

St. Cecilia's Bulletin

Epiphany of the Lord - January 6, 2019

TODAY - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Who knew the Messiah was born as the baby Jesus in Bethlehem in that wintertime?

In this Gospel Reading, a lot of people came to figure it out.

The chief priests and scribes knew where the Messiah would be born because they could interpret the parts in the Old Testament that predicted the Messiah's birth. The magi from the East knew that the Messiah had been born because they could interpret the presence of the star in the sky. When the magi followed the star to Bethlehem to see for themselves, Herod the King ordered them to come back and tell him too.

For all these people, there was a way to know the birth of the Messiah. The priests could interpret Scripture, and the magi could read the stars. King Herod had the political power to command their knowledge and wisdom for his own purposes.

But what about people who lack the advantages of the priests and magi and who have no power to command others? How are they to know? Does God make provision only for the fortunate?

Consider the shepherds. They lacked the money needed for education, and so they lacked the ability to use Scripture or stars to know the birth of the Messiah. They had no power to command others to share the fruits of their education with them either.

But it isn't powerlessness or poverty that keeps a person from knowing the birth of the Messiah. In the end, it was not the shepherds but the powerful and wealthy King Herod, with his evil-hearted intentions, who didn't know the baby Jesus was the Messiah. The magi didn't tell him, because God warned them in a dream not to. And so Herod the King didn't know.

In spite of their lack of all worldly advantages, the shepherds in fact outranked the king and all the others. They were by the side of the Messiah first, and they didn't have to figure it out for themselves either.

The shepherds may have been poor and simple, but they were trusting and open-hearted, too. And so they knew Christ Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem that cold winter night because they heard the angels sing.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, January 7

10:00 am - Pedro - Collins Center
12:30 pm - Computers - Collins Center
2:00 pm - Qi Gong - Collins Center
3:00 pm - Current Events - Collins Center
7:00 pm - United For Life - Green Room

TUESDAY, January 8

9:00 am - French - Collins Center
10:00 am - Italian - Collins Center
11:00 am - Exercise - Collins Center
1:00 pm - Bingo - Collins Center
7:00 pm - Young Men's Institute - Green Room

WEDNESDAY, January 9

7:30 pm - Legion of Mary - Legion Room

THURSDAY, January 10

10:00 am - Scrabble - Collins Center
10:00 am - Bridge & Bridge Lessons - Collins Center
10:30 am - Beginning Bridge Lessons (Full) - Collins Center
1:00 pm - Knitting and Crochet - Collins Center
7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal - Green Room

FRIDAY, January 11

8:30 am - St. Martha Prayer Group - Collins Center
10:30 am - Bible Study with Dr. Braga - Collins Center
11:00 am - Exercise - Collins Center
12:30 pm - Movie: "Road to Rio" - Collins Center
6:30 pm - Holy Trinity Prayer Group - Serra Room

SATURDAY, January 12

10:00 am - Centering Prayer - Collins Center
4:00 pm - Holy Hour - Our Lady's Chapel

9:30 A.M. FAMILY MASS COFFEE & DONUTS

Today the Collins Center & the St. Vincent de Paul Society will host coffee and donuts.
Next Sunday's the Men of St. Cecilia will host coffee and donuts.

15TH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST SATURDAY JANUARY 26

Join Saint Cecilia's contingent at the Walk for Life!

We will take the L Taraval streetcar downtown to Civic Center. We meet outside Our Lady's Chapel on Saturday, January 26 (time to meet is still being determined). The Rally begins at 12:30 pm in Civic Center Plaza and the Walk down Market Street begins and 1:30 pm.

Last year's Walk drew 50,000+ people.

For more information -

Visit: www.walkforlifewc.com

Or call 415-658-1793

MONDAYS - CHURCH CLOSURE

Due to the shortage of Knights, we will no longer be able to keep the Church open after the 9:00 am Mass every Monday. However, if we get an influx of new Knights, we will be able to resume keeping the Church open on Mondays for our parishioners.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A KNIGHT

St. Cecilia is one of the few Churches which remain open between Masses so that people can come to pray in a secure environment. We are able to do this because of the Knights of St. Cecilia, a group of men and women who volunteer their time - an hour a week - to mind the Church. They stand duty between 10:00 am - 5:00 pm weekdays and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday.

Please give prayerful consideration to donating a little of your time. If you are interested in becoming a Knight please call the Rectory at 415-664-8481.

JOIN ST. CECILIA ADULT CHOIR!

Singers Wanted! Join St. Cecilia's Adult Choir!

Our Choir rehearses each Thursday evening at 7:30 PM in the Green Room. We provide the Music Ministry for the 11:30 AM Sunday Mass. Once a month, we sing for the 5:00 PM Saturday evening vigil Mass. It is not necessary to have a trained voice to sing in our choir. Vocal instruction is provided by our music director. The ability to read music is helpful but not required.

Please consider participating in this most worthwhile ministry; praising God through song! For more information, please contact Mr. Russ Ferreira at (650) 588-7493.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETIN

Every week we put out a bulletin for children ages 3-6 and one for children ages 7-12 years old. They are located at all the entrances of the Church with a sign that says "Children's Worship Bulletin". In the bulletins are activities related to the weekend's Gospel. Please pick up a copy for your children. Altar servers hand them out after all the Sunday Masses at the front entrance.

2019 SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

St. Cecilia School is conducting an Open House for prospective parents. If you know of someone looking to begin Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year, please let the family know of our Open House.

Grades 1-6

Presentation and Tour: 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Applications for Grades 1 - 6 are currently available.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Welcome to St. Cecilia!

We welcome all who are visiting our Church this Christmas season, and we are delighted that you are here to share our joy at the birth of our Lord! If you would like more information about the Catholic faith, we invite you to join our Inquiry group which will start in February 2019. Come, and bring a friend!

For more information:

Call Cynthia Ziganti at 415-664-8481 or c.ziganti@stcecilia.com

Saint Cecilia's has paid for a membership in **Formed.org** for **you!** This website has many good Catholic movies, audiobooks, talks, and articles for people of all ages and levels of education. We will speak much more about it in the coming days, but please visit Formed.org, click on "Enter Code" and type our **Parish Access Code: RZDPQZ** (in capitals) and you can log-in and enjoy your Catholic faith with great films and articles. *Please check it out!*

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Is God calling you? The Archdiocesan Office of Vocations offers its free annual weekend discernment retreat, Friday, January 18th - Sunday, January 20th for men who want to know more about the vocation of a Catholic priest. This invitation is to single men, 21 years or older, to spend some time with like-minded men and to explore in fellowship the meaning of priesthood, with conferences given by Bishop Thomas A. Daly of Spokane, Washington. The location is St. Patrick's Seminary; lodging and all meals are provided; and attendance does not imply further obligation. For complete information and instructions for applying: visit the website at <https://www.stpsu.edu/is-god-calling-you> or contact Fr. Patrick Summerhays, Vocations Director at 415-614-5683 or summerhays.patrick@sfarch.org

ST. CECILIA SCHOOL HELPS FIRE VICTIMS

A second school collection to send additional gifts to the victims is in the works. If you would like to contribute, please contact Heather Baria at heatherbaria@gmail.com or you can send your donation in cash or check (made payable to St Cecilia SCRIP) to the School or Rectory.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will offer its annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on February 9, 10 AM, at the Cathedral. All couples celebrating "5 year anniversaries" (5 years, 10, 15... 35, 40) or over 40 years, in 2019, are invited to celebrate with us. Bishop Robert F. Christian, O.P. will be the principal celebrant.

Register at www.anniversarymass.net
For more information call: 415-614-5547

SAINT FINN BARR'S MARDI GRAS ZYDECO DANCE

St. Finn Barr Church is having its annual Mardi Gras Zydeco Dance of Saturday, January 26, in Goode Hall, 415 Edna Street, San Francisco, from 8pm until Midnight. Tickets are \$20 in advance, and \$25 at the door. Call 415-333-3627 or 415-760-1454 for tickets. Free dance lesson from 7pm until 8pm. Food is available for purchase.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS AND FAMILIES!

Tim & Jennifer Barrett
Loy & Marissa Line Barger, IV

BAPTISMS

Brandon Edward McBride
William Aaron Ng

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOUL OF THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

Kathleen Mulligan

Sunday Ministries for Next Weekend

5 P.M. Saturday - MUSIC: Frances Peterson; Presider: Fr. Ramoso; Lectors: Faith Balmaseda & Ramona Fung; Euch. Min: Faith Balmaseda, Ramona Fung, Kathie Wood & Rafael Carzola; Altar Servers: Anthony Monares, Chloe Casement, Riley Harnett, & Marcus Bast

7:30 A.M. Mass - Presider: Fr. Bula; Lectors: Marigrace Cohen & Lois Voelz; Euch. Min: Marigrace Cohen, Irma Garcia & Roger Garcia; Altar Servers: Lorenzo Caniglia, Jeric Gee, Estelle Luongo & Andrew Warden

9:30 A.M. Family Mass: Men of St. Cecilia; MUSIC: Cecilia Cardenas; Presider: Fr. Ramoso; Euch. Min: Rita Mazzei, Kathy O'Connor, Conrad Chu, Kathryn Ann Dougery, Anne Burgoyne; Altar Servers: Con McKeon, Justin Estillore, Chloe Lucey, & Hunter dela Calzada

11:30 A.M. Mass - MUSIC: Adult Choir; Presider: Fr. Lilledahl; Lectors: Theresa Markham & Lisa Shek; Euch. Min: Theresa Markham, Lisa Shek, Cecilia Vargas, & Kathy Eriger; Altar Servers: Alexandria Konopaski, Manuel Fonseca, Anthony Gines, & Steven Su

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, January 7

7AM - Eve Hutton
9AM - Morrison Gardner
5:30 - Maureen Reardon

Tuesday, January 8

7AM - Marian Connelly
9AM - Tom Corcoran
5:30 - John McCarthy

Wednesday, January 9

7AM - Philip C. Kwan
9AM - Margaret & Frank Lynch
5:30 - Ger Supple

Thursday, January 10

7AM - Marian Connelly
9AM - Kathleen Mulligan
5:30 - Joan Healy

Friday, January 11

7AM - Clare Taylor
9AM - Angelina Marie Balistreri
5:30 - James & John O'Neill

Saturday, January 12

7AM - Sr. Adeline O'Donoghue, Living
9AM - Trish Hurt
5PM - Angelo Gamba

Sunday, January 13

7:30 AM - Tini Puafisi
11:30 AM - Dr. Edward & Anthony Erigero