Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2018

“Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved”
Psalm 80

Mass Schedule:
Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm
Sunday Mass at 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm
Daily Mass Monday through Friday at 8:30am
Saturday Morning Mass at 9:00am
Holy Days of Obligation at 7:00am, 8:30am, and 7:00pm

Sacrament of Penance:
Fridays at 9:00am
Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:30pm
or by appointment with a Priest

Rev. William Brown — Pastor
Rev. Andrew Ginter — Parochial Vicar

“He did it that by His Incarnation He might take to Himself from the virgin the fleshly nature, and that through this commingling there might come into being a hallowed body of all humanity; so that through that body— which He was pleased to assume—all mankind might be hid in Him, and He in return, through His unseen existence, be reproduced in all.”
Saint Hilary of Poitiers († 360 A.D.)
Thank you to all who gave so generously to our Giving Tree! Have a Blessed Christmas!

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If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Fr. Summerhays at 415-614-5684 or summerhays.patrick@sfarch.org

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Title: The German Girl by: Armando Lucas Correa
In our lovely & Cozy Tarantino Hall All are Welcome!
For more information contact: Caroline Buckles at 415-381-1745

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Drop the card in the collection basket, the poor box, the Rectory or the School.
We are extremely short for the number of families we typically serve.
Deadline to have the cards in is Tuesday, December 18th.

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Dear friends in Christ,

Today’s Gospel describes the Visitation, one of the mysteries of the Rosary which I found so helpful for my soul when I was learning about Catholicism back in college, and was given a little booklet by Father Ed Susik, the priest in Pella, Iowa.

There are three basic groups of Christians on this planet, and Catholics seem to be the largest:

- Catholic Christians: 1.285 billion
- Protestant Christians: 920 million
- Orthodox Christians: 270 million

It is, of course, extremely difficult to get an accurate count, and the various sources I’ve looked at all disagree with one another, but this gives us a vague idea of today’s reality. The sources also suggest that Christianity is the largest religion on the planet right now, but that Muslims throughout the world seem much more willing to embrace family and the understanding of children as a blessing, and thus their numbers will grow much more than the growth among Christians, Jews, etc.

During that first year of college, I would have described myself as “vaguely Protestant,” meaning I had learned about Jesus from my stepmother at age four, but I had never been baptized, we never joined a church community, and so any religious belief or practice was very private. Only in college did I step out of my box and try to find a church family where God’s presence could be sensed and celebrated.

Which leads us back to today’s Gospel, and that Rosary mystery of the Visitation. Father Susik’s little booklet encouraged people to take each mystery of the Rosary and ponder its meaning before doing the prayers: for the Visitation, we were urged to think about how well we reached out to others in need, even as Mary did when she travelled to visit Elizabeth and be of help to her.

These past several weeks have seen people here, and throughout the world, doing much good in preparation for the celebration of Christmas: we purchase gifts for needy children, we buy Safeway gift cards so a poor family can buy nice ingredients for their Christmas dinner, we volunteer in various charities, soup kitchens and other ways as a sign to God that we are grateful for our blessings — especially the blessing of Jesus — and want to share those blessings with others.

It may seem illogical for a pregnant woman like Mary to travel all the way to visit Elizabeth: after all, couldn’t someone else take care of Elizabeth’s needs? Yet the divine presence in both women, Elizabeth carrying John the Baptist in her womb after decades of hoping and praying for a child, Mary carrying Jesus in her womb thanks to the miraculous work of God, is celebrated in today’s reading as they praise the Lord God and sing with joy because of what is happening in their bodies, their souls, and their community.

On behalf of all of us who serve you here at Saint Hilary Church and School, I pray that you too will feel the grace of God in your very bones, even if the years has been rough. That you will be able to count blessings which you never anticipated coming your way. That you will be able to find, in the dark of winter, the light of the Christ Child in your giving, your forgiving, and your prayer life. As for me, I thank God for dear old Father Susik in Pella, Iowa, who listened to my many questions, shared his Catholic faith with me each Wednesday afternoon, and then baptized me at the Easter Vigil Mass in 1978. May God bless him — and you.

Father Brown
Are you or someone you love dealing with separation or divorce? The Archdiocese strives to make known Christ’s healing love, so that all who suffer from separation and divorce might experience new life, reconciliation and restoration, meet people in a similar position and find help to rebuild their own lives. We also recognize that separated and divorced people are not mere recipients of the Church’s compassion; they are ministers of that compassion. Through their vulnerability, suffering, courage, faithfulness, and patient endurance they bear witness to Christ and his redeeming grace in the world. New Beginnings: a Catholic Divorce Ministry group in Marin (St. Hilary Parish) meets the 2nd Friday of the month (6:30pm) – contact Karen (415-250-2597). A Spanish-speaking group meets at Our Lady of Loretto/Novato the 3rd Friday (7:00pm) – contact Victoria (702-460-3116).

Doing some year-end tax planning? If you have to take a minimum distribution from your IRA and you don't need the money, please consider a Charitable IRA rollover to Saint Hilary Church. You save on taxes while supporting our mission to continue the work of Jesus right here in your neighborhood!

http://www.sthilary.org/our-call-to-stewardship.html
Pasta Night
6:00 p.m. — Saturday, Jan. 19th
Tarantino Hall
All are welcome!

St. Hilary Christmas Schedule

Confessions:
Communal Penance Services with Individual Confession and Absolution (several priests hearing confessions):
Mon., Dec. 17, 7:00 PM in Sausalito at Saint Mary Star of the Sea
Tue., Dec. 18, 7:00 PM in Mill Valley at Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Wed., Dec. 19, 7:00 PM in Tiburon at Saint Hilary of Poitiers

Confessions at Saint Hilary:
Friday, Dec. 21, at 9:00 AM
Saturday, Dec. 22, at 4:00 PM
Monday, Dec. 24, at 9:00 AM

Christmas Eve Masses:
3:00 PM Children’s Pageant Mass: Fr. Brown
5:00 PM Family Mass with Children’s Choir: Fr. Ginter
7:00 PM Sing-Along Christmas Carols with our Schola Cantorum
7:30 PM Candlelight Mass with Adult Choir: Fr. Brown

Christmas Day Masses:
7:30 AM Quiet Mass at Dawn (with no music): Fr. Ginter
9:00 AM Family Mass: Fr. Brown
11:00 AM Mass with Adult Choir: Fr. Ginter

No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

Thank you for your generosity to your parish at Christmas time, which helps St. Hilary stay in the black, and pay our bills.

Looking For an Exceptional Catholic Education?
Join the fun at Saint Hilary School in Tiburon!

Saint Hilary School is a K-8 Catholic school where children receive an exceptional academic and religious foundation, allowing them to develop their unique personal and intellectual gifts.

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Application Deadline: 1/31/19

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The St. Hilary Tiger says:

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

Think about it…

This Week at St. Hilary Parish

✿ Monday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve
10:00am Confessions
3:00pm Children’s Pageant Mass
5:00pm Family Mass with Children’s Choir
7:00pm Sing Along Christmas Carols
7:30pm Candlelight Mass with our Adult Choir

✿ Tuesday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day
7:30am Quiet Mass at Dawn: no music
9:00am Family Mass
11:00am Mass with Adult Choir

No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

✿ Wednesday, December 26
6:30am Men’s faith sharing group

Rest In Peace
Mr. William Newsome

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH? IF NOT, PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO SEND YOU AN OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM.

Name___________________________________________________________
Address_________________________________________________________________________________________________________
City____________________________________________________       Phone_________________________________________
Email_________________________________________________________     Year you moved into the parish?_____________

Have you changed your address, phone number or e-mail address?
Pleased return this form to help us keep in touch with you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday:  2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21

Masses at St. Hilary’s — December 24 to 30
Monday 8:30am A Special INT Fr. Brown
CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: MONDAY, DECEMBER 24
3:00pm Fr. Andrew Ginter Fr. Brown
5:00pm Fr. William Brown Fr. Ginter
7:30pm Sr. Dolores Maguire, CHF — INT Fr. Brown
CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25
7:30am A Special INT Fr. Ginter
9:00am Diana Rittenhouse INT Fr. Brown
11:00am Donald Wilson INT Fr. Ginter
Wednesday 8:30am Men & Women in Military Law and Fire Protection INT Fr. Ginter
Thursday 8:30am Living & Deceased of St. Hilary Parish Fr. Brown
Friday 8:30am Matthew Cevallos RIP Fr. Ginter
Saturday 9:00am Laura Ugatta INT Fr. Ginter
Saturday 5:00pm Larry Butera RIP Fr. Brown
Sunday 7:30am Jeanne Cabeal RIP Fr. Ginter
Sunday 9:00am Jerry Connelly RIP Fr. Ginter
Sunday 11:00am Robert Milar RIP Fr. Brown
Sunday 5:00pm A Special INT Fr. Brown