

Happy New Year!

Filled with God's blessings and pleasant surprises

January 2019



2019??
Already?

Pope Francis invites the faithful to entrust their hearts to all and to see her as a messenger of hope. He tells us, "Mother of the Redeemer goes before us and continually strengthens us in faith in our vocation and in our mission." By her "example of humility and openness to God's will," she helps us to transmit our faith in a "joyful proclamation of the Gospel to all, without reservation." "In this way, our mission will be fruitful, because it is modeled on the motherhood of Mary." He calls us to entrust to her "our journey of faith, the desires of our heart, our needs and the needs of the whole world, especially of those who hunger and thirst for justice and peace." "Let us invoke her: Holy Mother of God!" he said. "Mary is our Mother, too", the Pope stressed, "ever since Jesus, dying on the cross, gave her to us as our Mother, saying: 'Behold your Mother!'"



Next meeting: Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019

"Discipleship in the Sacred Hearts Way"

Don't miss this one!



Presenter: Rev. Father Herman Gomes, ss.cc.
Provincial Superior USA

January Calendar

1 Solemnity of Mary,
Holy Mother of God
New Year's Day Holiday 

4 First Friday

5 First Saturday

6 Epiphany of the Lord

13 Baptism of the Lord
Associates and GM SB meet

12:30 Small Sale
1:00 Adoration
1:30 Speaker: Fr. Herman
2:00 Sharing
2:15 Refreshments

17 St. Anthony

20 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 Martin Luther King Holiday

22 World Youth Day

23 St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope

24 St. Francis de Sales

25 Conversion of St. Paul

26 SS. Timothy and Titus

27 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catholic Schools Week
Last Sunday Adoration 

28 St. Thomas Aquinas

31 St. John Bosco



On the 31st of December,
Before 12 AM,
Go into a room by yourself,
After 12 AM,
Run out of the room and
yell to your family,

**"OH MY GOD, I HAVEN'T
SEEN YOU GUYS SINCE
LAST YEAR!!"**



The December Associates meeting began with adoration in the chapel. Afterwards this month's guest speaker, Fr. Christopher Keahi, introduced himself as the newly appointed Secular Branch mentor from the Brothers' branch. He then went on to briefly relate his efforts to establish Secular Branch communities on Kauai and at St. Michael's on the North Shore. He also distributed two handouts from his files: an overview of the basic formation program for the SB and the duties of an SB mentor. Father apologized for the lack of enthusiastic involvement by the Brothers over the years. He explained that their work in parishes and their various priestly ministries do not leave them much time to focus their full attention on the Secular Branch. He thanked the Sisters for all the assistance they have given and continue to give to the SB. Father then changed the topic to the season of Advent, explaining that Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for the coming of Our Lord at Christmas. He told the Associates that the correct colors of Advent are violet and rose, not purple and pink, and that Advent is a season of subdued joy. Father ended his talk by asking everyone to pray for the SS.CC. priests and assuring the Associates that they are remembered at every Mass. Father then rushed off to say Mass at the Marine Base in Kaneohe.

The Christmas gift exchange followed Father's talk, and Sr. Dolores had the Associates pass the gifts while she played the piano. Each Associate received the gift that was in his hands when the music stopped. Since there were enough remaining gifts for everyone, Sr. Dolores had the Associates play lucky number. After everyone had received a second gift, one gift still remained, so Sr. Dolores drew a number from the box, and Sr. Joan Rita was the lucky winner.

Finally, Linda Jose gave an update on ordering shirts. Prices will be between eight and ten dollars and an additional three dollars for the embroidered logo. She took orders from the Associates and set the deadline for next month's meeting. The Associates then went to the dining room for refreshments, and Gilbert and Linda entertained everyone with stories from their recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land. *(Heartfelt thanks to Karen Kim for these minutes and to Sr. Ivy Yim for the photos)*



January SSCC Birthdays

- 3 –Gilbert Jose
- 5 –Bro. Richard Kupo
- 7 - Fr. Herman Gomes
- 10 –Aileen Kupihea
- 29 –Sr. Irene Barboza



Trevor's New Year's Eve party was an annual occurrence with many guests arriving. During the evening, a man knocked on the door, was greeted heartily although no one knew who he was, and was led to where the drinks were, in the kitchen. He sat there happily, chatting away, for a couple of hours before a strange light dawned on his face. 'You know,' he confided to Trevor, 'I wasn't even invited to this party. I just came over to tell you that some of your guests' cars are blocking my driveway.' He continued, 'My wife's been sitting out in the car waiting for me to get them moved, so that we can go out.'

