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DECEMBER 26, 2021

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Upcoming Special Mass Times

December 31st:
8:00am and 5:00pm Vigil (Solemnity/New Years Eve)

January 1st:
9:00am (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God/New Years' Day)
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

5:00pm – Regular Saturday Vigil Mass

Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 25	8am	SJM Parishioners
	10am	SJM Parishioners
Sun. Dec. 26	8am	50th Anniversary of Mary & Tom Mandell
	10am	+Kari Sidner Lentz
	5pm	+Lou Bland
Mon. Dec. 27	8am	Maeliza Amaranto
Tues. Dec. 28	8am	+Greg Knapp
Wed. Dec. 29	8am	+Lou Bland
Thurs. Dec. 30	8am	+Buzz Homey
Fri. Dec. 31	8am	+Louc Bland
	5pm	SJM Parishioners
Sat. Jan. 1	9am	SJM Parishioners
	5pm	SJM Parishioners

To have an intention mentioned at Mass, please email Georgette Schofield at sjmarelloparish@yahoo.com.

A $10 donation is suggested.

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Comedian Corner

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

SJM PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers. We will update the list monthly. If you would like to add/remove a name from the list, contact Suzanne Renda at 916-837-3541 or at prayerintentions5@gmail.com.

In the case of an illness, please be sure that the individual or family has given permission to submit his/her name. You may also send an email requesting that a name be removed from the list.

Please pray for those who are sick, in pain or recovery, or in need of spiritual healing:

Penny Candelaria
Tim Hinchey

Please pray for our Military Personnel wherever duty calls them to serve:

Chad D. Alvarez
Luke Barrett
Roland Douglas DeMarco, Jr.
Stevan George
Tyler Kong
Kimberly D. Martinez
Gavin Muenzberg
Joseph Mugno
Tristan Romuk

The Prayer Intention Ministry thanks you for your support and we hope this bulletin feature will enhance your prayer life.

Please submit your bulletin listings by Monday evening, 13 days prior to the weekend you want it listed, to sjmarellobulletin@gmail.com or call (916) 786-5001.

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ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Each year the women of our parish attend the Women's Retreat at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center in Citrus Heights. We invite you, your daughters, and friends to join us this year. From the evening of Friday, **February 18, through Sunday, February 20, 2022**, together we will pray in the chapel or the outdoor stations, reflect on Scripture readings, and grow in our relationship with God and others in our faith community. Reconciliation is available. The theme is *God's Dream for Our World: The Bible as Story*. Space is limited so register now. Please contact Suzanne Wellington (916-797-0212) or Mary Lopez (916-413-6821) with questions and to let us know you are coming. Forms are available in the vestibule. Visit christthekingretreatcenter.org for details and to register online.

Christmas Tree Recycling

31th Annual Tree Recycling Drive will be held in Granite Bay Jan 2nd and Jan 8-9th 2022 from 9am-5pm. This event sponsors Boy Scout Troop's 121 and SJM Troop 115 youth scouting programs. As a special service to SJM parishioners you can drop off your trees at Miners-Ravine parking lot on Auburn-Folsom Blvd and designate those proceeds go to SJM Troop 115. If you would like your tree picked up at your home for a recommended tax deductible donation of $20 or more, email your request to timdarcey13@gmail.com or call 916-226-5307.(Flyers for this event will be the back of the church or visit Troop 121's website at www.troop121.com for copies)

Help Us Plant Daffodil Bulbs!

Please join us for the planting of over 700 daffodil bulbs on Saturday, January 8th and Saturday, January 15th at 10AM, weather permitting.

The bulbs will be planted by the new statue of St. Joseph, near the Rose Garden. Coffee, hot chocolate and cookies will be served. This will be fun for the whole family! We look forward to a beautiful Spring bloom of hundreds of daffodils. Please bring a garden trowel.

Please call Bill Morgan at 916-652-2020 if you have any questions.

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FAMILY LIFE

It wasn't at all what Mary and Joseph expected their life to be like. Almost from the beginning, there were indications that something extraordinary was at work: Mary's angelic annunciation; Joseph's strange dream; the puzzling words of Simeon and Anna in the Temple. And now this: during Mary and Joseph's annual Passover journey to Jerusalem, the discovery that their son Jesus was lost—and even when he was found, they didn't totally recognize their twelve-year-old boy. Today's feast of the Holy Family reminds us of the perplexities and promise of family life. The mystery of "the Word made flesh" becomes very tangible indeed in the routines and foibles of family life—our Christmas gatherings were likely unmistakable reminders of that! From the pure flesh of a newborn child to the wizened flesh of a beloved grandmother, families are ground zero for glimpsing the wondrous mystery of the Incarnation.

DID YOU NOT KNOW?

A child's first words are usually a source of excitement and joy for family members. Today we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospel according to Luke. And they are challenging ones. "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" The words astounded, astonished, and great anxiety are used to describe Jesus' extended visit to the Temple. How familiar those emotions are to most parents! Had Jesus' parents forgotten the angel Gabriel's words or the prophecy of Simeon? In Luke's Gospel this passage foreshadows Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem where he will experience his own Passover and again be "lost" for three days. The story of Hannah in the first reading confirms the need and nature of trusting in God's activity in our lives. It seems clear that faithful attention to a family's spiritual life is no guarantee that life will be free from hardship.

EMMANUEL: GOD IS WITH US

Could Tolstoy have gotten it wrong when he wrote that all happy families are alike and that unhappy families are each unhappy in their own way? It seems that the opposite is equally true. Because happy families foster the unique talents and interests of each member, each person shines according to their own lights. A happy family's faith, goals, and challenges will be uniquely their own. Unhappy families, on the other hand, might look very similar in their woundedness, their fears and confrontations, and their tendency to give negative interpretations to another's actions.

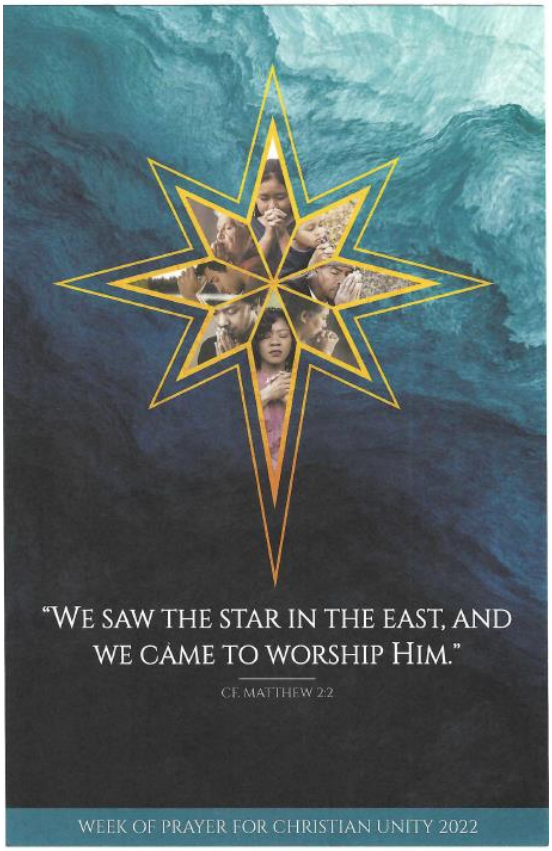
It is tempting to conclude that family life today is more problematic than ever. It might be reassuring to learn that the feast of the Holy Family was added to the Church's universal calendar because of Pope Leo XIII's concern for the state of family life—one hundred years ago! During this season of Christmas when families are everywhere, we welcome Emmanuel—the God who has pitched his tent among us.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 1:20–22, 24–28
Psalm 84:2–3, 5–6, 9–10
1 John 3:1–2, 21–24
Luke 2:41–52

Special Event for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on January 18, 2022

You are invited to a Special Event on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 from 3:00-8:00 p.m. during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme is: *We have seen his star in the East and have come to pay homage to him* (cf. Matthew 2:2). This Special Event is sponsored by the North State Ecumenical Conference, which was established in 1968 and is comprised of Christian faiths in the Greater Sacramento Area. The Special Event will consist of three key segments, as well as a dinner:



- **Panel Discussion (3:00 □4:15 p.m.)** with several Christian faith leaders, who will address the topic of: *Uniting as Christians, as we pay homage to Christ.*
- **Featured Speaker (4:30 □5:00 p.m.)** will be Rev. Rola Al Ashkar of Westminster Presbyterian Church, and her topic is: *The gift of the star is a sign of hope during today□s troubled times.*
- **Dinner (5:15 □6:15 p.m.)** available to the first 60 people who respond (a donation will be appreciated).
- **Worship Prayer Service (6:30 □8:00 p.m.)** led by 18 Christian faith leaders, with the sermon delivered by Rev. Aidan Rontani of the Episcopal Church.

This Special Event will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church (1300 N Street, Sacramento), and also will be available through Livestream (link information will be announced soon). There is no charge for this event. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Deacon Dennis Gorsuch, NSEC Chair, at (916) 984-8550, or E-mail: dennisgorsuch@comcast.net.

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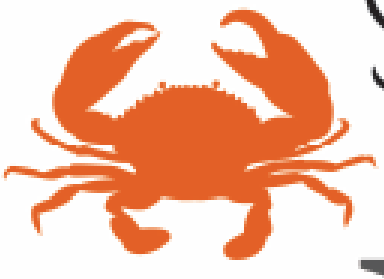

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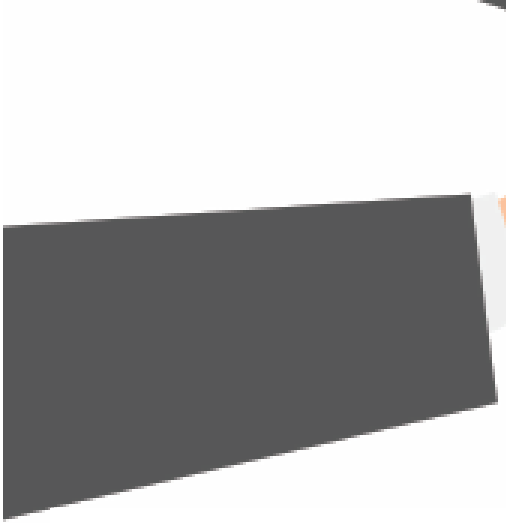

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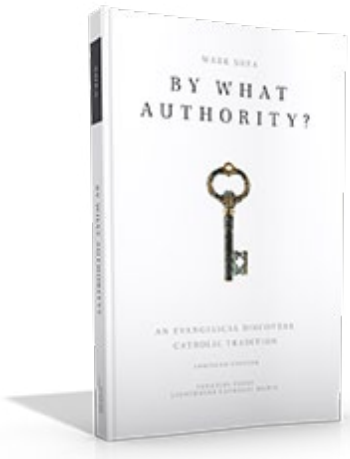

Book of the Week: By What Authority?

In this popular work of apologetics, Mark Shea presents a lively and entertaining look at his conversion to Catholicism from Evangelicalism and his discovery of Christian Tradition. Tracing his own journey of intellectual and spiritual awakening, Shea begins by looking for a rejoinder to those modern-day false prophets who would claim that Scripture itself is not to be trusted, and he ends with his conviction that Tradition, as explained by the Catholic Church, is the only sure guarantee of the truth of the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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