St. Angela Merici Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

Our Parish Community Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Angela Merici, a welcoming community with a rich heritage, live out our Baptismal call to become the Body of Christ through Eucharist, Evangelization and Stewardship.

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00am to 4:30pm (open during lunch hour)
Closed Saturday
Open Sunday 9:00am to 1:30pm

Parish Clergy

Pastor: Very Rev. Father Peter Crivello, Vicar General, ext. 22.
In-Residence: Father Miguel Grajeda, Vicar for Clergy
Deacon David Ford , Director of Diaconate & Ministry Formation

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12pm
Daily Mass Tuesday-Saturday: 8am
Reconciliation 4:00 p.m.

Parish Office Staff:

Bookkeeper and Office Manager:
Jeannette Marrujo, ext. 23
Director of Faith Formation and Liturgy Coordinator:
Jordan Lewis, ext. 25
Director of Liturgical Music and Choir:
Lana Poklad, ext. 26
SOAR & EM to the Homebound:
Betsy Messman, ext. 24,
Maintenance Manager:
Tommy Gomez, ext. 27
Parish Secretary:
Lorie Ford, ext. 20
Preschool Director:
Heather Diaz, 831.372.3555
St. Vincent de Paul Assistance Line: 831.915.0415

Celebrating Sacraments:

Baptism

Call the Parish Office, 655-4160

Faith Formation

K-8 Weekly Youth Classes, First Communion, Confirmation, Small Christian Communities
Contact: Jordan Lewis jordan@stangelamerici.org

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those interested in becoming Catholic or completing their Sacraments of Initiation
Call Barbara Wright–277-9186

Marriages*

Call the parish office-655-4160, ext 20
*Begin instruction six months before the intended date of the wedding.

NEW TO THE PARISH? MOVING? NEED TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION ON FILE?

Please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or return to the parish office.

I am: __ - New to the parish __ - Updating Information __ -Would like to receive envelopes?

Please circle: Mr. or Mrs. Or Ms. Name:_____ Phone:_____

Address_____

City_____ Zip_____ Email_____

___ If you would like to update information that is not included on this form, or would like to add additional members of your household, please check here, and we will call you at (___) _____-_____

December 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

Once again, Christmas is upon us! One phrase from the Christmas Carol, "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," that I am particularly fond of is, *"Oh tidings of comfort and joy."* When we get through all the busyness of the season, and once Christmas has finally come, sometimes with a sigh of relief, I pray that you can savor this time of year by **taking a few moments to savor these same words**, **"Oh tidings of comfort and joy."**

At times we can hold on memories of years past. We wish we could turn back the clock to when things seemed better, happier and less complicated. Some of us can struggle though the year with health issues, addictions, financial hardship, loneliness and uncertainty. At times we can feel we are just a number with a big business, a government agency or with our insurance provider. We feel pressured at work and try to keep up at home. We seek reassurance and comfort that our lives are of value. The message of Christmas is that in Jesus our, "God is with us." This is the meaning of the name of Jesus, Emmanuel! If we feel forgotten or pushed aside in life, we take comfort in our faith which reassures us ***that God is always with us and never forgets us*.** Christ is indeed the one eternal gift that is always with us and has come into our world and into our hearts to bring us the tender love of God our Father.

This, my friends, hopefully brings us real and lasting joy! We have a God who is so near to us, who is a part of our lives, who knows our every heartbeat. This is the reason for all our merriment, especially at this time of year. The true "reason for the season," as it often stated. Whatever our situation is in life or frame of mind may be, may Christmas bring you renewed comfort and joy!

Please remember that the Church takes an entire Season to celebrate the coming of Christ into our world. Christmas only begins on Dec 24/25. Please make the most of this special time of the year! Share Christmas joy time with a phone call to a friend, a visit to a neighbor. Tell someone you love them. Take delight in the excitement of children. *Spend a quiet moment in wonder because in Jesus born in Bethlehem, God loves you! It's so simple, so humble and so profound. Yet this is truly our "comfort and joy."*

On behalf of all the parish staff, a very Merry Christmas and many blessings for the New Year 2020!

Yours in the love of the Prince of Peace,

Fr Peter

TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel. Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to "tempt the LORD" in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord's enduring protection of God's chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew's reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

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Food Commodities

The Food Commodities distribution will be on Monday, January 7, 2019 9:30am - 10:30am in the small hall.

This government program provides non-perishable food, produce, and sometimes meat, to qualifying low-income individuals and families.

Monthly income can be up to $1485.00/month for an individual; up to $2002.50 for a two person household; and on up for large families.

If you fall in this income level, we encourage you to use this program - the food is great. If you do not fall into this income bracket, cut this out and pass it along to someone who might benefit from this program!

Questions: Please call Pat 657-4297 or David Kipka 524-1468

Faith Formation Holiday Schedule

* **There will be no Faith Formation this Tuesday, December 24th, and no Faith Formation Tuesday, December 31st.**

Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 7th

* **There will be no 7th/8th grade nor confirmation classes, Sunday, December 22nd, Sunday, December 29th., and Sunday, January 5th!**

Classes will resume on Sunday, January 12th!

Christmas Mass Schedule

COME PRAY WITH US, COME BE WITH US

Tuesday, December 24, 2019
Eve of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord:
5:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Wednesday, December 25, 2018
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
: 8:00am, 10:00am
and 12 noon
Daily Masses will be celebrated December 26th, December 27th, and December 28th

The Parish Office Staff sends our Christmas wishes and prayers to you and those dear to you.

Thank you for all that you do to support parish life at Saint Angela Merici and enjoy this holy time of year.

Christmas Break - Parish Office Closed
Monday, December 23rd - Wednesday, January 1st,
Open on Thursday, January 2nd, 2020

Christmas Break -St. Angela Preschool Closed
Monday, December23rd - Friday, January 3rd
will open again on Monday, January 6th, 2020

Children's Nativity Mass
Tuesday, December 24th, 2019
5:00 p.m. Mass

SVDP Food Cupboard News

Please note that the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Cupboard will be ***closed*** on:

Tuesday, December 24th,
Thursday, December 26th,
Tuesday, December 31st, and
Thursday, January 2nd!

SVDP Food Cupboard will re-open on Tuesday, January 7th, 2020.

Please join us for Mass at 9:00 am on Wednesday, January 1st, 2020, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary.

(This is a Holy Day of Obligation)

A very warm thank you from everyone who participated in our undertaking to support The Christmas Tree Project! This year, we were able to help nearly 500 children, women, and men have a better Christmas.

Also a huge thank you to the 7th and 8th Grade and Confirmation Classes and their teachers for helping us sort and then bag all of the gifts! It was an opportunity for service, fellowship, and laughter.

You might be asking: what happens next?

Well, each gift was bagged with other gifts for the same household, all before they left the church.

The gifts were loaded into the truck and transported to Watsonville, from where they will be delivered to the respective households before Christmas Day.

Again, thank you to everyone for helping to make this project such a success! Gladys Anderson, the coordinator, called me on Tuesday to share just how inspiring the Saint Angela Merici Community is. Thank YOU for being YOU.
-Jordan

This week at St. Angela Merici December 23rd through December 29th			
Mon 12/23		Parish Office and St. Angela Merici Preschool Closed Happy Christmas Break	
Tues 12/24 Eve of the Sol. Of the Nativity Of the Lord.	 5:00p 8:00p	Happy Christmas Eve Day! Parish Office and Preschool Closed No 8:00 a.m. Mass No SVDP Food Cupboard today Mass with Children Nativity Christmas Mass at Night	 Ch Ch
Wed 12/25 The Sol. Of the Nativity Of the Lord.	 8:00a 10:00a Noon	Merry Christmas! Parish Office and Preschool Closed Mass on Christmas Day Mass on Christmas Day Mass on Christmas Day	 Ch Ch Ch
Thurs. 12/26 Christ- mas Week- day	8:00a	Parish Office and Preschool are Closed Morning Mass No SVDP Food Cupboard	Ch
Fri 12/27 Christ- mas Week- day	8:00a 8:30a	Morning Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Ch Ch
Sat 12/28 Christ- mas Week- day	8:00a 4:00p 5:00p	Morning Mass Reconciliation Saturday Vigil Mass	Ch Ch Ch
Sun. 12/29 Feast of the Holy Family	8:00a 10:00a Noon	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	Ch Ch Ch

Readings for December 23rd through December 29th	
Monday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday Christmas Eve	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday Christmas Day	Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25
Thursday Feast of St Stephen	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 Mt 10:17-22
Friday Feast of St. John	1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Saturday Feast of the Holy Innocents	1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 Mt 2:13-18
Sunday The Holy Family of Je- sus, Mary and Joseph	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

YOU MATTER

The 2020 census will decide how the government Spends your tax dollars.

Please make sure that you are counted!

Sat 12/21	8:00am		L & D Stumpf and O'Neil Families Ena & Phyllis O'Brien - Rose
	5:00pm	+ + +	John Gradis - Marie & Bennette Compagno LaVerne Kipka - son David Mac Alpine - Yvonne & Thomas Scardina
Sun 12/22	8:00am 10:00am	 +	For Vocations Richard Hands - Canning Family
		 + +	Moojan Donaldson - MaryKay Brewster Aurelio Gazca - Joe Shammas Peter, Eleanor, Angela, and Jack Balesteri
	12:00pm	+ +	Eddie DaSilva - Jose & Fatima Ango Family Larry Silveira - Goretti Soares & Family
Tues 12/24	5:00pm	 + +	Special Intention Joseph Emanuel Brabec - Marianne Powers Eddie DaSilva - Joe & Emilia Ribiero
	8:00pm	+ + 	Edward Parent, Theresa Parent, and Edward Parent Jr.. Brandyn Wilbanks The Wilbanks Family
Wed 12/25	8:00am	+ + +	Mary Crivello - Family Kelly Kellogg - Wife Peter and Rose Orlando - Daughter
	10:00am	+ + +	Bento Nunes - Maria Nunes Manuel & Angelica Tixeria Frank Deniz -Maria Nunes
	12:00pm	+ + 	Francisco and Dianna Dutra Mary and Jose Amaral - AnnaMarie Amaral Silva Living and Deceased Members of Our Lady of Fatima Society
Thurs 12/26	8:00am	+ +	Antonio Grajeda Gonzalo Grajeda
Fri. 12/27	8:00am	+ +	Peter and Jennie Mancuso Dennis Mainz
Sat. 12/28	8:00am	+	Anna Isip - Isip/Keech Family
	5:00pm		For the people of Saint Angela Merici Parish
Sun 12/29	8:00am	+ +	Geary T. Lewis Mary Freitas - The Lewis Family
	10:00am	+ + +	David Vogel—Sister Kevin Merritt—Blackburn Family + Sister Peter, Eleanor, Angela, and Balesteri
	12:00pm	+	Jose Roberto Gomez

Please keep in prayer

Alexandre, Rachael and Family
Butch Albrecht
Juanita Alvarez
Marie Andrade
Stacy Andrews
David Avnaim
George Brewster
Salome Cabral
Gabrielle Canadas
Usha Canning
Michael Carlos
Gino Castro
Manuel Costa
Corey D'Angelo
Angelica DeSando
Michael Dicus
Moojan Donaldson
Gregory Dow
John Dugan
Jimmy Espinoza
Julie Forrest
Peg Gerba
Stephanie Hansen
Don R. Harris
Katie Head
William Hovis
Freida Jimenez
Marilyn Kistner
Eileen Klein
Zooey Lober
Jim Looran
Enrigue Lopez
Jim Maenner
Paul Jacob Marques
Jaime McGuire
Rosemary O'Dowd
Corey O'Halloran
William Parham
Karen Perry
James Pond
Theresa Ramsey
Valeria Rangel
Ralph Rodenbaugh
Adriana Roelough
Dee Romig
F. G. Satterthwaite
Norma Schwab
Carolyn Schenk
Charles A. Schenk
Norrine Shively
Mandi Stenstrom
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Clara Torres
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