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As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord God make justice and praise spring up before all the nations. Isaiah 61:11

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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.

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BAPTISM

Call the Parish Office, 655-4160

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

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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.

RECONCILIATION

By appointment only

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? ☐ -Receive event info via text msg

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 () _____ - _____



The Angel said
"I bring good news of great joy...
A Savior has been born for you..."

December 7, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year the inspiring words from the prophet Isaiah usher in the Christmas Season, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" 9:1. Jesus our Lord is indeed the Light for which our hearts yearn, especially in a year of so many challenges. Even with COVID-19 restrictions celebrating Christ's birth can renew us in faith and bring us hope for the New Year.

Since our church building first closed in March, there has been a brightly illuminated Cross on the façade of our church. It has burned brightly each night to remind us as that we are called to be Christ's light for each other, for our local community, especially during this difficult time.

We may celebrate Christmas this year differently than in the past. Yet the same Christ can be born again in our hearts. This is essential every Christmas. Let us take courage and not lose heart! Let us remember the timeless message of Christmas Jesus is our Savior, our Emmanuel. God, who is love, is indeed with us!

I hope you will take some time allow your hearts to once again welcome the true meaning of Christmas. Our Christmas Schedule is enclosed. Whether you safely view mass from home or join us for a simple outdoor mass, let us celebrate the love of God born in our midst, Christ the Lord! The Son of God was laid in a simple feed box. May we rediscover the wonder of His love the in quiet moments, small acts of kindness, and intimate gatherings.

Our parish staff has done remarkable work to stay connected and reach out to our parish family this year. The ongoing support of so many has enabled us to be an ongoing beacon of Christ's light during this challenging time. Your special Christmas Offering will enable us to continue to "be the living Church," and continue reaching out, bringing His Light to others!

However simple, however small, however different Christmas may be this year, may the quiet joy of Christ's birth bless you and your loved ones. May the Light of His Star lead us and guide us safely into the New Year. Keep hope alive in Christ! Let us be His Light for one another and our world.

Blessings for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.


Peter A. Crivello, Pastor



Week of December 12th - December 20th
Please keep in your weekly prayers



Saturday, December 12th - 5:00pm

For St. Angela Merici parishioners and their families
Mallory & Ryan Maritnez - Joe Martinez
+David Vogel - Family

Sunday, December 13th - 10:00am

+Peter, Angela, Eleanor and Jack Balesteri
+Rosalinda & Tomas Moitoso - John & Marie Nolen
+Joe & Vitina Pironi - Fr. Peter
+Diego & Francesca Arancio - Fr. Peter
+Peter & Ursula Arancio - Fr. Peter

Tuesday, December 15th - 11:30am

+Jose P. Amaral - AnnaMarie Amaral Silva

Wednesday, December 16th - 11:30am

+Frances Maas - daughter
+Roberto Kosaka

Thursday, December 17th - 11:30am

+Beverly Sage - D'Angelo Family

No Friday Mass

Saturday, December 19th - 5:00pm

+Mr. & Mrs. Paul Torrente and Vince - Family
+Mr. & Mrs. Horace S. Russo and son, Vince - Family
+Laverne Kipka - Son

Sunday, December 20th - 10:00am

Stumpf and O'Neil Families
Noelia Bettencourt - Mary DaSilva & Family
+Peter, Angela, Eleanor and Jack Balesteri

Readings for December 14th - December 20th

Monday
St. John of the Cross

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a
Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday
Las Posadas begin

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25
Ps 85:9ab, 10-14
Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday

Gn 49:2, 8-10
Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17
Mt 1:1-17

Friday

Jer 23:5-8
Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Mt 1:18-25

Saturday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
Lk 1:5-25

Sunday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



Our parish community is praying for:

Alexander, Rachael & Family, Stacy Andrews, Jackie Ayer, Tony Ayers, David Avnaim, Salome Cabral, Usha Canning, Greg Cardwell, Gabrielle Candada, Tony Cohen, Delia Cohen, Peg Gerba, Alfonso and Rosalia Grajeda, Katie Harris, Judy Angelica Marrujo, Oscar Mena, Theresa Ford Ramsey, Bobbie Reilly, Carolyn, Schenk, Norinne Shively, Mary Telles, Christian Vaughn, Joan Virgo

Remember...

With the bulletin deadlines being so far in advance here at the office, announcements may not be included nor have the most up-to-date information.

Thus, please be sure to check the parish website:
stangelamericipacificgrove.org for the most up-to-date information and any changes in Mass schedules, dates, times and events.



St. Vincent de Paul Food Cupboard

Tuesday and Thursday,
December 15th and December 17, 2020
1:00pm – 2:00pm Small Hall



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE SUCCESS

Thanks to your overwhelming generosity we were able to give out 48 Thanksgiving Food boxes, one for each hungry family who came to our Cupboard just before Thanksgiving.

Each family received a turkey, pumpkin pie, rolls and butter, plus stuffing mix, potatoes, cranberries, yams, olives, canned green beans, and fresh celery, onions and oranges, extra goodies and special toiletries. We also gave a No-Cook bag, small canned ham, and a MacDonald's gift card to the individuals who came with no cooking facilities.

Everything was paid for by generous parishioners who donated to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. With the left over funds we will provide hams for our clients for Christmas. We had a fantastic crew of volunteers who assembled and gave out all the food. All the volunteers and clients had a joy-filled day! God bless all who helped make this drive such a success by donating time and/or money!!

What a blessing to belong to this loving and caring parish!!!



During this continuing Advent Season, we take time to remember and honor this Feast Day, Saturday, December 12th, of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Her appearance to Juan Diego, and whose tilma bears the image of Mary, appeared to this saint in 1531. We humbly and gratefully thank Our Lady for showing herself to be "the mother of all people." and the church.

"Dear Mother of all people, we ask your intercession and care for each one of us, and the world; thanking you for always pointing us to your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ." Amen

Christmas Eve Mass - Thursday, December 24th, 2020

2pm - Outdoor Mass, [see website for pre-registration details](#); 4pm - Livestream Mass - posted on our website and Youtube Channel. 5-5:30pm - Distribution of Holy communion in front of church for those who participated via Livestream Mass.

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25th, 2020

10am - Outdoor Mass, [see website for pre-registration details](#); 11-11:30am - Distribution of Holy Communion in front of church for those who participated via Livestream Mass.

New Year's Day - Friday, January 1, 2021

The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God; 10am Outdoor Mass - Details about pre-registration on the website; 11am Livestream Mass posted on our website and Youtube Channel.



Join us after any Sunday Mass, even if you can only stay for a little while.

In Mark 5 & 6, we meet a tormented man living under the influence of so many evil spirits that he cannot be captured or even restrained. He spends his days crying out loud and cutting himself with stones. And yet, when he sees Jesus, the desire for freedom overwhelms the desires of all the demons, and Love wins!

Jesus continues to heal the sick, raise the dead, multiply food, and calm storms, all the while teaching that we too can do what He is doing. He points out that faith is simply taking hold of that which God is trying to give us. However, when Jesus arrives back in His hometown, He is actually unable to perform many miracles because of their lack of faith. How is it that God finds His saving power limited by our unbelief? What spiritual physics are at play here? How does faith work?

Bible Study
Deacon@StAngelaMerici.org

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul;
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations. Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Luke 1:46-54

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to Thessalonians

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John.

When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, “Who are you?” He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, “I am not the Christ.”

So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?"

He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said."

Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

John 1:6-8;19-28

**I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,
MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH,
OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE.
I BELIEVE IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST,
THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD,
BORN OF THE FATHER BEFORE ALL AGES.
GOD FROM GOD, LIGHT FROM LIGHT, TRUE GOD FROM TRUE GOD,
BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE, CONSUBSTANTIAL WITH THE FATHER;
THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE MADE.**

**FOR US MEN AND FOR OUR SALVATION
HE CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN,
AND BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS INCARNATE OF THE VIRGIN MARY,
AND BECAME MAN.
FOR OUR SAKE HE WAS CRUCIFIED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,
HE SUFFERED DEATH AND WAS BURIED,
AND ROSE AGAIN ON THE THIRD DAY
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES.
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN
AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER.
HE WILL COME AGAIN IN GLORY TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD
AND HIS KINGDOM WILL HAVE NO END.**

**I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LORD, THE GIVER OF LIFE,
WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON,
WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON IS ADORED AND GLORIFIED,
WHO HAS SPOKEN THROUGH THE PROPHETS.**

**I BELIEVE IN ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH.
I CONFESS ONE BAPTISM FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS
AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD
AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME. AMEN.**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this bread and drink this Cup,
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
Until you come again.





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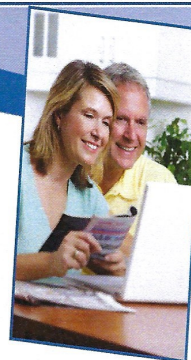
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