



# SAINT JOHN'S PARISH News of the Week

January 8, 2012

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*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*

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**We'll Celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ this Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite One  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
The 3 Kings Procession  
Epiphany Party at Coffee Hour  
Blessing of the Church for 2012**



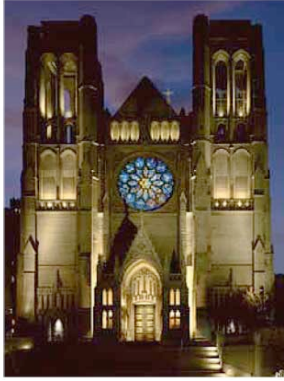
The Epiphany is January 6<sup>th</sup> and marks the end of the 12 day long Christmas Season. However, we're extending Christmas for two days in order to celebrate the Epiphany on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our children will process the three Wise Men to the stable to meet and worship the Infant Jesus. We'll follow worship with an Epiphany Party, and we'll bless Saint John's for the New Year. House blessings are an Epiphany Season tradition, so we'll send you home with instructions and chalk to bless your home.



**We are never more fulfilled than when our longing  
for God is met by His presence in our lives.**

**Billy Graham**



Martin Luther King, Jr., Weekend

## **nightwatch in the cathedral**

**Jan. 15-16, 2012**

*An overnight lock-in  
from 5 p.m. Sunday  
to 4 p.m. Monday*

## **Saint John's Youth Group Attending Nightwatch Lock-In at Grace Cathedral, January 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders from around the Diocese of California will come together at Grace Cathedral for the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend Nightwatch Lock-In.

They'll spend the night making friends, playing games, and deepening their faith together — and sleeping in the Cathedral, of course. On Monday morning, the group will join the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade in San Francisco.

There's a new component for Nightwatch this year — a mission and service project option in San Francisco on Monday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Space is limited at the project sites, so get your materials now from Trish Brown (925.693.0266, or [4trishabrown@comcast.net](mailto:4trishabrown@comcast.net))

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## **Saint John's Book Club's Next Meeting is Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**



Saint John's Book Club next meeting will be Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Wygal home. They will be discussing *Green Age of Asher Witherow* 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.

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## **It's Saint John's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Save the Date... Saturday evening, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Saint John's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Marc and Dr. Shelia Andrus will be Saturday evening, April 28<sup>th</sup> (more details later, but save the date).



Mark your Calendar ...



Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>  
Combined Worship at 9:00 a.m.  
Brunch and Annual Parish Meeting  
2011 Review  
2012 Budget  
Vestry and Deanery/Convention Delegate Elections  
Rector's Report

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## The Holidays are Over ... Hunger Problem Isn't ...

The holiday season is the time of the year when donations to food banks and pantries are highest. Something about the thought of people hungry on

Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's Day brings out the best in people. Our food offerings were great -- Thank you!

Now that 2012 has arrived, the need remains. Unfortunately, donations historically decline in January.

Please maintain the habit of bringing non-perishable items each week to help those experiencing food insecurity. Thanks in advance.

## 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!

**Flowers today are given by Roger and Rosemary Rivers in memory of their son , Gregory Scott Rivers (Jan. 11, 1975-June 6, 1996).** To donate flowers for your special occasion, see the chart on the wall in the back of the sanctuary. More than one household may sign up for each Sunday. If you have a special request for your floral arrangement contact the church office. Thank you.

**The Infant & Toddler Nursery** room is available for parents' use, as needed. Mikayla Little is our Nursery Attendant. The room is located across the patio in the Nursery, Room #4.

**Pastoral Contact** -- Please remember that parishioners may contact Father Peter Champion (510-245-7542) for any pastoral needs or emergencies. Contact the office (925-672-8855) or Matt Chamberlain (925-825-3546) for questions or information regarding other parish matters.

### Calendar of Events at Saint John's Parish

- January 8    The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ, Epiphany Party and Blessing of the Church
- 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<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (more details later)

<b>Ministers of Worship – Sunday, January 8, 2012</b>				
<b>MoW</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>MoW</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Subdeacon</b>	Matt Chamberlain	Sherrie Hidalgo	<b>Flowers</b>	Kathy / Megan Rosen
<b>Lectors</b>	Marianne Crosby Jacquie Whitehurst	Barbara Fogerson Jay Hartlove	<b>Bread Maker</b>	Debbie / Angie Murelli
<b>Acolyte</b>	Matt Chamberlain	Katie Hartlove	<b>Sweepers</b>	Paul Henshaw Alan Altorfer
<b>Cupbearers</b>	Barbara Fogerson	Wendy Brose Denisen Hartlove	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Rosemary Rivers Bev Price
<b>Intercessor</b>	Ferrante Family	Robin Doty	<b>Counters</b>	Steve Jordan Tim Spellman
<b>Hosts</b>	Jeff Harris Don Whitehurst	Charlie Bon Ron Pell	<b>Organist</b>	Harold J. Pavelis, M. Mus.
<b>Coffee</b>	Barbara Fogerson Alan Altorfer	Mark Swearingen Sue Swearingen	<b>Preacher and Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Peter Champion