


**December 25, 2011
The Nativity of the Lord**

Christmas is, first and foremost, about God the Father's love for us. ...Christmas is also about Jesus' love for us, and the example that he gives. ...Christmas is also about the love that we have for one another. ...If we do nothing else this Christmas but keep God's message of love in our hearts and minds, we can help to build a world that truly does have peace. Whether in large ways or small, the love we share will bring us closer to understanding the love God shares with us. It starts here with Christmas. It starts with remembering that Christmas is about love.

— *Bringing Home the Word*



Dec. 26, 2011— Jan. 1, 2012

Mon, 12/26	<u>St. Stephen/Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22</u> 8:00 
Tues, 12/27	<u>St. John/1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8</u> 8:00†Larry Rodrigues—Manuel & Maria José Sousa
Wed. 12/28	<u>The Holy Innocents/1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18</u> 8:00†Anna A. Morgan—Mr & Mrs Manuel S. Rodrigues †Michael Franzese—Hickey Family
Thurs, 12/29	<u>St. Thomas Becket/1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35</u> 8:00†Rose Galvin—Mr & Mrs Manuel S. Rodrigues
Fri, 12/30	<u>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</u> <u>Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Lk 2:22-40 [22,39-40]</u> 8:00†Leonard Brabec—Marianne Powers
Sat, 12/31	<u>St. Sylvester I/1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18</u> 8:00†Venancio C. Azevedo—M/M Manuel S. Rodriguez 5:00†Lorraine Fitzgerald—Friends
Sun, 1/1	<u>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</u> <u>Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21</u> 8:00 Fran Werr—SCC Group Maria Penner—Marie McCrary 10:00†Dorothy Kukulski—Linda Pagnella, Bobbie Morrison 12:00†Mary Alice Couto—Jose & Dolores Silveira



Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
Fridays—8:30 —10:30 AM
Adoration Chapel

“The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace.”
—Pope John Paul II



Holiday Mass Schedule
2012

New year's Eve
(Regular Schedule—5 PM)

New Year's Day

Masses: 8 AM • 10 AM • 12 PM



WELCOME TO ST. ANGELA MERICI

And with your spirit!!

If you are visiting our parish for the first time, we hope you found the worship experience authentic, praiseworthy and welcoming.

On November 27th of this year, the English speaking Catholic churches throughout the world began using the Revised Roman Missal. So much has changed and been added over the years that it was time for a new edition of the sacred texts of our liturgy. The translation (from the Latin to English) took many years, and as a result, some of our responses and prayers have changed.

The most significant change you probably have noticed is the response “And with your spirit” instead of, “And also with you” when our priest says “The Lord be with you”. We are all still in the process of getting used to the new wording, and sometimes have to smile when we all say something different!

If you would like more information about the theology, the whys and whos of this new translation, please visit our website stangelapacificgrove.org and go to either our Links page or Liturgy page where you will find some explanations.

Thank you for worshipping with us, and we hope that you come back.

Have a Blessed Christmas and Holy New Year!!



It's that Time of Year: *TAX SAVINGS!*

Now is the time to take advantage of tax savings. Your year-end gift of cash or stocks or property may qualify as a tax deduction. Cash donations to St. Angela Merici Church before the end of the year qualify, as do stock and property donations if held at least 12 months before donation to the church or other charity.

Our parish will use your donation as you wish or, lacking direction, we will use your gift to meet our greatest needs such as a sound system for our church. Your year-end donation expresses your dedication and appreciation for our parish, its family and staff, and its spiritual vision as a welcoming community, becoming the Body of Christ through Eucharist, Evangelization, and Stewardship.

Thank you for considering a special year-end gift that helps both you and our parish.

Weekly Collections

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The Plate collection for December 17 & 18 was **not available at the time of publication**. The parish needs \$9,500 each week to meet its plate income budget goal. Plate income represents 65% of our income requirement. The balance comes from special donations, the AMA campaign, the endowment fund and other sources.

This Week at St. Angela Merici

Mon 12/26		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
Tues 12/27		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
Thurs 12/29	7:00 pm	AA Meeting	Rm 7
Fri 12/30	8:30 am 6:30 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament PG Friday AA	Ch Rm 6
Sat 12/31	11:00 am	Baptism	Ch



Well, well, word must have gotten around that we needed help with our landscaping. These little “dears” came over one day and worked all around the Victorian House and over by the parish hall. Of course, they aren’t exactly your typical volunteers like our Green Thumbers. They work for food! And they are kind of laid back—on no real time schedule; just come around when they feel like it. What a life!

Pete Cullen

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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THE GIFT OF GOD’S WORD



On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God’s Word.

Because it is creative, God’s Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God’s Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God’s word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God’s Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God’s Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

RCIA For Children and Youth

Children who have reached the age of seven and have yet to be baptized must be prepared for Baptism and the Sacraments of Initiation through the RCIA process. Classes are held on Sundays.

- 10:00 am Mass w/Dismissal following the Homily
- 11:00 am – Noon Catechesis w/Sponsor

Join us in Classroom 6 — A sponsor, who is a relative or another adult, joins the youth each Sunday.

For further information, call the parish office, 655-4160

Stewardship



“Do not be afraid, for behold I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.” The infant in the manger allays all fears. Jesus, the supreme teacher of stewardship, shows the love of God, which seeks us out and witnesses this love in the meager dwelling of our humanity, and of a manger. How are we stewards of the indwelling presence of Christ?

Time to get rid of your old car? Donate it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul’s National Vehicle Donation Program.

The car will be picked up within 24 hours. The tax paperwork will be sent to you. Your donation will be tied directly to your community —food, clothing, shelter, care for the elderly, or medicine for someone in your immediate area. Call 800-322-8284 or go to our website www.svdpusacars.com.



First Time Ever: Catholic Ads Airing Nationally on Prime-Time Network TV

Starting December 16, CatholicsComeHome.org will begin airing Catholic TV ads nationwide, inviting relatives, friends, and others to return home to the Catholic Church.

Help now to usher in the largest family reunion in Church history!

Pray and spread the word
by sharing this link with all Catholics you know:
www.CatholicsComeHome.org/Advent

Automatic Electronic Donations Authorization Form

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	ENVELOPE/DONOR #	DATE
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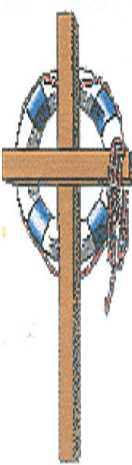
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CHECKING / SAVINGS	<p>Please debit my donation from my (check one):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (staple a voided check below)</p>	<p>Routing Number: _____</p> <p>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</p> <p>Account Number: _____</p> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;"> </p>
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Retrouvaille
A Lifeline for Marriage

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? - Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? **Retrouvaille** is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **January 20-22, 2012**, call 832-479-1260 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



2011 Registration
St. Angela's Children's Center

St. Angela's Children's Center is accepting applications for new students at this time.

Our preschool program is an outreach ministry of St. Angela Merici Parish serving children ages 2—6 of all faiths.

Our facility is licensed by the California Department of Social Services (License #270709281).

Please call 372-3555 for an appointment to tour the preschool and meet the teachers.
www.stangelaschildrenscenter.org

**St. Angela's Catholic Church
Parish Registration Form**

Date: _____

Head of Household: Date of Birth _____

Catholic other _____

First Name (please print) Last Name

Street Address

Phone Alternate

Occupation: _____ Retired from: _____

Please list all children living at home:

Name Birth Date

Spouse: Date of Birth _____

Catholic other _____

First Name (please print) Last Name

City Zip

e-mail

Occupation: _____ Retired from: _____

I am interested in receiving the Sacrament of
Baptism self spouse child
First Eucharist self spouse child
Confirmation self spouse child

I would like to support St. Angela Merici by using:
 Electronic Transfer Offering Envelopes

You are important to us! Please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or mail to the parish office at 146 8th Street, Pacific Grove, 93950. Registration forms can also be found in our Parish Library. Thank You!



Please pray for: Lewis & Madelen Adam, Gus Aiello, Jr., Frances Avanzino, Jonathon B., Ruben Baez, Jeanne Bangham, Bill, Mark Bogacz, Lena Bolivar, Eileen Bradshaw, Debbie Bremser, Charles Brugnetti, Kathryn Butler, Emily Cabral, Rito Carlos, Frank Carmenita, Pauline Chow Hoon, Inez Cirkman, Mary Conway, Sandra Crocket, Sam Daniel, Francis & Renee Davi, Lisa Davis, Frank Deniz, Jordan Denton, Dolores Diaz, Antonio Di Girolamo, Larry & Micki Ferguson, Patrick Ferguson, Jeff Figuerres, Francis, Barbara Furtado, Norma Gambito, Eileen Gapko, Joshua Garcia, Sun Cha Garner, Gay Halloran, John J. Halloran, Cloyde Harris, Don Harris, Kim Haugen, Wendell Heald, Kristina Howard, Kate, Kathy V, Richard Keeling, Patti Kilmartin, Laverne Kipka, Sonja Kipka, Elena Kirkby, Kirkpatrick, Joelyn Knapp, Charles Kozanecki, Siggi Krovelis, Mike Lange, Jan, Marie Laveyssierra, Yung Lee, David Leslie, Bernice Losch, Manuel Machado, Phyllis Mageau, Vera Mager, John Mark Manger, Judy Marhand, Margaret McSwain, Megan, Dave Meyer, Danny Mueller, Susan Neary, George O'Donnell, Emily Owens, Jeanette Owens, Agnes & Theresa Padilla, Pablo & Doreen Palancia, Vinnie Patalano, Irving Phillips, Sue Polden, Randolph Porter, Frank & Ofelia Ramond, Ethel Rebelo, Doyle Rickenbacker, Joseph Rollo, Ruth Russell, Kathleen Ryan, Trudy Santos, Lisa Santos, Ian James Scarborough, Ann Marie Schwartz, Ana Serna, Pat Share, Sy Sherman, Idalina Silva, Joe Silva, Helene Sinkler, Cathy Sisson, Yvonne Smith, Lisa Stanley, Ellen Sweigert, Kathy Terry, Alisha Trover, Jesse V., Mary Vaughn, Luke Walls, Helen Walsh, Barbara Wecker, Alice Weseley, Scotty Wright.

If you know of someone who needs our prayers, please contact the Parish Office. Names will remain on the prayer list for a maximum of 3 months at which time they will be removed. If you wish to have someone remain on the list, or removed, please call the parish office at 655-4160 with your request.



St. Angela Merici women are invited to a meeting of Church Women United on Friday, January 6th, at Hays CME Church, located at 625 Elm Street in Seaside. We will start with a coffee social at 9:30 a.m., followed by a program regarding Human Rights called "Embracing Our Oneness." Call Anne at 375-7674 if you have any questions.

If you have a family member serving in Afghanistan or other foreign countries, who needs our prayers, please contact the Parish Office, 655.4160. If you know that someone listed here has completed his/her tour of duty overseas, please let us know so they can be removed from this list.

Please pray for the safe return of the following men and women serving in our Armed Forces overseas:

Joseph Alhadi	Tyler Johnson
John Castillio	Matt Kelley
Lou Castillio	Katie Mauer
Gary Christensen	Ryan McCormick
Heather Christianson	Michael Montes
Scott Depies	Scott Paim
Eddie Diaz	Rick Philips
Time Drakes	Justin Reetz Laiolo
Scott T. Ellison	Paul Ross
Chad Field	Tyler Sharrett
Dennis Fitzpatrick	Robert Spadoni
Marilyn Garcis	John Smith
Daniel Paul Huffman	Matthew Sysak
Mario Iglesias	Kevin Joseph Tavares
Kyle Ivers	Gabriel Villalobos