

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 20, 2019

A VISIBLE GOD

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to see, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult "public life" at his baptism by John. Today's Gospel reading tells us of his "first sign," providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God.

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OUR GENEROSITY TO GOD



Jan. 6, Offering - \$ 7,372.09
2nd Collection for Maintenance - \$ 1,739.40



Congratulations

Caitlyn Elizabeth McManis

She joined our Faith Community and received her Confirmation from Bishop Ochoa on January 13, 2019!

First Annual St. Ann Festival Planning Meeting Thurs. Jan. 31, at 6:30 pm

This year will begin our First Annual St. Ann Festival. The Festival Committee will plan and organize a safe, family-friendly event full of food, fun and fellowship with our parishioners and the entire Ridgecrest community. We anticipate this festival to be the largest fund-raiser for St. Ann Church. The proceeds will fund our future projects. As parishioners of St. Ann, we are committed to sharing our God-given talents for the good of our parish. We need volunteers to join our Festival Core Committee and help plan the First Annual Parish Festival.

Work begins on Jan. 31, 2019 with a meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room at 6:30pm and continues up to the fall festival. Ministry leaders and all interested parishioners are needed to co-chair the carnival as a whole or a sub-committee, such as publicity, ticket sales, donations, teen games, etc.

All parishioners are asked to volunteer 2 - 3 hours during the carnival in a booth, with food or with cleanup tasks. Please look for monthly updates in the bulletin, parish website and Facebook.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Join us at 10 am, in the Daily Mass Chapel Conference Rm. We will continue our study, "Exile and Return", which includes many unfamiliar Old Testament books. For more information, contact Laura at (760) 463-1078.



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.

The Church Office will be closed on Jan 21 for Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

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

Fr. Rayanna will be covering Masses at All Faith Chapel during Fr. Dowds' absence.

REST IN PEACE



Edrea Fischer
Gordon LaCombe
Garry Gouger
Elaine Thomas

Please pray for their souls & their loved ones.

Joyful Healing Revival Holy Spirit Church, Fresno

Mark your calendar for Feb. 1-3 Joyful Healing Revival at Holy Spirit Church, Fresno. Check in on Fri. at 4 pm. Ends on Sun. at 1:30 pm. **Free Admission.** For more info (559) 457-8800.

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The cause of church unity is commended to Christians for prayer and action every year around this time. This week is not so much to focus on the many divisions within the Christian family, but on bonds of faith and mission. Even though Christians have always shown an inclination to fracture, spin off, and mutate into new expressions, recent history shows some new points of convergence and agreement. Catholics are more firmly rooted in the word of God, for example, and many Protestants are more likely to celebrate Communion than in years past. Some denominations are merging and pooling resources, and people from various traditions are collaborating on projects.

The call of this week is to be mindful of the diversity of our traditions and customs while treasuring what we hold in common. The old advice to "lighten up" is good medicine, because sometimes our differences are delightful and amusing. If someone says, "Let us pray," a Catholic might close the eyes, bow the head and fold hands; a Protestant reach out and clasp hands with the person in the next chair; and someone belonging to an Orthodox tradition might stand up with eyes wide open. Each has taken a different path, but the goal is always the same. This is a week not for focusing on the well-worn paths of divergence, but for mutual delight in a common goal. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	19	5:30 pm	+Dave Welsh/Gino LaMarca
Sun.	20	8:00 am	Spl Int of the Parishioners
		10:00 am	Spl Int Doug Peach/David Mercado
Spanish		12:00 pm	+Antonio Gamboa/Hilda Avitia
Mon.	21	8:00 am	Communion Service
Tue.	22	8:00 am	Communion Service
Wed	23	8:00 am	Communion Service
Thurs	24	8:00 am	Communion Service
Fri.	25	8:15 am	In Thanksgiving/Hutchison Family
Sat.	26	5:30 pm	Spl Int LaMarca Family

Second Collection this Sunday for Seminarians of the Fresno Diocese

Currently we have 20 men in formation for the priesthood in our Diocese. The average cost for a year of formation is \$50,000 per seminarian. Thank you in advance for any gift you can give to support our future priests. In addition to financial help, your spiritual support is crucial. Your prayers for these who are in the seminary and those who are discerning a possible call to serve is a source of strength and encouragement. Please pray for your seminarians; and know that they pray for you.

2018-19 Bishop's Annual Appeal

"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. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

GRADES K-5

No class today, Jan. 20, 2019. If you have questions, contact the Religious Office (760) 375-2110 ext. 313 or email at ccd@parishofsaintann.org.

JR. HIGH EDGE & LIFE TEEN

Life Teen and Edge no class today, Jan. 20, for the holiday. <https://www.facebook.com/StAnnLifeTeenRidgecrestCa>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
- Tues: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
- Wed: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
- Thurs: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
- Fri: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
- Sat: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21
- Sun: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Perpetual Adoration 24/7

The hours we currently need to fill are:

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.

SHARING CHRIST

The last session of the Discovering Christ series, Sharing Christ, focuses on personal or friendship evangelization. Sharing our relationship with Jesus in our daily encounters with people. The course helps to develop an attitude of the heart that moves us to be open to share the Good News we have experienced anytime and anywhere. **The next meeting will be Wed. Jan. 23 at 6:30 pm.** This seven-week experience is open to all who attended Discovering Christ or Following Christ. Contact Theresa Wheeler at 760-382-7927 if you have any questions.

31st Annual Saint Ann School Benefit Dinner & Raffle, Saturday, Feb 9, 2019

It is time to buy your lucky ticket! You can purchase your tickets in the school office, from a school family, or after the Sunday morning Masses for \$250.00 each! **Only 200 tickets will be sold.** Two dinners are included with each raffle ticket. Additional dinner tickets may be purchased. **Grand prize is \$13,000!** Other prizes include cash and gift items. Ticket must be present to win. There will be a silent auction for desserts and Saint Ann class projects. You can try your luck at the Mystery Cash Box or a \$15 Wine Pull. ****Credit Cards, Checks and Cash are accepted!****

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!

Current and New Altar Server Training

Training for **ALL ALTAR SERVERS**, both old and new, will be on Jan. 25 at 3:30 - 5:00 pm in the Church. Parents, **we will need a signed permission slip when you bring your child.** Permission slips can be picked up from your CCD teacher or St. Ann School.

Year End Contribution Statements

We are 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.

Saint Ann School



SCRIP SALES.

In the school office during business hours; Fri. before & after school in the library; Sun. after the 8 am & 10 am Masses in the school office. Thank you for your continued support of Saint Ann School, through your SCRIP purchase.