



SAINT JOHN'S PARISH News of the Week

December 25, 2011

*Vision Statement: Saint John's Episcopal Parish - A Welcoming Community for All:
Seeking God's Word • Responding to God's Call • Working for Love & Justice*

Christmas Services at Saint John's

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th



5:00 p.m. Las Posadas Pageant and Holy Eucharist -- Join us as our Sunday School children lead us through a traditional Mexican celebration of *Las Posadas*, a re-enactment of Joseph and Mary's attempt to find lodging in Bethlehem before Mary gives birth to the infant Jesus. Holy Eucharist follows. Join us as our Sunday School children lead us through a traditional Mexican celebration of *Las Posadas*, a re-enactment of Joseph and Mary's attempt to find lodging in Bethlehem before Mary gives birth to the infant Jesus. Holy Eucharist follows.

8:00 p.m. Festive Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist -- We dim the lights, turn the tree lights on, light the candles, and see the sanctuary at its most beautiful. The beautiful language of the prayer book, Luke's telling of the Christmas story, and classic Christmas hymns and organ music transport us to a sacred place.



Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th



9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Eucharist -- A simple but profound service celebrating the Word made flesh. No Sunday School.

Flowers for Christmas Eve are given by:



Barbara Fogerson in memory of Ron Fogerson. **Paul and Carol Henshaw** in celebration of Patty, Lisa, Pat, Katie and James. **The Howard Family** in memory of William J. Hunter and in celebration of friends and family. **Roger and Rosemary Rivers** in celebration of Adam's recent favorable MRI. **The Tuohey Family** in celebration of the marriage of Kristina and Bisher. **Peter and Susan Champion** in memory of our beloved cat, Panda, who brought such joy to our lives and in celebration of the birth of our Savior.

Saint John's Book Club's Next Meeting is Sunday, January 22nd



Saint John's Book Club next meeting will be Sunday, January 22nd at 7 p.m. at the Wygal home. They will be discussing *Green Age of Asher Withrow* by M. Allen Cunningham. This is an historical novel set in the early years of the Black Diamond and Diablo Mountain area. All are welcome.



Upcoming Services at Saint John's



**The Feast of
the Holy Name**
Sunday, January 1st, 2012
Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. (Rite II)
The Rev. John McDermott,
Preacher and Celebrant

The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 8th, 2012

8:00 p.m. (Rite I)

10:00 p.m. (Rite II)

Blessing of Saint John's following 10:00 a.m. service.



Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 29th at 9:00 a.m. for a combined worship service and Saint John's Annual Meeting.

Important Year-end Tax Reminders:

Be sure to complete pledge commitments, Christmas offering and other tax-deductible donations by Friday morning, December 30th in order to be credited for 2011 for tax purposes (Drop in the mail slot as office is closed). Any contributions will be shown on your 2011 pledge statement. Contributions received after December 30th will be shown on your 2012 statement.



Announcements

Guests & Newcomers, Welcome! We are delighted to have you join us this morning. Please be sure to sign our Guest Book located near the double doors. Please, join us for coffee after the service, and again next Sunday for worship!

The Infant & Toddler Nursery room is available for parents' use, as needed. There will be no nursery attendant this Sunday, December 25th. The room is located across the patio in the Nursery, Room #4.

Pastoral Contact - Fr. Peter is on vacation from December 26th, 2011 through January 2nd, 2012. In his absence please contact Sr. Warden Matt Chamberlain (925-825-3546) or Parish Secretary Betty Jacobsen (925-672-8855). Matt Chamberlain may be contacted for questions or information regarding other parish matters.

Calendar of Events at Saint John's Parish

December 24	Christmas Eve Services, 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m.
December 26	Office Closed
January 1	The Feast of the Holy Name, One Service 9:00 a.m.
January 2	Office Closed
January 8	The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ
January 15-16	Youth Group at Nightwatch
January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Office Closed
January 22	Saint John's Book Club Meets, 7:00 p.m.
January 29	Annual Parish Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
April 28	Saint John's 50 th Anniversary Celebration (more details later)

Ministers of Worship – December 25, 2011			
MoW	9:00 a.m.	MoW	9:00 a.m.
Subdeacon	Bev Price	Flowers	Ann Ferrante
Lectors	Barbara Fogerson Steve Price	Bread Maker	Helen Hilbourn
Cupbearers	Helen Hilbourn	Altar Guild	Barbara Fogerson
Intercessor	Laurie Limrite	Counters	Don Whitehurst Karen Hansen-Smith
Hosts	Raphael Belluomini Jancie Belluomini	Organist	Harold J. Pavelis, M. Mus.
Coffee	No coffee	Preacher/Celebrant	The Rev. Peter Champion

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 26
and Monday, January 2.