They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Matthew 2:11b
Dear Parishioners,

Epiphany is a beautiful celebration. For the first time, Jesus is revealed to people who are not Jews. This celebration brings everybody together. It tells us that every human being shares in the same inheritance as a son or daughter of God. It tells us that Jesus was born for everyone. But that does not mean that the barriers that divide people have disappeared. We still see divisions in the world and in our country. These divisions are based on race, ethnicity, religion, nationality, and wealth. All these divisions also reflect the separation that exists between people and God. As Christians, we are all called to bring about love and healing. May all of us work to build a world that is free from all division, exploitation, war and violence!

I would like to thank you all for your generosity to your church during the Christmas season! Let me wish you all a Happy New Year! May the New Year be a year of many blessings!

Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

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Dear Parishioners,

ADOPT-A-FAMILY Thank You — Thank you to everyone who made our Adopt A Family Christmas appeal such a wonderful success. We were blessed to deliver your beautifully wrapped gifts and credit cards to eight surprised and extremely grateful families. Thank you also to everyone who made financial donations. So Generous! That money will be used to help with rent, utilities and other vital needs throughout the year. We wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year. May God bless you abundantly for making Christmas joyful for those who have so little.

Dorothy, Mary, Linda, Paulette and Colleen

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**St. Anselm Church Stewardship**

Registered Parishioner Families 2019-1568

1st Collection: 12/22-$3,900; 12/29 See next week’s Bulletin

Christmas Offertory-$27,915

2nd Collection-SVDP—See next week’s Bulletin

Electronic Weekly Donations-$2,625

Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations

Second Collections:

January 19—Building & Maintenance

January 26—Church of Latin America

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**Sick Relatives & Friends**

**As a community we ask God’s blessing for the ill:**


**For the Repose of the Soul:** John Smith, Marie Howard, Jeanne Lynch, Vivian Felton, Joseph Cross, Richard McDonald, Tess McDonald

**For Our Military:** Robert Gebhardt, Tyler Lopez, Alex Boatwright, Sean Courtz, Elizabeth Baumsteiger, Christian Miller, Robert Kent, Shane Morgan, William Ghiringhelli, Daniel Lowe, and Rob Manifold

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

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**FULFILL TODAY**—If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today.

—Anonymous
The Walk for Life West Coast 2020 is coming up: Join fellow Catholics and pro-lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the smallest among us at the 16th Annual Walk for Life West Coast. There will be Mass at 9:30 am at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough St. San Francisco, celebrated by Archbishop Alexander Sample from Portland, Oregon. The rally begins at 12:30 pm in Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down Market Street, begins at 1:30 pm. Walk from Civic Center Plaza to Justin Herman Plaza. Last year’s Walk drew more than 50,000 participants. For complete information visit the website: walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.

A Prayer for the New Year
Dear God, Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you’ve allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you’ve said “no,” “not yet,” or “wait.” We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you’ve put within our hearts. Amen

Christmas Flowers Donated In Memory Of: Pastis Blackwell, Aida Molinari, Frank Molinari, Joseph Coffrini, Robert Pecora, Myrtle May Hatt, Mary Cickocky
Christmas Flowers Donated In Honor Of: Muribus Family, Kortz Family, Helen Holodniak, Doris S. Besselman, Martin Family

St. Anselm Parish Council Presents “Liked”
Middle School Parents and Kids
January 16th -7:00pm-8:30pm
Parish Hall -97 Shady Lane

“Liked” is a 45 minute documentary that explores the impact of social media on our lives and the effects of technology on the brain. The goal of the film is to inspire us to self-regulate. Social media is a tool and social platforms are a place to connect, share, and care … but is that what's really happening?

We will have forty-five minutes to one hour after the documentary to ask questions. We will also provide Tips for Managing Social Media Use. Mariefrance Y Cote LMFT, a marriage and family therapist who works with teens in Marin County will be leading the discussion after. She is seasoned therapist (18 years practicing) who understands the teenage landscape and raising children in Marin County. She is also a mom of a sophomore student at Drake High School.

This event is open to the community so please invite friends and their kids.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2019

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**A Christmas Message From Catholic Charities**—

Dear Friends and Family of Catholic Charities,

With your partnership, we influenced the lives of more than 32,000 individuals in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin County this past year. Firmly rooted in servant leadership, we are proud to stand with you as we endeavor to make our community a better, more equitable place for everyone. Love is truly a gift that brings abundant joy to others. During the busyness of the holidays, let us all take time to show others we care, to greet strangers with a smile, and to be with loved ones. On behalf of everyone at Catholic Charities, I wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and prayers for a peaceful New Year.

Blessings,

Jilma Meneses

Chief Executive Officer- Catholic Charities

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**Green Tips and recycling ideas** from Marin Sanitary Services:

-MSS cannot recycle wrapping paper.

-Christmas Tree Collection & Drop Off: Christmas trees can be placed at the curb for collection from December 30, 2019 (Monday) through January 17, 2020 (Friday) on your regularly scheduled service day. Trees will not be collected curbside after this date. **For drop-off sites around Marin and “tree-instructions for pick-up”, refer to marinsanitaryservice.com.**

**What Happens to the Trees?** Some of the holiday trees are ground up and used as mulch or further composted to create a nutritious soil amendment. Other trees are chipped and used as a biomass fuel source at a Co-Generation power plant. These trees replace traditional fossil fuel sources like coal and are considered a carbon neutral fuel source.

Very popular Christmas gifts are new electronics. If your “old” electronics still work, donate them to local facilities. If not...dispose of electronics properly.-

**Electronic waste is accepted at MSS facility and includes these items:**  • Cathode Ray Tubes (CRT) or Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) TVs, DVD players, and video cassette recorders
  • Computer monitors and peripherals
  • Laptops, printers and fax machines
  • Wireless telephones, cell phones, and answering machines
  • Stereo equipment, jump box, iPods and tablets
  • Microwaves, calculators, cables, and wires
A very heart felt thank you to all of the volunteers who helped transform our already beautiful church into a Christmas delight:

Cathy Cunningham, Deacon Bernie & Dolores O’Halloran, Carole Sheviakov, Ann Carroll, Joan Mann Thomas, Cassie, Mike, Evan, & Lauren Keim, Teressa & Clare DiPerna, Teresa Stoner, and Corinne Hubbard.

From setting up the manger scene, to the placing of the poinsettias, wreaths, and Christmas Trees, to the stringing of lights, these deeds were all demonstrations of labors of love.
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