PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
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.

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
TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).
Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).
Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, “God is with us” (Matthew 1:18-24).


SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter Solstice
Friday: St. John of Kanty
Saturday: The Vigil of Christmas
Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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We pray for the Sick...that they may experience God’s Love and Healing.
Tom Abdella, 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, Victoria Venenciano

We pray for those who have Died...that they may be granted a home in heaven.

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FAZtor’s Notes
By Fr. Arnold Zamora

Congratulations to the “Praise and Glory Choir” of St. Augustine’s Church, for winning the First Prize of the first Choral Competition here at our church last Sunday. The second prize went to St. Thomas Moore (parish) Choir. Our Holy Name Choir and the San Francisco Choir opened up the afternoon’s program, but were not part of the competition. We thank our Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine group, especially Esther Aure-Novero and Marissa Reyes, for organizing the event, assisted by Rudy Asercion and Benny Capuyan and many volunteers.

Upcoming events are posted in our website www.holynamesf.org. You can view our Christmas schedule, the Altar Server’s schedule and even the schedule of the priests celebrating the masses. You can also make your donations via our site. There is other information that might interest you. In the coming weeks though, we will have a different look on our website as we keep on improving it to make it more attractive and easier to use. We thank our parishioner Anthony Tom for volunteering his time and expertise to do this exciting transformation of our website.

WWW stands for World Wide Web. But for those who are prone to committing mistakes it stands for “What Went Wrong?”


A certain Nancy Clark from Virginia said that she had given up social media for the New Year and tried to make friends outside Facebook while applying the same principles. Every day, she walks down the street and tell passersby what she’s eaten, how she feels, what she did the night before, and what she will do tomorrow. Then she gives them pictures of her family, her dog, and her gardening. She also listens to their conversations and tells them she loves them. And it works. She already had three people following her—two police officers and a psychiatrist.

Be careful about spending so much time on the internet or on your smart phones or even watching your television. You might just be interacting with machines and forgetting to interact with people around you. Spending time interacting within the family is important, and therefore, togetherness shouldn’t be replaced by having phones out and television blasting. This is what Pope Francis stressed during a weekly General Audience in St. Peter’s square. The Holy Father began his catechesis pointing out that sitting at the table for the family dinner, and sharing our meal and the experiences of our day, is a fundamental image of togetherness and solidarity. He also said togetherness is a reliable “thermometer” to measure the “health” of the relationship.

“A family that almost never eats together, or is not at the table, but watching the TV or on their smartphones, is hardly a family,” he said, lamenting when “the children at the table are attached to the computer, to the phone and do not listen to each other.”

The magic of Christmas is not in the presents but in His presence.
HOLY NAME LADIES AID COLLECTION
TODAY, MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME LADIES AID SOCIETY WILL BE COLLECTING FOR THE NEEDY IN THE PARISH. YOUR GENEROSITY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. BOXES WILL BE BY THE EXITS.

HOLY NAME WEEKLY CALENDAR
Week of December 18, 2016

Sunday, Dec 18, 2016
5:30 AM Misa de Gallo Flanagan Center
10 AM Religious Ed Pastoral Center
1 PM Youth Meeting Flanagan Center
1:30 PM Christmas Party (Youth) Flanagan Center

Monday, Dec 19, 2016
5:30 AM Misa de Gallo Flanagan Center
10 AM Monday Exercise Group Flanagan Center
7:30 AM SVDP Meeting Pastoral Center

Tuesday, Dec 20, 2016
5:30 AM Misa de Gallo Flanagan Center
9:30 AM C/E Class Pastoral Center
10 AM Scripture Class Pastoral Center
3 PM HN School Dance Class Flanagan Center
4 PM HN School Christmas Concert Church
7:30 PM Legion of Mary Pastoral Center

Wednesday, Dec 21, 2016
5:30 AM Misa de Gallo Flanagan Center
8 AM Student Presentations Flanagan Center
7:30 PM Chinese Bible Study Flanagan Center

Thursday, Dec 22, 2016
5:30 AM Misa de Gallo Flanagan Center
11 AM Senior Club Flanagan Center
3 PM HN School Dance Class Flanagan Center
6 PM HN Choir Pastoral Center
7 PM RCICY Pastoral Center

Friday, Dec 22, 2016
5:30 AM Misa de Gallo Flanagan Center

Saturday, Dec 23, 2016
5:30 AM Misa de Gallo Church
5 PM Christmas Eve Mass Church
6 PM Dietzen Family Pastoral Center
11:30 PM Christmas Carols Church
12 MN Christmas Midnight Mass Church

Looking for the 2017 Longest Married Couple! Just email the couple’s names, wedding date and city they live in along with your contact information to wwmelmc2017@gmail.com, or you can go to the Worldwide Marriage Encounter website at wwmelmc.com for more information.

Weekly Offering

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Special Collections

Retirement for the Religious: $1,257.94
Immaculate Conception: $1,309.00
Christmas Flowers: $1,537.00

THANK YOU FROM THE HOMEBOUND COMMITTEE
Sister Cristina and the Homebound Mass Committee wish to thank all the volunteers who helped at the Christmas Homebound Mass on Saturday, December 10th, 2016. Thank you to all the musicians and the choir. Thank you to the Tri Nguyen Family for playing the musical instruments, Rose Tang for projecting the songs on the wall, Rooney for altar set up, the Lay Canossians, drivers, servers, helpers and all who donated food and money. Our thanks to Jackie and Colleen for their administrative help. A special thank you to Fr. Simon and Fr Toan for concelebrating the Mass. You are all very much appreciated!

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH
corner 39th Avenue & Lawton Street, San Francisco, CA

MISA DE GALLO (DAWN MASSES)
December 16-24, 2016 at 5:30 AM in Flanagan Center

2016 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE
Saturday, December 24, 2016 from 4:30-4:50 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES
Saturday, December 24, 2016
5:00 PM (Family/Children’s Mass)
11:30 PM Christmas Carols
(Holy Name Choral Ministry)
12:00 Midnight Concelebrated Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES
Sunday, December 25, 2016
7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM

CONFESSIONS ON NEW YEAR’S EVE
Saturday, December 31, 2016 from 4:30-4:50 PM

NEW YEAR’S EVE MASS
Saturday, December 31, 2016
5:00 PM

NEW YEAR’S DAY MASSES
Sunday, January 1, 2017
7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM

1555 39th Ave. San Francisco, CA 94112
(415) 664-8590
www.holynamesf.org

The Giving Tree
BIG, BIG THANKS!

To all those who took part in this wonderful Holy Name Parish tradition. Your gifts were very much appreciated by the recipients.

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TIME
Prayer is the beginning of stewardship. Only when we spend time with God in prayer are we spiritually prepared to offer ourselves in service to others.
Please check the line next to your commitments to prayer:

- Attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Days
- Attend weekday Mass at least once a week
- Spend 15 minutes a day in personal prayer
- Spend 1 hour a month in Eucharistic Adoration
- Pray together with my loved ones
- Have one meal a week with my family
- Read the Bible for one hour a week
- Pray the Rosary at least weekly
- Go to confession every other month
- Schedule time for a spiritual retreat
- Weekly act of kindness

TALENT

New Commitment   Renewed Commitment

Important: Please clearly write the first name of the interested family member on the line

LITURGICAL
- Altar Linens
- Altar Servers
- Pray the Rosary at least weekly
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- Church Environment
- Extraordinary Ministers
- Greeters/Ushers
- Lectors
- Music Ministry
- Sacristans
- Baptism Ministry Sewing Group

FAITH FORMATION
- Bible Class
- Pre-Baptismal Preparation
- RCIA
- Religious Education (K-8)
- Sacramental Preparation
- Women of the Well
- Youth Ministry (7-12)

OUTREACH
- Consolation/Grief Ministry
- Legion of Mary
- Pastoral Care of the Sick & Homebound
- Project Gabriel
- St. Vincent de Paul

TREASURE

In thanksgiving for God’s gifts, each household at Holy Name of Jesus is asked to give a specific percentage of income based on the biblical tithe:

- 5% to Holy Name of Jesus
- 1% to Archdiocese
- 4% to other charities

MY GIFT TO HOLY NAME OF JESUS

___% Percentage of income

Weekly gift $_______ X 52= $_______ annually
OR
Monthly gift $_______ X 12= $_______ annually

Have you turned in your commitment card? If not you may use this form, fill out, drop off or mail it to the Parish office (1555 39th Ave. San Francisco, CA 94122). Thanks and God bless you for your involvement in our parish community!
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.