

The First Sunday After the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ

9:00 and 11:00 a.m., Sunday, January 12, 2025

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.
May you leave here with a heart prepared to serve.*



*Photo from the SF Interfaith Winter Shelter Dinner
On Wednesday, December 18, 2024*

*If this is your first time here, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card
found in the pews and on the Welcome Table in the courtyard.*

The Word of God

*Our worship time together begins with a musical prelude.
Thank you for observing a prayerful silence as we feel God's presence among us.*

Prelude

Trio

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Hymn At The Procession

Hymnal, #616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed
The people stand.

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Mother of all.

Collect For Purity

Said in unison

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

The following is sung, all standing



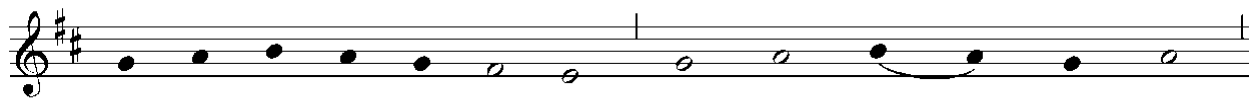
1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



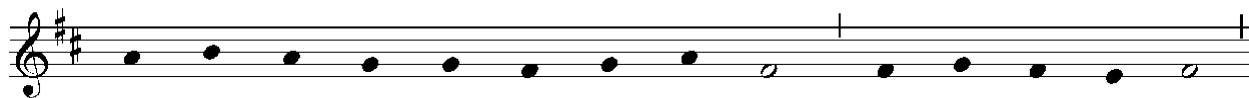
2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

The Collect Of The Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Collect For Baptism

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 43: 1-7

The people are seated.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The 9:00 a.m. service continues on page 7 with the Children's Choir Anthem.

Gradual Psalm (11:00 a.m.)

Psalm 29

Chanted by all, seated.

John Stainer
(1840–1901)



- ¹ Ascribe to the / Lord, ' you / gods, *
ascribe to the / Lord / glory ' and / strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory / due ' his / Name; *
worship the Lord / in ' the / beauty ' of / holiness.
- ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of / glo'ry / thunders; *
the Lord is up-/on ' the / might'y / waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is a / power'ful / voice; *
the voice of the Lord / is ' a / voice ' of / splendor.
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the / ce'dar / trees; *
the Lord / breaks ' the / cedars ' of / Lebanon;
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon / skip ' like a / calf, *
and Mount Hermon / like ' a / young ' wild / ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord / shakes ' the / wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the / wild'er-/ness ' of / Kadesh.
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord makes the / oak ' trees / writhe *
and / strips ' the / for'ests / bare.
- ⁹ And in the temple / of ' the / Lord *
--/all ' are / cry'ing, / "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned a-/bove ' the / flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as / King ' for / ev'er-/more.
- ¹¹ The Lord shall give strength / to ' his / people; *
the Lord shall give his / people ' the / blessing ' of / peace.

Second Reading (11:00 a.m.)

Acts 8: 14-17

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Choir Anthem (9:00 a.m.)

Jesus, Friend of Little Children

Martin Shaw

Sung by St. Mary's Children's Choir

Jesus, friend of little children, be a friend to me:
Take my hand, and ever keep me close to thee.
Teach me how to grow in goodness, daily as I grow;
Thou has been a child, and surely thou dost know.
Never leave me, nor forsake me, ever be my friend;
For I need thee, from life's dawning to its end.

-Walter Mathams

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal, #120

The Sinless One to Jordan Came

The people stand.

Gospel

Luke 3:15-17,21-22

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit

and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased. "

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily (11:00 a.m.)

The people are seated.

The Rev. Kathy Guin

Presentation of the Candidates

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors and Family: I present (N.) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors and Family: I will with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors and Families: I will, with God's help.

Examination of the Candidates

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Sponsors and Family: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Sponsors and Family: I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Sponsors and Family: I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Sponsors and Family: I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Sponsors and Family: I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Sponsors and Family: I do.

Then, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: *WE WILL!*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

The people stand.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of the
earth, and of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

Prayer Over The Candidates

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may
live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives
and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving Over The Water

The people are seated.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

The candidate is baptized, chrismated and receives a candle.

(N.), I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Receive this light and shine forth as Christ's light in the world. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Welcome the Newly Baptized

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

The people stand.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Peace of Christ is exchanged with one another.

Greeting And Announcements

The people are seated.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Anthem At The Offertory

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

English Carol

at 9:00: Sung by St. Mary's Youth Choir

at 11:00: Sung by St. Mary's Parish Choir

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:

I would my true love did so chance

To see the legend of my play,

To call my true love to my dance:

Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love;

This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure,

Of her I took fleshly substance;

Thus was I knit to human nature,

To call my true love to my dance:

Sing, O my love, &c.

In a manger laid and wrapped I was,

So very poor, this was my chance,

Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,

To call my true love to my dance:

Sing, O my love, &c.

Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above,
To call my true love to my dance:
Sing, O my love, &c.

-English Traditional

Hymn At The Presentation

Hymnal, #304

I Come with Joy to Meet my Lord
The people stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

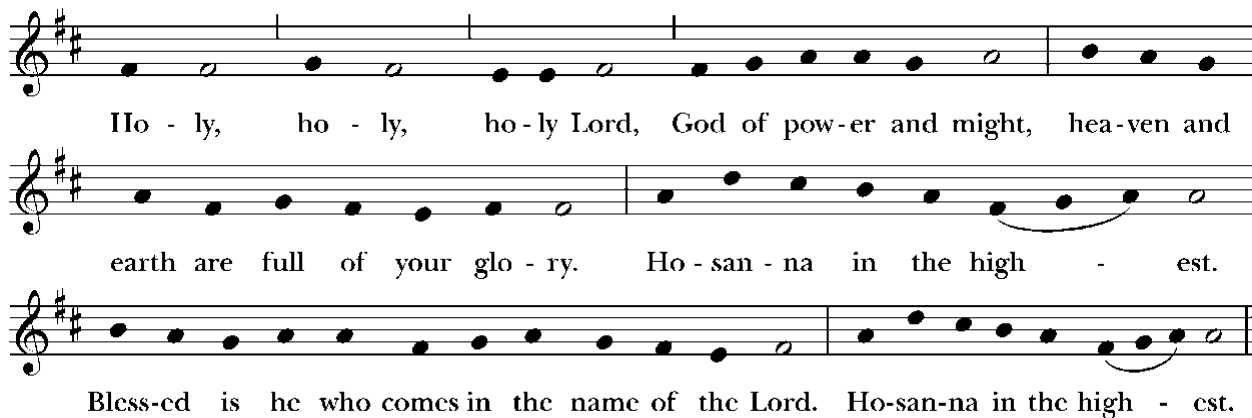
It is right, and good and joyful thing, to always and everywhere give thanks to you,
Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine
in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all
the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your
Name.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Celebrant and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember Christ's death,

We proclaim Christ's resurrection,

We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by

the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary the Christ-Bearer and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

In unison

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation To Holy Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who desire to know God are invited to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please simply cross your arms over your chest.

The people are seated.

Communion Chant (9:00 a.m.)

Bless the Lord My Soul

Sung by all, seated

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Communion Music (11:00 a.m.)

In Columbae Specie

Hildegard Von Bingen (1098-1179)

Sung by St. Mary's Parish Choir

The Holy Ghost appeared in a bodily shape like a dove, and the voice of the Father was heard:

This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased.

The heavens were opened unto him, and, lo, the voice of the Father was heard, like unto thunder, saying:

This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased.

Sending Of The Eucharistic Visitor (When Needed)

In the name of this parish family, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts. Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.

Post Communion Prayer

The people stand.

Let us pray.

People and Celebrant together.

God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Hymnal, #516

Come Down, O Love Divine

At 9:00 a.m.: verses 1-2 before the homily, verse 3 after.

The Homily (9:00 a.m.)

The Rev. Kathy Guin

The people are seated.

Dismissal

Alleluia. Go forth in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in G-Minor, BWV 557 - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

Welcome Visitors And Guests

January 12, 2024

Thank you for wrapping your prayer with ours today. We welcome all that seek the Holy. St. Mary's prays, celebrates, and serves our community and our neighbors as we strive to live as the body of Christ in the world. Check out the announcements at the back of the service bulletin for more ways to connect with us or email office@smvsf.org and we will stay in touch with you. We look forward to traveling this journey of faith with you.

Baptisms Today

Today we are welcoming into the Household of God two children who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services: Wynn Helena Larkin, child of Rachelle Soderstrom and Edward Larkin and Claire Wolf Tazalla, child of Heather and Kevin Tazalla.

Sunday School Update

One week after the Feast of the Epiphany, we're still reveling in the recent visit from the royal visitors known as the Magi. This week in Sunday School we'll discover the answers to the questions: Who were they, why did they take their long journey, and what gifts did they bring to Jesus and his family? And what about this new church season of Epiphany? What clues will the Gospel stories give us about the future work and promise of Jesus in the years ahead?

Youth Group Update

Youth group will be meeting in the Great Room from 5:30 to 7:30. Games, friends, food, and discussion! All 6th to 12th graders are invited, as are friends. See you there!

2025 Dates for The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

On Sun., Jan. 12 St. Mary's celebrates the first Baptisms of this calendar year at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. A principal sacrament of the Episcopal Church, "Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the Church." Membership at St. Mary's is not required for Baptism.

Baptism is a community event. Those who witness the Baptism affirm "to support those being baptized and their families in their life in Christ." The Sacrament of Baptism is appropriate at any age.

These are the dates for the remaining 2025 Baptisms:

Saturday, April 19, 2025, The Great Vigil of Easter (*evening service for those being baptized who are 13 years or older*)

Sunday, April 27, 2025, The Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, June 8, 2025, The Day of Pentecost

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Commemoration of The Feast of St. Mary the Virgin

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Sunday, November 2, 2025 The Feast
of All Saints'

Baptism in-take forms and additional information about Baptism can be found on St. Mary's website. Any other Baptism-related questions may be directed to Natalie Hala, Parish Liturgist at natalie@smvsf.org

Join St. Mary's & DioCal for the San Francisco MLK Day March!

Monday, January 20

Join fellow members of St. Mary's and DioCal and thousands more from around the Bay Area in the annual Martin Luther King, Jr Day March in San Francisco. The march begins at 10:45 a.m. at Caltrain Station at 4th and Townsend, crosses to Oracle Stadium, then follows Third Street to Yerba Buena Gardens. In the Gardens there will be speeches by local religious, civic and civil rights leaders. Coretta Scott King and the Rev. Cecil Williams began the march in the 1980's, and it is now sponsored by the NorCal MLK Foundation. For more information contact Rev'd Kira (kira@smvsf.org) or visit [this webpage](#). Bring signs and come walk with us!

Parish Men's Gathering:

**Rev. David Erickson's Sabbatical
Thursday, January 23**

To all parish men, young and old!

Please come to our first gathering of the New Year on Thursday, January 23, between 6:00-8:00 PM in Parish Hall. It will be a special opportunity to hear Rev. David

tell his story about adventure, restoration, and contemplation from his recent sabbatical from which he just returned in September of last year. It will also be an occasion for community with a robust group of men in the parish having diverse and often surprisingly exciting life journeys and to reflect on our mission as the parish men's group.

Pizza and beverages will be provided!

Please RSVP to Ashley in the parish office at Ashley@smvsf.org no later than by January 16 if you are able to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the clergy team or David Hargis or Rob Flowers.

**Rise Against Hunger Event
Saturday, January 25**

At this time when 815 million people in the world suffer from chronic hunger, please join us in packaging meals for an impoverished community in partnership with Rise Against Hunger. We will package the food, and RAH will then ship it to Asia, Africa, or Central America, where their local partner will distribute it to an impoverished community in need of food.

Everyone of all ages--parishioners, family members, friends and supporters—is invited to attend. The event will take place at St. Mary's in the Great Room on Saturday, January 25 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This Spirit-filled, joyful, community-building event in the Epiphany season is an opportunity to share God's grace in

community and to show our gratitude for God's many blessings and gifts to us— especially our abundance of food.

We're planning for the parish's community ministry budget to cover the cost of this event (packaged food and shipping costs). However, we also welcome donations at the event to help defray costs.

In prior years our parish volunteers have packaged a total of over 52,000 meals for the hungry in our global community. We're hoping to package 10,000 meals at the upcoming event!

Please register at your earliest convenience as participation is limited.

Go to St. Mary's website (smvsf.org) and find the registration link on the homepage.

Or go directly to:

events.riseagainsthunger.org/SMV2025

Sacred Ground Regional Gathering

Saturday, January 25

Join other Sacred Ground participants at Episcopal Church of the Epiphany (1839 Arroyo Ave, San Carlos, CA) on Saturday, January 25th, 2025 from 10:00 am-5:00 pm. Over the course of this special day, you will have the opportunity to:

- Connect with others involved in Sacred Ground in your area
- Worship together as a Sacred Ground community
- Hear inspiring Sacred Ground stories from across the region
- Meet the national Sacred Ground leadership team
- Participate in breakout workshops on engaging topics.

This event is free! Lunch and refreshments are included.

Register at

https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/california_regional_gathering

Stories of Sabbatical:

Rev. David Erickson Adult Forum

Sunday, January 26

Please join Rev. David as he shares his learnings, insights, and pictures from his sabbatical. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, January 26th.

Candlelight Concert: Byrd Ensemble

Sunday, February 2

We are excited to welcome Byrd Ensemble, a professional chamber choir from Seattle to our Candlelight Concert Series. The program showcases English and Scottish Renaissance music from the Carver Choirbook, a unique 16th-century collection that is one of Scotland's only surviving sources of Renaissance polyphony. The concert will be on Sunday, 2 February at 5:00 p.m. As always, our concerts are free and open to the public.

St. Mary Magdalene Scholarship 2024-2025

The St. Mary Magdalene Scholarship Fund was created by a generous bequest of a long-time parishioner of St. Mary the Virgin. This gift funds undergraduate college scholarships for young women in our parish attending college during the 2025-2026 academic year.

More information and 2 application forms are available on the Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin's website under the Formation tab. One form is for new applicants and there is a different form for previous applicants who received scholarships last year. Applications are due by April 1, 2025. Please contact Ruth Tatum at ruth.tatum@gmail.com with questions.

Abundant Grace, Abundant Giving!

St. Mary's 2025 Annual Appeal

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:8

St. Mary's is blessed to be a place of abundance. We are not simply surviving, we are thriving! The abundance of ministry, community, and hope is palpable in our midst.

One of the most abundant ways that we can participate in at St. Mary's is through a financial pledge. This is a giving estimate of the level of financial support you intend to give for the upcoming year. One of St. Mary's great strengths is the grace-filled and abundant people who give meaningfully of their financial means to

make all that happens at St. Mary's possible.

To learn more about making a pledge, or to make a pledge online please visit our pledge page at smvsf.org/pledge-blurb. Should you have questions about pledging, or St. Mary's in general, please contact Rev. David at david@smvsf.org

Pledge Units: 137

Total Pledged: \$655,819

Pledge Goal: \$950,000

Ongoing Weekly Offerings

***Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel**

Please join us Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Chapel for a time to time to breathe, center yourself, and feel God's presence while silently being one in community. For those unfamiliar with Centering Prayer, our time will include a Breathing Meditation, 15-20 minutes of silent prayer, followed by an opportunity for prayer requests and thanksgivings, and close with the Lord's Prayer. Those who wish may remain for a time of sharing. Please feel free to contact Debbie Veatch at veatchdl@gmail.com or 415-244-3515 with any questions.

*** Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in Fowler Hall**

Join laypeople Eden Gallanter, Mike Stafford, and David Hargis for a discussion-based class about Matthew's Gospel on Sundays at 10 a.m. in the front room in Fowler Hall (right above the fountain). Each chapter of Matthew will be covered over two weeks. In the first week, we'll read and gather questions, and in the second week, we'll work on answering them. The leaders will guide conversations and ensure everyone has

a chance to participate. Everyone is welcome, regardless of knowledge or beliefs. Regular attendance is encouraged, but drop-ins are welcome. No homework required, but Eden prepares materials and handouts.

Interested but can't attend?

Email edengallanter@gmail.com to receive chapter handouts and class Q&A summaries.

We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

Marlis Branaka
Adam Grover
Ken Rainforth
Roxana Flores
David Zink
Eli & Ellie Purpura-Pontoniere
Sandy Briggs
Tom Herman
John Hsieh
Barbara Riley & Family
Mike McCarthy
Carl Weissenberg
Scott Justus
Rick Mohr
Jim Tanner
They Very Rev. Lin Knight

IN DISCERNMENT

Michael Stafford

RECENTLY DECEASED

Marilyn Hala
Doris Pummell
Jeanne Lacy
Tom Riley
Gloria McLeod
Doris Neuberger
The Rev. Michael Hiller
The Rev. Dr. Fran Toy
Donald Hall Franklin
Jimmy Carter

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Please remember these individuals who have ongoing concerns in your personal prayers this week.

Deborah
Gordon Bellis
June
Kevin Teeney
The Community at the Heritage & St. Francis
Jane
Quinn Charles Fay
Erich
Simon
Phyllis Shepherd
Shirlee Martin
Will Driscoll
David Schade
Bill
Dani May
Sarah Ellwein
Valerie Schneider
Divine Anthony and family
Francis Kalani
Catherine Secour
Rev. Amelie Wilmer

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Tuesday through Friday

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Vestry

Russell Fudge, *Senior Warden*

Linda Woodworth, *Junior Warden*

Barbara Bernard, Elizabeth Falcon, Rick Darwin, Lynne Dombrowski,

Nicole Elliott, Whitney Gough, Jim Griffith, Amy Nachman,

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