Holy Name of Jesus Parish in San Francisco is a welcoming multicultural and liturgical community that celebrates our Christian Faith. In the spirit of the “Joy of the Gospel” we work together promoting Catholic values and teachings.

Our parish encourages a strong devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, who gives us an example of faithful discipleship and a generous stewardship way of life.
The Nativity of the Lord
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. — John 1:5

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).
Psalm — All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).
Second Reading — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God’s being (Hebrews 1:1-6).
Gospel — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK of December 25, 2016

Sun 25 7:30 AM Christmas Day Mass
9:30 AM Christmas Day Mass
11:30 AM Christmas Day Mass

Mon 26 NO 7:30 AM Mass Christmas Holiday
9:00 AM Thomas & Theresa Ton Nguyen†

Tue 27 7:30 AM Wilh Schaefer†
9:00 AM Philip Sigmund Sr. & Jr.†

Wed 28 7:30 AM Bill Schaefer†
9:00 AM Special Intentions of Nicholas Reyes†

Thu 29 7:30 AM Paul Delicata†
9:00 AM Special Intentions of The Messier Family†

Fri 30 7:30 AM Special Intentions of Magdalena Z. Dino
9:00 AM Narciso Sumaylo & Teodora Bucases†

Sat 31 7:30 AM Anselma P. Palarca†
9:00 AM Dolores Yohannon†
5:00 PM Martin Chirambero†

We pray for the Sick...that they may experience God’s Love and Healing.
Tom Abbella, Evangeline Agbunag, Nick Aguila, Rosa Maria Alonso, Laura Andrade, Gina Arenas, Eunice Ausman, Julianne Beach, Joan Boike, Dalmacio Briones, Jr., Monica Briones, Pauline Boffi, Janet Cariganai, Remedios Cuchapin, Joseph Chu, Ron de la Cruz, Isabel Dominguez, Gloria Etchelet, Mr. & Mrs. Rodolfo Ezequiel, Lourdes Gatchalian, Connor Gavney, Genoveva Guevarra, Theresa Ick, Kathy Ignacio, Max Kirkham, Jim Kreps, Steven Lee, Clara Lee, Amelia Lippi, Leny Lopez, Flory Magat, George Maloof, Amy McNally, Bill Mealey, Mary Medina, Ann Murphy, Jeffrey Ng, Inge Nordstrom, Neil O’Sullivan, Manuel Pacheco, Josefina Palarca, Mary Palmar, Marybeth Palmer, Maryanne Piwowar, Patricia Quinn, Soledad Rico, Maria Salas, Michael Joseph Suntar, Maureen Sweeney, Dodie Teague, Victoriana Tolentino, Lauretta Venenciano

We pray for those who have Died...that they may be granted a home in heaven. Miriam Martinez, Vic Bermudez

We pray for those who are Sick... that they may be granted a home in heaven. Miriam Martinez, Vic Bermudez

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Monday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
Tuesday: St. John
Wednesday: The Holy Innocents
Thursday: St. Thomas Becket;
Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Saturday: St. Sylvester I; New Year’s Eve
Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

2016 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE
Thank you to all who have donated to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. To date we have reached our goal of $60,000. All donations over our assessed goal come back to our Parish. Donations are accepted until December 31, 2016.

For the 1% club members or those of you who have donated $600 and over, please save the date of FEBRUARY 25, 2017 for the dinner.

2016 DONATIONS
All donations to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2016 or to Holy Name of Jesus Parish must be received by December 31, 2016 to be credited to your 2016 donations. Thank you for your generous support of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

THE GIFT OF GOD’S WORD
On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God’s Word. Because it is creative, God’s Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God’s Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God’s Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God’s Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God’s Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.
**LEARNED AT HOME**

The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family. Strength of character may be acquired at work, but beauty of character is learned at home. —Henry Drummond

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR**

FULL OF GOD’S BLESSINGS OF
HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE!

MALIGAYANG PASIKO AT
MAPAYAPANG BANGONG TAON!

FELIZ NAVIDAD Y PROSPERO ANO NUEVO!

**BUON NATALE E FELICE ANNO NUOVO!**

With Heartfelt Gratitude and Joyful Christmas Greetings

The Canossian Sisters extend to Holy Name parishioners and friends our sincerest thanks for your greetings and gifts for Sr. Cristina’s birthday. We are grateful, as well, for remembering us this Christmas with your prayers, cards, goodies, and gifts that we will open on Christmas day! Be assured that you are all in our prayers and Masses this Advent and Christmas season. God’s bountiful blessings on your families.

**Christmas Breaks for the following Ministries**

Please note that these ministries will resume on dates designated as follows: Religious Education – Sunday, January 8, 2017 – 10:30AM-12:00 Noon; Bible Group-Lectio Divina – Tuesday, Jan. 10 – 10:00-11:00AM; Seniors – Thursday, Jan. 12 – 11:30AM-3:00PM; RCICY – Thursday, Jan. 12 – 7:00–8:30PM; Lay Canossians – Sunday, Jan. 8 – 1:30-4:00 PM. Please contact Sr. Cristina for more information. Thank you.

**Walk for Life West Coast 2017**

Please mark your calendar for the 13th Annual Walk for Life. It will be on Saturday, January 21, 2017. The rally will begin at 12:30PM at Civic Plaza in San Francisco, while the Walk itself begins at 1:30PM. It is approximately two miles long, and ends at the Ferry Building.

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**Weekly Offering**

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**FAZtor’s Notes**

By Fr. Arnold Zamora

Merry Christmas! Christmas is finally here, but most especially God is here. Emmanuel – God with us. Christmas this year is quite special since it falls on a Sunday, the Lord’s Day. Our hearts should be filled with gladness and joy to receive this very special gift from on high, the gift of a person, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, Jesus Christ our Lord.

God is a loving God who is generous to give us His very precious and greatest gift, His Son. As we end this year, count your blessings and you will see how generous God has been to you. To breathe everyday is already a blessing. The sun and moon, the ocean and the hills are our blessings too. Your family and friends, are your blessings too. Don’t forget to count all of them.

Our parishioners have taken on the image of God; they have been so generous this season and throughout the year. When we prepared the Christmas Giving Trees, the cards were taken right away. Our parishioners responded to the requests or wishes, even if some of the items were expensive. Here are some of the items that were requested: portable radio, tennis shoes, camera, necklace, warm pants, record player, sweat suit, Target cards. We also put on additional cards for some of our parishioners, besides the Janet Pomeroy Center clients.

Thank you for your generosity also to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. We have not only completed our goal, but have exceeded it again. Our parishioners have been generous with their treasure, a component of the Stewardship way of life.

Cecilia Bermudez, our Church Environment coordinator, has been giving so much of her time, talent and treasure to our parish. She suddenly lost her husband, Vic, a week before Christmas after coming home from the Parish Advent Retreat. His body was laid to rest at Holy Cross few days just before Christmas. Cecilia’s greatest gift is offering her husband back to the Lord. Despite her loss and moments of bereavement, she continued on decorating the Church to make it look special for Christmas. A loving and generous person continues to serve despite of everything.

A mother and her small daughter were thumbing through a Christmas catalogue looking at toys. “I’d like that big red bike,” said the child.

“When you’re bigger,” the mother said.

The little girl pointed at a toy stove, a doll pram, a little fridge. Each time the mother made the same answer, “When you’re bigger.”

The girl kept pointing a still more toys and each time the mother made the same answer, “When you’re bigger.”

Finally they closed the catalogue and the mother asked the daughter, “Well, have you decided what you want for Christmas?

“Yes, Mommy,” she replied. “I want to get bigger.”

That’s what I want for Christmas, “I want to get bigger” in faith, so I can continue to serve despite of everything.
HOLY NAME WEEKLY CALENDAR
Week of December 24, 2016

Sunday, Dec 25, 2016 MERRY CHRISTMAS
Monday, Dec 26, 2016 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OBSERVED

Tuesday, Dec 27, 2016
10:30 AM Memorial Mass Church
10:30 AM Reception Flanagan Center
7:30 PM Legion of Mary Pastoral Center

Thursday, Dec 29, 2016
6 PM HN Choir Pastoral Center
7 PM RCICY Pastoral Center

Saturday, Dec 31, 2016 NEW YEAR'S EVE
1 PM Chinese RCIA Green Room
2:30 PM Chinese Social Flanagan Center
3 PM Chinese Mass Church

Announcement:
The School and Parish offices will be closed for Christmas break starting December 23, 2016. The Parish staff will be back in the office on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. The school will be back in session on Thursday, January 5th. Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!!!

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (Family Mass), 11:30 AM, Saturday
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM (Chinese), 5:00 PM (Vigil)
Weekdays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
Holy Days 7:30 AM, 9:00AM, and 7:00 PM

Confessions: 15 minutes before 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses
on Sunday & 4:30 - 5:00 PM Saturday or by appointment
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Wednesday—9:30 AM—12 Noon
Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotions:
Friday after 9:00 AM Mass
Perpetual Help Devotions:
Saturday after 9:00 AM Mass
First Saturday Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
begins at 8:30 AM with the Rosary, then Mass & Benediction

Baptisms by appointment
Baptismal Preparation—Every 1st Saturday of the month in the Pastoral Center - 2 PM—You need to register for the class ahead of time.
Baptism Ministry (Sewing Group): Every Monday 1-3 PM in the Pastoral Center Event Room

Marriages:
Contact Pastoral Center 6 months in advance.
Youth Ministry: Danyelle Velonza, Youth Minister
Sundays 12:30-2:30 PM, Flanagan Center

R.C.I.A. (Chinese):
Every Saturday—Green Room—1:30 PM
Lectio Divina: Tuesday 10—11 AM (Pastoral Center)
Bible Study Group (Chinese):
Every Wednesday—7:30 PM — Flanagan Center
Parish Pastoral Council: contact Fr. Arnold Zamora
St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting— every Monday at 7:30 PM (Pastoral Center)

Legion of Mary: Contact Rose Symkowick (415) 731-4652
Holy Name Ladies Aid: every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 11:45 AM (Pastoral Center)
Senior Club: every Thursday at 10:30 AM (Flanagan Ctr.)
FIL-AM Club: Every 3rd Friday of the month, 6:30 pm (except Oct. and Nov. at 7:30 pm) in the Flanagan Center.

Holy Name Choir Practice: every Thursday at 6:00 PM in the Pastoral Center
The Gabriel Project: Contact Rose Tang (415)793-0967

Blood Pressure Screening: every 2nd Wednesday from after the 7:30 AM Mass until 11 AM (Pastoral Center)
Except July & August
HOSPITALITY: Every Wednesday after the 7:30 AM and 9 AM Masses in the Pastoral Center except July & August

COFFEE & DONUTS SCHEDULE
Jan 8 Senior Club of Holy Name
Jan 15 Lay Canossians
Jan 22 Finance Council
Jan 29 Holy Name School
Feb 05 Holy Name Choir
Our **HOLY NAME TREE OF LIFE** located at the back of the Church is a bronze tree trunk with 400+ leaves. Donors can have their names or those they wish to honor engraved on the leaf. We suggest a maximum of 25 characters (including spaces) per line, limited to 5 lines. Leaf color choices are gold, silver or bronze.

Custom imprinted leaves are $500 each + $25 imprinting

The proceeds will go towards our Capital Improvement Fund. Please drop by or call the Parish office for more information (415)664-8590.
we wish you a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy
NEW YEAR

FROM THE PRIESTS AND STAFF
OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH