected with the parish please consider signing up. This email is also used to communicate about other upcoming events/activities/needs. To sign up please email us at resurrectionparish@sbcglobal.net and we will sign you up.



Give to Resurrection Electronically! You can set up regular donations, or make a one time gift by simply scanning the QR Code to the right with your smart phone—it's easy!

- Give to Resurrection by clicking on the "Donate Now" link on our website, www.resurrection-aptos.org. It is a very safe and secure way to give.
- You can also click on the QR code and it will take you directly to our giving page.
- If you already give electronically you can update your own information. The email address that you provided will link to your account. Or you can call Karen in the parish office and she will update your account for you.



Welcome! Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and place in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- New Parishioner New Address
 New Phone Number
 Moving—Remove from List
 Please send contribution envelopes
 Please send information on Electronic Giving

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:

During the offertory at all the masses, we encourage the children, if they have something to offer or give, to come to the altar and place it in the basket.



Stewardship of Treasure PLATE COLLECTIONS December 15 & 16, 2018

Weekly Plate Collection:

• Weekend Masses	\$6,411.08
• Electronic	\$6,768.33
• Total	\$13,179.41

Weekly Plate Collection Need (Budget)	\$11,300.00
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Retirement Fund for Retired Religious	\$2,243.75
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT!

If you miss a week your donation can be mailed to the parish office at P.O. Box 87, Aptos, CA 95001-0087 or you go to www.resurrection-aptos.org and click on the donate now button.

Remember Resurrection Catholic Community in your will.
Contact Karen Victorino in the parish office.

Intentions for December 22—January 6

Saturday 12/22

5:00 PM (RE) +Sylvia & Vincent Cordoni,
+Dave Boggini,
The People of the Parish

Sunday, 12/23

8:15 AM (RE) +Nick Hilbert, +Gene Ciabattari,
+Ramon & Ruperta Belleza
10:15 AM (RE) +John Feci, +James Sikora,
+Brett Rettig
6:00 PM (LP) Men & Women in the Armed Forces,
those in harms way & those
wounded physically & spiritually

Monday, 12/24

4:00 PM (RE) +Pat Garske, +Maurice Garvey
The People of the Parish
9:30 PM (RE) +Mr. & Mrs. Alfred & Marie
Petrocelli, Sr.,
The Schuman Family

Tuesday, 12/25

10:00 AM (RE) +Emanuele & Lidia Vivola,
+Dave Boggini

Wednesday, 12/26

8:30 AM (RE) +JoAnne Brokaw

Thursday, 12/27

8:30 AM +Lori Matusich

Friday, 12/28

8:30 AM +Vince Rice

Saturday, 12/29

5:00 PM (MM) +Dave Boggini, +Dolores Mariani,
+Victor & Virginia Ardizzone

Sunday, 12/30

8:15 AM (PAC) The People of the Parish
10:15 AM (PAC) +Joanne Brokaw, +Sharon Alaga
6:00 PM (RM) +Herb Kain

Monday, 12/31

8:30 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, 01/01

10:00 AM (LP) +Joseph C. Dias, +Dave Boggini

Wednesday, 01/02

8:30 AM (LP) +Lillia Domench

Thursday, 01/03

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, 01/04

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, 01/05

5:00 PM (EM) +Jack Kolp

Sunday, 01/06

8:15 AM (RS) +Sarah Wardwell,
+Gene Ciabattari
10:15 AM (RS) +Dottie Miller
6:00 PM (RM) +Robert & Helen Nance

RE=Fr. Romeo Evangelista, LP=Fr. Larry Percell,
MM=Fr. Mike Marini, RS=Fr. Ron Shirley,
EM=Fr. Edmond Monfette, RM=Fr. Roy Margallo,
PAC=Fr. Peter Crivello

GOOD NEWS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 12/23: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
Monday 12/24: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16; Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday 12/25: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14
Wednesday 12/26: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday 12/27: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a,2-8
Friday 12/28: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday 12/29: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday 12/30: 1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28; Ps 84:2-3,5-6,
9-10; 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24; Lk 2:41-52
Monday 12/31: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday 1/01: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8;
Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday 1/02: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Thursday 1/03: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Friday 1/04: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Saturday 1/05: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Sunday 1/06: Is 60:1-6; ;Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12



THE MASS NEVER ENDS—IT MUST BE LIVED!

We are invited to continue to reflect upon the Gospel reading (Luke 1:39-45) and homily as we live out our Eucharist this week. Reflect upon it in your heart and mind, and discuss it with your family, friends and faith community members.

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

- Do you carry within you personal knowledge of God's goodness and love for you? Can you share this "secret" with others?
- Are you aware of how God is doing something good in someone else's life? Can you let them know that you see this in them?
- How has believing God's word brought blessings into your life?

Christmas: Gospel Reading—John 1:1-18

- Jesus came to us as a child, a baby. When has a baby or child had an impact on your life?
- How do you share the joy of Christmas with others?

Holy Family: Gospel Reading—Lk 2:41-52

- Have you ever lost a child in a crowd? What did that feel like? Can you imagine what Mary and Joseph felt like when Jesus was missing for 3 days?
- Mary and Joseph didn't understand why Jesus acted that way (without sinning!). Has it ever seemed to you that God has acted wrongly or has failed to do what needed to be done? How did Mary respond to what Jesus did? How can you respond to God's way of doing things?
- Do your family relationships help you to experience God? How? If not, what seems to get in the way?

ROSARY GROUPS:

- Pray the Rosary, Monday through Friday, at 9:00 AM (after daily mass) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
- Rosary group meets every Saturday at 4:20 PM, before the 5:00 PM mass. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy begins at 4:00 PM. All are welcome to join us.



Many Hands

Embracing a sense of community
Easing burdens
Enhancing quality of life

The Many Hands Program is staffed by volunteers and is intended for minor solutions. Referrals for professional services will be provided when possible.

Volunteers currently provide:

- Occasional Transportation
- Minor Household Tasks
- Handyman referrals
- Household Safety and Risk Assessment
- Friendly Visitors Program
- Friendly Phone Calls

The Senior Resource Ministry will refer seniors with financial need to appropriate resources. The Senior Resource Directory is available for free in the parish office.

Volunteers are needed for these services to continue. Please contact Erma Coty, RN in the parish office at 831-688-4300 x17.

**NEED NOT BE A SENIOR
TO VOLUNTEER!**



CHAIR YOGA WITH SUZI MAHLER

Wednesday's at 12:30 PM
Markey Community Center

Classes resume January 2, 2019

Christmas Blessings

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and a Hopeful New Year!

—Erma



PRIME TIMERS UPDATE

There will be a meeting for those interested in being on a steering committee for Prime Timers, on Sunday, January 6 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the church conference room. No regular Prime Timer meeting is scheduled.

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality, on Tuesday mornings, will resume on January 8, 2019.



SATURDAY MORNING MEDITATION: Do you practice some form of silent prayer frequently? occasionally? never? If your answer is "Yes!" you are cordially invited to join the multi-denominational meditation group that gathers each Saturday morning in the Daily Mass Chapel here at Resurrection at 8:30 AM. You don't need to pay anything or say anything! One of the lay leaders introduces the 25-minute period of meditation and ends it with a few inspirational words. We're finished about 9:00 AM and off to enjoy the day with a coffee or a trip to farmers' market. Contact Pat O'Brien (831)566-8234.

OUTREACH

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION MINISTRY...

Each week specially-trained members of our community visit our homebound members to bring them Eucharist and loving support. More ministers are needed for this. Is God inviting you to share in this blessing? Your part would be to visit 3-5 homebound members once every five weeks. Your visits can be scheduled at your convenience on any day. For more information please call Deacon Patrick at 840-3750.



TRAVEL-SIZE TOILETRIES NEEDED! We currently have an urgent need for travel size toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, and disposable razors. We often get requests for the small bottles of shampoo & conditioners. If you have some of these items, please drop them off at the assistance desk in Markey Community Center or the parish office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAITH COMMUNITY SHELTER: Have you ever thought it might be fun to work in a thrift shop one afternoon per week or even once a month?...And benefit the Faith Community Shelter at the same time? If so, you may be interested in this new volunteer project: We are looking for 2 volunteers to work from 1:00-4:00 pm Monday- Saturday at the new St. John's Helpful Shop which is opening soon in the retail space formerly occupied by the Word bookshop near Manuel's Restaurant in the Seaclyff Beach area. The AFC will split profits with St. John's in the proportion to which we provide volunteers during regular shop hours; whatever we make will go toward covering expenses of our wonderful shelter project (e.g., gasoline and repairs for the program's vehicle, insurance, etc.). Currently, the AFC needs to raise about \$70,000 per year for the shelter's operational expenses; for our usual 18 guests, this is only \$10.65 per person per night -an amazing bargain for sure!!



Volunteers would wait on customers and provide other light-duty help as needed. No previous experience is necessary - training will be provided. Maybe have lunch with a friend, then work together at the Helpful Shop, helping to raise funds for the Faith Community Shelter!! If you are be interested in this new and exciting opportunity to help our shelter program or if you have any questions, please contact Pat Lorenzo (708-2068 or pat.lorenzo@yahoo.com) as soon as possible.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Deborah Rovick 688-4300 x 22 or darovick@att.net
Director of Faith Formation for Children, Youth & Young Adults

Middle School (Grades 6-8):

- December 27, No Middle School Youth Group
- January 3, No Middle School Youth Group
- January 10, 6:30—8:00 PM, Middle School Youth Group
- January 13, 10:15 AM, Youth Mass
- January 17, 6:30—8:00 PM, Middle School Youth Group
- January 24, 6:30—8:00 PM, Middle School Youth Group
- January 31, 6:30—8:00 PM, Middle School Youth Group

High School (Grades 9-12):

- December 23, No High School Youth Group & Confirmation
- December 30, No High School Youth Group & Confirmation
- January 6, 11:30 AM—1:30 PM, High School Youth Group & Confirmation
- January 13, 10:15 AM—1:30 PM, Youth Mass & Confirmation 1st Year Rite of Welcome followed by High School Youth Group & Confirmation
- January 20, No High School Youth Group & Confirmation
- January 26, Pizza Sales begin after mass
- January 27, 11:30 AM—1:30 PM, High School Youth Group & Confirmation

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**





Resurrection's CARD CRAFTING CIRCLE is looking for additional volunteers. We meet once every 3-4 weeks to make cards – for holidays and other celebrations, plus general interest cards (such as sympathy, get well, etc.). All supplies are provided, and no special talent is needed. The Card Crafting Circle is a great opportunity to have fun, socialize with other parishioners, and do something important – helping to raise much-needed funds for our Faith Community Shelter ministry. Please contact Pat Lorenzo (708-2068 or pat.lorenzo@yahoo.com) for further information.

LET'S END MODERN SLAVERY!

Did you know that you can help reduce human slavery by purchasing products labeled "Fair Trade"? This is how we support the companies that sell us our food and other products who ensure that no human slavery was used in their supply and production chain. Yes, these items usually cost more, but that is because they are not being produced using slave or under-compensated labor.)

The US State Department estimates that 21 million men, women and children are being held in some kind of forced labor—modern slavery. (Other human rights groups put the number at 35 million.) These are some of the people who harvest our food, make our clothes, gather the raw materials made for electronics, jewelry and makeup, or who are sold for "adult pleasure". They are not only in far-off places, but right here in the Monterey Bay region. What can we do? First of all, educate ourselves. Visit the US Bishops webpage devoted to this: www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program for many resources. For action ideas visit: www.endslaverynow.org/act



To report suspected human trafficking or to get help, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888. For more information about local events, contact LeeAnn Jones, Program Analyst at Monarch Services: 831-707-2206 or ljones@monarchsc.org

MANTLES OF CARING: The ministry of our knitting group, Mantles of Caring, is to provide support to those suffering loss, illness or other sorrows with the gift of a hand-knitted or crocheted shawl or lap robe. These beautiful items have been made with loving prayer for the receiver who may be a shut-in, undergoing medical treatment, or has a life-threatening or chronic illness. If you are such a person or know of someone who would benefit from one of these items, we offer it to you. In addition, Mantles of Caring, offers lovely handmade gifts such as scarfs, hats, ponchos and baby items, for sale at very reasonable prices to support our ministry. You are welcome to knit or crochet with us in the church conference room on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 2:00—3:30 PM. Contact Pat O'Brien at 685-8639.



SOCKS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED (SPIN):

Thanks to the people of the parish, we have collected and distributed more than 25,000 pairs during the 5 years that this program has been operating. The need for socks continues year-round, so our collection box remains in the church entrance. For more information about SPIN, please contact Pat Lorenzo at 708-2068 or pat.lorenzo@yahoo.com



FAITH FORMATION

BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY:

We're on Christmas break this week, and will resume on Thursday, January 3rd at 12:30 PM in the daily mass chapel to reflect on the readings for the upcoming Sunday. It's a fact that regular doses of God's Word make you happier. Come and see!



STRENGTHS FINDER

We invite everyone age 15 and older to do the Strengths Finder online survey as a way of discovering our God-given strengths and gifts. Here's how:

1. Email Barbara Smith at barbshank08@yahoo.com and let her know you'd like to take the online StrengthsFinder survey. (If you don't have internet access, call the parish office at 688-4300.)
2. Pay the \$15 fee (Barbara will explain how) and she'll send you an online log-in code. (If \$15 is a hardship, let us know & pay what you can.)
3. Take the online survey and email your 5 top strengths back to Barbara.
4. Contact Deacon Patrick at pfconway@sbcglobal.net to schedule an appointment to get your *Living Your Strengths* book and learn more about your top 5 strengths and how you can better use them.
5. Enjoy greater fulfillment in knowing and living your strengths!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



ALTAR LINENS: We are looking for a few volunteers to help launder and iron our altar linens in 2019! This would require a one month commitment. We need help in the months of August and September. Please call the office if you are able to help.

KITCHEN TOWELS: We are looking for volunteers to help launder our kitchen towels in 2019! This would require a one month commitment—washing the kitchen towels once a week during that month. We currently need help in the months of July & September. Please call the office if you are able to help.





WOMEN'S GUILD THANK YOU: The Resurrection Women's Guild would like to thank everyone who donated or purchased items at our Tantalizing Temptations and Heavenly Gifts Sale on December 1 and 2.

We appreciate your support on this fundraiser and are now beginning to plan our annual tea and fashion show to be held this Spring. This year's theme is Enchanted Garden Tea Party and it will be held on Sunday, March 31.

THANK YOU TO OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS! On the back of this bulletin you will find many advertisers who have been faithfully advertising for a number of years. We appreciate their support and want to support their businesses in return. Please take a look at our advertisers and if you are looking for a product or service please consider our bulletin advertisers first. And let them know you saw them in the bulletin. Advertising income contributes vital funds to our parish. In addition, there is an opportunity to purchase a "Memorial" space at the cost of \$230 per quarter. Ad spaces are available for the next quarter (Apr/May/Jun) and the deadline is March 1. Information on ad rates and sizes is available at <https://resurrection-aptos.org/>. If you have any questions or know of a business that might be interested in advertising, contact Ann Fitts, 818-1417, ann@growingupsc.com. Thank you!

A NEW YEAR'S EVE INTERFAITH VIGIL FOR PEACE
Monday, December 31, 2018, 8:00 PM to 10:45 PM
Holy Cross Parish Hall, Across from Mission Plaza, Santa Cruz

Silence on New Year's Eve may seem like a contradiction. It is, and that is just what a large and diverse group of faithful people intend to do on Monday, December 31st.



Gather for an evening of meditation, music and readings with Baha'is, Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jews, Muslims, Native Americans, Sikhs and many who claim no affiliation with an organized religion. This will be the 15th Annual Interfaith Peace Vigil sponsored by Sangha Shantivanam

and hosted by the Holy Cross Catholic Community. Short periods of silent meditation each hour will be interspersed with presentations from universal wisdom traditions. A labyrinth will be available for walking. Come join us this New Year's Eve at any time. Stay as long as you would like during our Peace Vigil. In the shared hope for Global Peace, all are welcome.

RECYCLING: Do you know that any recycling that you bring in to the parish hall's designated containers (aluminum cans, glass bottles, plastic bottles) benefits our youth ministry? Please bring in your recyclables with lids removed and help our youth. It's a win-win—we help our youth and protect our environment. The recycling container is in the hall. Please do not leave items outside the youth center building. Thank you for your generosity.



MEMORIAL GARDEN: We invite anyone who has lost a loved one to honor them by bringing a plant or decorating a river rock. This will be a living memorial. If you would like to add a plant or rock, please call the parish office.

MARRIED SINGLES LIFESTYLE: The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 18th call 831-479-1260 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at HelpOurMarriage.org



RESPECT LIFE: The annual Respect Life Mass celebrated by Bishop Gerald Wilkerson will take place on Wednesday, January 23rd 2019 at 7:00 PM at Madonna Del Sasso Pro-Cathedral in Salinas.. Bishop Wilkerson invites all parishioners in the Monterey diocese to come and attend this annual mass.

UNPROTECTED - A POPE, THE PILL, AND THE PERILS OF SEXUAL CHAOS": "Unprotected" is a documentary film that looks at the prophetic witness of Pope Saint Paul VI regarding human sexuality. The Respect Life Department of the Diocese of Monterey recommends that we see the only screening in the Diocese of Monterey of "Unprotected" on January 7, 2019 at 7:30 PM at The Regal Santa Cruz 9, 1405 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz.

MARKEY CENTER REMODEL! COME AND SEE!

Markey Center (hall, kitchen, offices, classrooms) is in need of a long-overdue remodel to make it safer, more accessible, and better-suited for our current uses and



future growth. And since the current Youth Center building was only intended to be temporary, we have to make room for a new Youth Center in Markey Center! For the past six years we've been working with architects and others to create a

plan. You're invited to come and see the plan any time during office hours.



Resurrection Catholic Community

The Parish Staff Wishes you a
Blessed Christmas



Fr. Romeo Evangelista,
Deacon Patrick Conway,
Karen Victorino, Deborah Rovick,
Erma Coty, Jolene McFeely,
Jose Rufino, & Leticia Enriquez

**Celebrate 50 Years as a Parish
at our Mardi Gras style
Golden Anniversary Dinner Dance
Saturday, February 16, 2019
at Seascape Resort**



Featuring dinner, dancing
and for the
brave...Karaoke!

We will also have our annual 50/50 raffle drawing and a few other fun activities to help raise vital funds for the parish.

If you or your business would like to help sponsor the event please contact Karen in the parish office. There are several sponsorship levels.

Further information and ticket sales will be coming soon.



PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY ONLINE VERSION AVAILABLE: Registered parishioners may call the office to request an access code or to make any changes in the information that is listed.

RESURRECTION'S MOBILE APP

This FREE app is available for download in the Android and Apple stores or you can scan the QR code below.



You can find all types of resources: prayer resources, events and much, much more. Check back often for updates!



SAFETY: Please be mindful of your possessions both inside your cars and inside the buildings. We have had some thefts in our buildings. It only takes a second for something to be taken. Please be sure to lock your cars and do not leave valuable items in sight in your cars when you come to church. Either leave them at home or lock them out of sight and be sure to keep your possessions with you when you are inside the buildings. Thank you.



PARENTS—ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY: We know that this is of utmost importance to you, as it is to us. Most of us generally assume that mass and church events are always safe places for our children, and they usually are. But since these gatherings are open to the general public, we have to be mindful of the possibility of



disturbed or even dangerous persons coming into our midst. Please keep your children in sight at all times. We are particularly concerned about the Sunday morning donut hospitality time, when some children enter the hall without their parents. It is not safe for them to be in the hall without parental supervision, so please don't let that happen. Let's all take responsibility for making sure that our parish is a safe place for all our children!

Christmas — A Sense of the Season

You probably know the song “The Twelve Days of Christmas.” Even though a radio station once proclaimed the twelve days of Christmas as those before December 25, Christians have always kept Christmas as a season from December 25 until January 6 (the traditional Epiphany). The church calendar today even extends the celebration until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord—the Sunday after Epiphany.

Here is what the church says about the season of Christmas: “Next to the yearly celebration of the paschal mystery [meaning the Triduum and Easter season], the church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ’s birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season.” (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, #32)

More than just “Jesus’ birthday,” the Christmas season is a time for remembering and reveling in the nativity of Christ, the revelation of Christ to the Jewish shepherds, the revelation of Christ to the Gentile magi (that’s us!), Christ’s baptism by John in the Jordan, and Christ changing water into wine at the wedding “on the third day” (John 2:1) in Cana of Galilee. In all these saving events, we know that “the Word is made flesh and dwells among us.”



How can we keep Christmas not just as a day, but as a season? Keep the tree up (and watered!) and shining bright until the Baptism of the Lord. Sing carols and read the scriptures every day. Safely put candles around your creche: Use small glass votive candle holders, and place them away from the straw. You might also want to add a little water to the bottom of the glass before putting the candle in—an added precaution that will also help you clean the glass more easily. When you light the candles, sing or say the prayer of the angels: Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. Amen!

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Holy Families

The lovely gospel accounts that we revel in during these days of Christmastime hold up for us the image of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Holy Family of Nazareth. And so we celebrate the Holy Family on the Sunday after Christmas Day. It’s easy to gaze on the images in the Christmas crib and recognize the holiness of the newborn Jesus, his mother and his guardian. It may be harder to look at your own children or parents or brothers and sisters and see reflections of that same holiness in them. After all, living together, you see each other’s bad sides as well as the good, the warts as well as the dimples.

But if we truly believe in what we are celebrating, the incarnation of God in the flesh, and the fact that Jesus saved us by his death and resurrection into which we are baptized, then we must cultivate the ability to see a reflection of the baby Jesus’ holiness in each child in our own families, to see the holiness of Mary and of Joseph reflected in ourselves as parents and in our own parents.

Maybe it will help to remember not just the gurgling baby Jesus in the crib, but also the toddler Jesus at age two — in his own version of the “terrible twos.” Or to meditate on Mary and Joseph changing diapers and picking up the ancient Palestinian version of Cheerios from the kitchen floor — and the living room floor and the bedroom floor and.

. . . The gospels are silent about Jesus’ childhood, but truly human as well as truly God, Jesus no doubt had nosebleeds and skinned knees, tried dangerous stunts, didn’t get enough sleep sometimes and so was cranky. Maybe there were even battles over homework. (Jesus would have studied Hebrew and the scriptures.)

And think of Jesus as a teenager. We get a glimpse of him in the gospel of Matthew at age twelve, wandering off in Jerusalem, causing Mary and Joseph to panic. Of course he didn’t have the opportunity to take driver’s ed or ask for the car keys, but there were a myriad of other but similar parent-teen encounters, to be sure.

Some may find such speculation to be sacrilegious. “Jesus is perfect,” they’ll object. “Jesus is God!” How very true. And Jesus was a baby, a teenager, a young adult, too. True God, true man. And maybe, just maybe one of the delights of this Christmas season is that some of the small quirky things about us as human beings — the terrible twos, the teenage struggle for independence, parents’ angst about their child — maybe all of these are holy and part of what it means to grow toward perfection.

Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever!



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