

# St. Simon Catholic Parish Weekly Bulletin

*St. Simon Catholic Parish fosters Christ-centered discipleship through life long spiritual formation, open sharing of our gifts, and active participation in our church, schools, and greater community.*

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2017

## Join us for Hospitality on January 8

Happy New Year! Come and enjoy donuts and coffee with our St. Simon Parish community after all the Sunday morning Masses on **January 8**.

## 5 Sessions on Pope Francis' Reflection: Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Start off your New Year 2017 with a Spiritual Gift for yourself, friends and family! Facilitated by: S. Rebecca Shinas, OP. In the Holy Family Room in the Church. Come to one session, come to all! Each day offered at 10:00-11:00am, repeated 7:15-8:15pm.

**January 10** Faith, Hope and Courage

**January 17** Peace, Patience and Play

**January 24** Kindness, Goodness and Joy

**January 31** Truth, Goodness and Compassion

**February 7** Beauty, Gentleness and Love

## Seniors "Young at Heart"

No luncheon in January. We will meet again on Tuesday, **February 7, 2017**. Mark your calendar! Happy Holiday!!

## Visiting Ministry Meeting

Are you interested in a visit or would like to visit someone who needs uplifting? If there is anyone who cannot attend Mass and would like Communion brought to them, please call Doris DeFranco at [408-739-0974](tel:408-739-0974) to schedule a visit. If you are interested in joining this wonderful Ministry, please attend our next meeting on Tuesday, **January 10** from 10:00-11:00am in the Rectory Conference Room.

## Young People

For our families with young children the Holy Family Room (formerly Cry Room) is open for your convenience. This allows kids to be kids during Mass. Thank you for joining us!

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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## Wonderland Auction Update

**Mark Your Calendar for Saturday, February 11, 2017.** Invitations for the Wonderland 2017 Auction will be mailed this week!! Check your mailbox for your invitation and details about the auction.

**Donations Needed** If you have a vacation home in Tahoe or Carmel (or anywhere!!), consider donating a week or a weekend to the auction. Vacation packages are some of the top selling items at the auction! One more week for donations!

Consider donating sports or entertainment tickets, restaurant gift certificates, a great bottle of wine or if you want to keep it simple, donate cash to underwrite expenses.

Contributions gladly accepted at: <http://parish.stsimon.org/auction>

**Rebuilding Schram Sports Field** All parishioners will have a special opportunity to contribute to a fund dedicated to rebuilding and refreshing Schram Sports Field, known by many as "the turf."

We are reaching back over four decades and refreshing the 42-year old Schram Sports Field. The field is named after Joe Schram, one of our community's legendary leaders, coaches and a friend to St. Simon Parish. The need for rebuilding the field was put forth by our community parents.

Join us in celebrating Schram Field and keeping our strong roots alive with a significant refresh of the grass, irrigation systems and reshaping of our community's main field. To donate to this important **Fund-A-Need**, please contact Bre and Mark Colella at [breanne.hart@gmail.com](mailto:breanne.hart@gmail.com).

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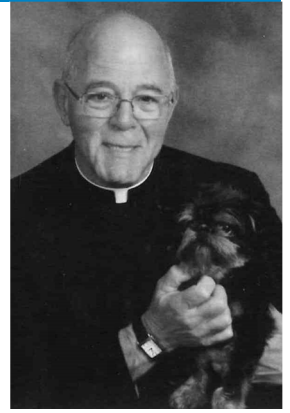
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## From the Desk of Fr. Warwick



21, 2017.

### Thank you

St. Simon's Parish has always helped to support the Refugee Programs at Catholic Charities. ***Catholic Charities would like to extend a special thank you to the Outreach & Social Justice Committee from St. Simon's for providing the best holiday dinner ever to our Refugee youth and parents.*** The dinner which included tri tip, chicken, potatoes, vegetables, salads and the most wonderful desserts was made fresh and served lovingly by this group for over 100 people.

Everyone including our staff was talking about the meal for days. We really appreciate the time and effort that went into the preparation. This is the third time St. Simon has provided this very special dinner to our families. (pictured lower front corner of this bulletin)

To learning more about our Refugee Foster Care Program please contact Claire Collins [ccollins@catholiccharitiesscc.org](mailto:ccollins@catholiccharitiesscc.org) or call 408-325-5107.

## Help Needed

This coming Monday, **January 10**, our Christmas Environment will need to be removed and replaced with an "Ordinary Time" environment. If you can spare a couple hours to help remove and clean up, your precious time will be gratefully appreciated. We will begin in the main church about 8:00am Monday morning. For more information, please see Suzanne F. following Mass or contact her at [sfitzgerald@stsimon.org](mailto:sfitzgerald@stsimon.org). Starbuck's and treats will be waiting for you. Thank you.

## Open House - Saint Simon Parish School

Sunday, **January 29**, 10:00am - 1:00pm

- 10:00am - 12:30pm Guided Tours
- 10:30am - 11:00am Preschool presentation
- 11:00am - 11:30am Kindergarten presentation

Saint Simon Parish School offers a *rigorous and diverse curriculum* and is accredited through the WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) and the WCEA (Western Catholic Education Association). In addition to our core curriculum, we offer numerous sports and enrichment classes, including: foreign language, Arts, music, coding, and more.

Tours are available from 10:00am -12:30pm. Meet our principal, Steve Rummell, faculty, and staff and learn why Saint Simon Parish School is the right choice for your child's spiritual and academic education. No appointment needed. For information, contact Sally Prout, Admissions Director at [sprout@stsimon.org](mailto:sprout@stsimon.org) or 650-968-9952 Ext. 43.

## "One Warm Coat" Drive—Monday, December 26 - January 22

In an effort to address the needs of the unsheltered this winter, we must consider how we may help local agencies and non-profit organizations. There are nearly 7,000 homeless men, women and children in Santa Clara County. There are minimal beds in place in various shelters throughout the County. The St. Simon Parish Outreach and Social Justice Council has been attending meetings and following up with local agencies and shelters to determine how we may support their efforts with food and other needed items. We know that there will be a great need for **sleeping bags, socks, blankets, warm coats and hats**. As a result, our Youth Ministry is launching a drive to collect these items.

Please drop any new or gently used items listed above in the large boxes in the vestibule of Spooncer Hall between Monday, December 26 and January 22.

## "Love & Hugs" Care Package Party

Come and make a Valentine Care Package for a loved one(s) away from home! Packages will be blessed by our priest prior to mailing. Tuesday, **January 24** from 6:30-8:00pm in Spooncer Hall. Please bring (1) **\$5**, plus \$14 postage for medium or \$19 postage for large flat rate USPS boxes, (2) **your loved one's full address**, (3) **2 dozen cookies share**, (4) **Valentine candy** and (5) **anything else that fits in the box**.

IMPORTANT – Space is limited: RSVP to [Alice Ng Chow](mailto:Alice Ng Chow) at [Scan1230@comcast.net](mailto:Scan1230@comcast.net).

## **Liturgical Celebrations**

### MASSES

**Daily Mass** - Monday—Friday  
6:30am and 8:30am

### **Weekend Mass**

Saturday 8:30am,  
5:00pm (Sun. Observance)  
Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:15am,  
and 5:00pm  
10:30am for Forum Residents

### **Holy Days of Obligation**

6:30am, 8:30am, and 6:30pm

### **Weekday National Holidays**

9:00am only

### **School Masses**

8:30am 2nd and 4th Wednesdays  
of the month during the school year

### DEVOTIONS

**Eucharistic Adoration** Tuesdays  
from 9:00am to 3:30pm in the chapel.

### SACRAMENTS

**RCIA** Youth and adults interested in exploring the Catholic Faith or completing the Sacraments of initiation, please call 650-967-8311.

**Baptism** Infant baptism is celebrated upon completion of our parish Baptism Preparation Program. Generally celebrated during Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. For more information contact a parish priest at the rectory, 650-967-8311.

**Reconciliation** 4:00pm Saturdays or by appointment, 650-967-8311.

**Marriage** Couples must complete Marriage Preparation. Contact a parish priest to make arrangements at least six months prior to the date of marriage, at 650-967-8311.

**Sacrament of the Sick** Ministers can bring communion or, anointing can be arranged, for parishioners who are ill, home-bound or in the hospital. For more information please contact the Rectory office, 650-967-8311.

### Saints and Special Observances

Sun.: National Migration Week  
Mon.: The Baptism of the Lord  
Tues.: First Wk in Ordinary Time begins  
Fri.: St. Hilary

### Next Week's Gospel Readings

Monday: Mt 3:13-17  
Tuesday: Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28  
Wednesday: Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: Mk 2:13-17  
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3;  
Jn 1:29-34

## Religious Education

### Children’s Catechetical Ministry Reminders:

Parish Sunday **PSR** ages 3-5, class from 8:55am-10:05am and Elementary School **CCM** grades 1-5, class from 10:05 – 11:05am will resume the classes on **January 8, 2017**.

**Parent/Adult Faith Formation Session** “Raising Faith-filled Kids,” at 10:05 -11:05 am on **January 8**, simultaneously with the CCM session will be held at Simon Room. All are welcome, please come as a couple and invite your friends.

For more information, please contact Sr. Mary-Han Nguyen, OP at [650-967-8311 Ext.32](tel:650-967-8311) or [mhnguyen@stsimon.org](mailto:mhnguyen@stsimon.org) or Erika Ibarra, PSR Coordinator, [eibarra@stsimon.org](mailto:eibarra@stsimon.org).

**Confirmation** The next Confirmation session is Sunday, **January 8** at 3:00pm in Spooncer Hall.

“**M.S. Source 4:14**” Sunday, **January 22** at the 5:00pm Mass with dinner and an activity from 6:00-7:30pm in Spooncer Hall! Open to all 6, 7 and 8th graders. To register contact Michelle Rey at [mrey@stsimon.org](mailto:mrey@stsimon.org).

“**H.S. Summit 17:20**” Sunday, **January 22** at the 5:00pm Mass followed by dinner and a youth night in the Jude Room!! Email Michelle Rey at [mrey@stsimon.org](mailto:mrey@stsimon.org) for questions.

Bible Study Thursday, **January 12**. “**M.S. Source 4:14**” Bible Study 3:00-4:00pm in the Jude Room. RSVP to [mrey@stsimon.org](mailto:mrey@stsimon.org) for snacks.

### Vacation Bible School (VBS 2017)

VBS 2017’s theme is **Rome!** “**Paul and the Underground Church.**” Bring your child/children to the ancient city of Rome! You’ll travel back into biblical-times without setting foot outside our community. Your child/ren will experience this fun, hands-on biblical-times empire.

Each day, your child can become part of history as he/she sees, hears, touches and even tastes what it was like to live in ancient Rome! They’ll explore authentic Marketplace shops, visit the Apostle Paul (who’s under house arrest), sneak to the cave where the Underground Church meets, take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits as they discover more about the early Church. These experiences make God’s Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate!

Mark these dates on your calendar: Monday, **June 19** through **June 23**, from 9:00am to 12:00noon each day), with option of extended care from 12:00noon-5:30pm). Stay tuned for more information in few weeks.

### Welcome!

Registration forms may be found in the main vestibule or may be downloaded at [www.stsimon.org](http://www.stsimon.org). For more information regarding registration, or St. Simon Parish’s ministries and organizations contact us at [650-967-8311 x11](tel:650-967-8311) or Rose Lue at [rlue@stsimon.org](mailto:rlue@stsimon.org).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number / Email: \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner

New Phone Number

New Address

Moving—Remove from list

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available at: <http://parish.stsimon.org/online-giving>

## Questions of the Week

**Question for Children:** In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

**Question for Youth:** Life can sometimes be rough: losing your home, moving, feeling fear or danger. How do you experience God being and staying with you in such times?

**Question for Adults:** How this past week did you demonstrate God’s love at home and at work?

## Young Adults

Dinner at Crepevine, Tuesday, **January 17** at 7:30pm, 300 Castro St., Mountain View. The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering.

Young Adult Mass, Tuesday, **January 31** at 7:30pm. The Young Adult Circle will be gathering for Mass in the Chapel. Celebrate the Eucharist with young adults (20’s and 30’s, single or married) from this and neighboring parishes with fellowship to follow.

Contact us at [yacircle@gmail.com](mailto:yacircle@gmail.com). [www.youngadulcircle.org](http://www.youngadulcircle.org).

## Adult Faith Formation

### MOPS

All mothers with Children of Kindergarten age and younger join us in the Simon Room on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month from 9:15 - 11:15am. This year, we're choosing wonder, hope and kindness because we are the starry eyed. We can't wait to meet you! Please contact us for any further details: [mops@stsimon.org](mailto:mops@stsimon.org) or find us on Facebook!

### New Beginnings/Divorced & Separated Group

We have a newly formed Separated/Divorced Group here at St. Simon, *all* are welcome to join this group. We meet the **1st and 3rd Wed.** of the month at 7:00-8:30pm in the Holy Family Room. Contact: [debrancarpenter@gmail.com](mailto:debrancarpenter@gmail.com)

### Thursday Faith Sharing

We meet in the Simon Room **Thursdays** from 7:00-8:15am. For more information contact Jean Rousseau at [650-964-0374](tel:650-964-0374). We go over the Scriptures for the following Sunday.

### Chinese Bible Study Group

Not meeting in the summer, but we usually meet on the **1st and 3rd Friday** of each month in the Rectory Conference Room from 10:00-11:30am. John Yu at [650-625-8816](tel:650-625-8816).

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our meetings are held on the **second Thursday** of each month at 10:00am in the Rectory Conference Room. Do you know anyone who could benefit from being wrapped in a prayer shawl? Bonnie Gebhart [650-387-9001](tel:650-387-9001).

### Wednesday Bible Sharing

We meet from 9:30 to 11:00am in Simon Room and are studying the Gospel of John. We invite you to join us and find out how and why "John" is different. Joan Winkler [650-967-8398](tel:650-967-8398).

### Cancer Healing

Welcoming newly diagnosed as well as long time cancer survivors. Our next gathering will be on **January 13** in the Convent Chapel. If interested in joining our group, contact Keeth Courpet at [408-733-1110](tel:408-733-1110).

### Women's Spirituality

Next meeting: **January 11**, 10:00-11:15am, convent chapel. And every 2nd Wednesday through May. Come be with other women and celebrate the wonder of our spirituality! For questions: [roselue@gmail.com](mailto:roselue@gmail.com)

### On-Going Prayers

Every Thursday Pray the Rosary (3x) for the protection of the unborn and born babies starting at 10:45am with other lay Catholics at the Planned Parenthood in Mountain View, 225 San Antonio Rd. If you need a ride from St. Simon, contact Rita Donnelly at [650-969-6933](tel:650-969-6933).

### Adoration Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday after the 8:30am Mass with Benediction at 3:30pm. Join us in prayer throughout the school year, excluding school breaks. You may also contact Michele Coldiron at [650-814-1995](tel:650-814-1995) or Cathy Rodeheffer at [650-967-1028](tel:650-967-1028) or email [adoration@stsimon.org](mailto:adoration@stsimon.org). Allow Christ into your heart and feel the cares of daily life slip away.

## Outreach & Social Justice

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

*Thank you to all of the parishioners who supported us in the Giving Tree Project this year. You really embodied the words of our Pope. Due to your generosity of time, treasures and talent, we were able to support 171 families with over 700 gifts and boxes of food from your donations. We are thankful for all of your support in every way. We could not have done it without you. In addition, we would like to thank DeMartini's for donating all of the produce for families in our giving tree project. In gratitude, we as members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, wish you a joyous New Year!*

### Sacred Heart Outreach Tuesday Morning of Service

Sacred Heart Community Services in San Jose helps low income families and homeless people by providing food and clothing to those in need, along with many other services. We have monthly trips to Sacred Heart on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of every month. For further information about volunteering at Sacred Heart please email or call [Sue@marrion.com](mailto:Sue@marrion.com).

### Care for Creation

It's a New Year, we're 1 year closer to 2030. California's new goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. Start thinking about your future renewable-resource car. Take the time to research electric or other sustainable-resource vehicles. Take one for a test drive.

**Please pray for our sick, homebound, those with special prayer needs, and all the sick of our parish.** *With permission we publish the names of those individuals who request special prayers for themselves or immediate family members. Names will appear in this section of our bulletin for three weeks. If you wish to have your name left on or included please call 650-967-8311 or email [bulletin@stsimon.org](mailto:bulletin@stsimon.org).*

Michael Bruce	Jim McCarthy
Christine Brugnoli	Mike McCarthy
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Lauren Carse	Nina Missman
Nancy Susan Carter	Joanne Moore
Betty Clarke	Emma Napoli
Ron Essary	Patrick O'Sullivan
Eileen Faria	Anita Patton
Antoinette	Carla Riga
Fouilland	Richard Sakara
Douglass French, Jr.	Janet Shaffer
Dave Galiotto	Thai Quang Tang
Nelson Guiab	Tina Luz Reyes
Connie Hall	Joe Schram
Jacob Hessler	Larry Schull
MaryAnn Hobbs-Frakes	Tyler Smith
Tim Keating	Tim Verceles
Patricia Knapik	Virginia Weersing
McCoy Martin	Jaime Well
Lisa McBride	Paul Zoodsma
Dione McCarthy	

**The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 8, 2017**

They opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts  
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.  
— *Matthew 2:11b*

**Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery**

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**Mass Intentions for January 7/8**

Sat., Jan. 7	8:30am	Special Intention of Noella	Fr. Mendie
	5:00pm	Margaret Decker	Fr. Warwick
Sun., Jan. 8	7:30am	The Zipse & Bartolotti Families	Fr. Warwick
	9:00am	Mary Yaudow	Fr. Allen
	10:30am	*PPI the Forum	Fr. Warwick
	11:15am	Sp. Int. of Maurice Truong	Fr. Mendie
	5:00pm	Kathleen Tighe	Fr. Mendie
Mon., Jan. 9	6:30am	Jung Woo Jeon	Msgr. Mitchell
	8:30am	Special Intention of Noella	Fr. Mendie
Tues., Jan. 10	6:30am	Lich Nguyen	Fr. Mendie
	8:30am	Susan Trinh	Fr. Allen
Wed., Jan. 11	6:30am	Viveca Campanilla	Fr. Allen
	8:30am	Special Intention of Noella	Fr. Warwick
<b>STUDENTS PRESENT</b>			
Thur., Jan. 12	6:30am	Thomas Romero	Fr. Warwick
	8:30am	Louie Que	Fr. Allen
Fri., Jan. 13	6:30am	John Richard James	Fr. Warwick
	8:30am	Special Intention of Noella	Fr. Warwick
Sat., Jan. 14	8:30am	Don Busick	Fr. Mendie
	5:00pm	Justin Quintos	Fr. Allen
Sun., Jan. 15	7:30am	John F. Fleming	Fr. Allen
	9:00am	Tete Jimenez	Fr. Mendie
	10:30am	Sp. Int. of Larry Thomason	Fr. Mike
	11:15am	Henry Ma	Fr. Allen
	5:00pm	Rupert Ramos	Fr. Warwick

\*PPI = Priest's Personal Intention.

Please pray for the repose of the souls who've died this week. Pray especially for **Charles Schob, Sr.**



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Following is the budgeted and actual money received from Sunday and Holy Day collections: as of **January 1, 2017**. Thank you for your support! .

<b>YTD Budgeted</b>	<b>\$616,057.</b>
<b>YTD Collected</b>	<b>\$572,759.</b>
<b>YTD Variance</b>	<b>(\$43,298.)</b>

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