

The Epiphany of the Lord, January 6, 2019

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

2018-19 Bishop's Annual Appeal Begins "Renewed Passion"

"Renewed Passion" is the theme of this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal that begins now. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will renew our passion to love God with all our hearts, mind and body, body and soul, and our neighbor as our self. Let us build upon our rich Catholic heritage with a sense of renewed passion. Four areas that rely heavily on your generosity are: Seminarians/Vocations, Catechetics, Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Family Life Ministry.

Bishop Armando X. Ochoa wants to express his deep appreciation for your support of these four areas of ministry that impact thousands of lives. Thank you for considering a monetary gift for this year's appeal. No gift is too small! You may use the mailer/brochures provided or make your donations online at www.dioceseoffresno.org/baa.

REST IN PEACE

Gary Wydra
Mary Read
Teo Edulag



Please pray for their souls & their loved ones.

ST. ANN CARNIVAL DAY

Fr. Rayanna is forming a committee to begin planning our first annual **St. Ann Church Carnival!** It will replace the parish picnic. We will need your help to make this fundraiser a success. Please, call the Church office (760) 375-2110 to be on our committee team!

THANK YOU!

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Thank You Church Decorators

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to the Church Elves who decorated our Church for Christmas: The Bays, Garot, Kollman, Rizzardini, and Welsh families. Your hard work and dedication is truly appreciated!

*Reminder: Bulletin announcements are due
in the church office by 8 am on Monday.*

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 7:30 am to 3:15 pm., Closed for lunch
12 noon - 12:30, Friday 8 am to 12 noon.

Mass of Anointing and Healing Jan. 16., 2019

Join St. Ann Church for a Healing service on Wed., Jan. 16, in the main Church. We will begin with Adoration at 5:00 pm. and the Mass of Anointing will start at 6:00 pm.

"Heal me, Lord, that I may be healed: save me, that I may be saved, for you are my praise." Jer 17:14.

The Diocese of Fresno, 2019 World Marriage Day Anniversary Mass



Bishop Armando X. Ochoa will be celebrating with Anniversary Couples on Sun., Feb. 10, 2019, 3pm. at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Fresno. Married Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, + yrs. are invited to register directly at: <https://form.jotform.com/80535625039154>. There is a \$10.00 fee. For more info on seating, pictures and parking email: jbauer@dioceseoffresno.org. **Registration closes Jan. 31st.**

Altar Server Training

Come assist Fr. Rayanna in serving God and our Church!

Altar Server training will be on Jan. 11 & 25 at 3 - 4:30 pm in the Church. This is for **new** servers. Parents, **we will need a signed permission slip when you bring your child.** Permission slips can be picked up from your CCD teacher. For more info, call Cindy, (760) 375-4395.

2019 Church Calendars

The church calendars, in English and Spanish, are available now in the vestibules of the church. Please take only one per family. Then, everyone will have the opportunity to have a calendar. Thank you.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an -James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	5	5:30 pm	+Dianne Murray/Traditional Choir
Sun.	6	8:00 am	Spl Int of the Parishioners
		10:00 am	Spl Int Robert & Sharon Flores Family
Spanish		12:00 pm	Spl Int Jose Calvillo/David Mercado
Mon.	7	5:30 pm	+ Repose of a Soul/Anonymous
Tue. Jan.	8	10:00 am	Thanksgiving to St. Theresa/Pam Zurn
Wed	9	8:00 am	+Verla M. Barry/Jim Barry
Thurs	10	8:00 am	+Tom Suerdieck/Ann Long
Fri.	11	8:15 am	+Jiggs & Catherine Rizzardini/ Family
Sat.	12	5:30 pm	+Bev Clavet/ Family

**St. Ann All Goods Boutique
Will be serving Donuts Today!**

Come and enjoy free coffee and donuts today, hosted by the St. Ann Boutique staff. They will be showcasing a recent donation of Beenie Babies and Boyds Bears for purchase! Take home 1 or 2 of these, darling collectables, today!



Women of Grace

Women of Grace (WOG) has resumed on **Wed, at 6:45 pm**, in the Parish Hall Multi-Purpose Room. We have all faced times of crisis. The key is to respond with faith and trust in the Lord. Who better to learn from than the heroines of the Bible? The choices they made when caught up in a difficult, surprising or uncertain situation. We will study women from the Old and New Testaments. You can purchase your \$10 book in the church office. All women are invited and we look forward to seeing you!

Year End Contribution Statements

We will be mailing everyone a year end statement. If you do not receive your statement by Feb. 7, contact the church office at 760-375-2110 to verify we have your correct address. Thank you for your support of St. Ann Parish.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

GRADES K-5

Today, Jan. 6 is our family catechesis potluck at 11:30am in the Parish Hall! If you have questions, contact the Religious Office (760) 375-2110 ext. 313 or email at ccd@parishofsaintann.org.

JR. HIGH EDGE & LIFE TEEN

Today is our family catechesis potluck. Coming Soon "One Life LA", get your permission slip in. <https://www.facebook.com/StAnnLifeTeenRidgecrestCa>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tue: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
- Thurs: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
- Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
- Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Perpetual Adoration 24/7

The hours we currently need to fill are:

- Tuesday at 11 pm**
- Wednesday at 4 am**
- Thursday at 2 am**



PLEASE CONSIDER SPENDING AN HOUR WITH OUR LORD. You will be richly blessed! Subs are needed at various times throughout the year. If you are able to help in any way, please call Nancy at 760-375-2232.

**A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOU
FROM ST. ANN CHURCH**



We are pleased to share *two* books with you this Christmas. The books are: Walk Humbly With Your God by Fr. Andrew Apostoli and The Biggest Lie In The History Of Christianity by Mathew Kelly. **Please take a free copy of each book, Merry Christmas!**

Faith + SHARING =
EVANGELISM

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Jesus has called us each to be his disciple. Do you wonder if God is calling you? If you are seeking ways to make discipleship your first priority, whether you were baptized into another faith, or not yet baptized, Inquiry may be for you. A group of friends has begun to gather Sundays following the 10 am Mass, in the Daily Mass Chapel conference room. We are here to answer questions and help you. It is no easy path, but a journey taken with friends can make the road easier to bear. Contact the church office with questions at (760) 375-2110 and ask for RCIA.

Adult Confirmation Classes

Classes have started. Join us on Thurs. at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose room in the Parish Hall. For more information contact the church office (760) 375-2110.

St. Ann All Goods Boutique

Check out our "ebay" account at www.charity.ebay.com, enter "Roman Catholic Bishop of Fresno" in the search box, then click on the blue "Learn More" next to the picture of St. Ann Church, to enter the site. Our inventory is always changing!

"Pew Envelopes" are available for your Sunday Contribution in both vestibules. Place them in the collection basket or give to an usher.

Saint Ann School



Holiday Scrip Schedule

Beginning Mon. Jan. 7, Scrip will be sold in the school office during regular school hours. Thank you for your support.

**Saint Ann PTG Fundraiser at
Pizza Factory**



Thursday, Jan. 10 (all day) **30% of the proceeds will be donated.** Must mention fundraiser at time of purchase. Ridgecrest Pizza Factory, 1601 N Triangle Drive, (760)446-7492.

FYI: You **may not** use SCRIP cards as payment during this fundraiser. They are already donating 30%.