

REVISED: Important for the Weeks of December 5th and 12th, 2022

Dear **HFGS Families, Faculty, Staff, Students, and Friends,**

A Blessed Second Week of Advent!

We are grateful for the time spent by **Fr. Anthony, Fr. Alex, and Fr. Michael** during our student Confessions last Monday. Our priests listened attentively to prepare our 3rd through 8th grade students to welcome Christ this Advent. They helped "clear a way" for the Lord in our student's heart. Thank you dear priests and our Faculty for assisting our 3rd through 8th grade classes. "Just like the body cannot live without food, the soul cannot live without grace - the presence of God, the presence of the Holy Spirit." May the spirit of God who is embodied in Jesus Christ be with us as we work toward bringing about the kingdom in this Advent season and always.

Classroom Observations

The principal's visits in the classrooms last week confirmed the strength of our school programs and the dedication of our faculty to serve our students well. Student and teacher interactions, creativity, differentiated instruction, utilization of technology, classroom management, group dynamics, teacher modeling, effective teaching-learning strategies, curious minds from questions asked, games, and graphic organizers were some of the amazing positives which were highlighted in every classroom. Congratulations to all our teachers and students for a job well done. Please continue to focus on achieving our lesson objectives and successful student learning everyday.

Congratulations, Fr. Jeffrey Baker!

Fr. Jeffrey Baker was installed as the **new Pastor of St. Gregory The Great in Whittier, CA** on Saturday, December 3rd. Fr. Jeffrey is the son of Patti and Deacon Ron (an alum and who is currently serving as HFCC's Director of Operations for All Ministries). We celebrate, give honor to this pastoral installation, and share our pride and happiness with Fr. Jeffrey, his family, and the St. Gregory community. Fr. Jeffrey, Deacon Ron, his grandmother Ellie, and his brother Matthew are alumni of Holy Family Grade School.

Introducing New Members of Our Staff

Welcome, Miss Britney Valle (new Technology teacher) and **Miss Annabelle Samija** (Office Assistant). Miss Valle brings her gifts and talents from CalState Los Angeles and with her substitute teaching experiences from various schools to Holy Family Grade School. Miss Valle will begin on December 12th.

Miss Annabelle Samija is a graduate of Holy Family Grade School and still active in the parish. Miss Samija, being a part of the Holy Family community, looks forward to working alongside the faculty who helped guide her through elementary school and provided her with the help needed in order to further succeed.

Miss Allyson Reyes now works as a teacher assistant (for Kinder, 1st, and 3rd grade classes), yard duty and ASC, After-School Care supervisor.

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Mon. 12/5 - Recycling Day/ **Happy Birthday, Miss Alma Stone!** / **ACRE**, Assessment of Children or Youth Religious Education Reviews and Tests for 5th and 8th Grade classes will begin and end on December 9th / **Santa Shop** Day #1

8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - **8th Grade Mock Interviews**

Tues. 12/6 - **Santa Shop** Day #2

12:00 p.m. - Noon Dismissal

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Faculty Meeting

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - PTO Board Meeting

Wed. 12/7

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Student-of-the-Month Assembly

Thurs. 12/8 - A Blessed Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. - 4th through 8th Grade morning break

9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - TK through 3rd Grade morning break

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Combined Grade School and High School Mass, HFCC

Fri. 12/9

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - **PTO - sponsored Faculty and Staff Christmas Celebration, GSA**

Sun. 12/11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Mon. 12/12 - Celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - HFCC Church Staff Meeting

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Church Clergy and Staff Christmas Lunch

Tues. 12/13

8:00 a.m. - 8:40 a.m. - School Mass

9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. - Fire Drill

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Christmas Potluck in Classrooms

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Faculty Meeting

Wed. 12/14

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Christmas Concert Rehearsals at UCCG, United Community Church in Glendale

Thurs. 12/15 - Jeans for Jesus

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Christmas Concert at UCCG

Note: Families and guests will please park at UCCG and HFCC parking lots. Thank you.

Fri. 12/16 - Christmas break begins. No School.

Note: Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

A prayer meditation to begin the week

Lord, let your light burn brightly in my heart that I may know the joy and freedom of your kingdom. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to witness the truth of your Gospel and to point others to Jesus Christ.

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

1 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

2 May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

7 In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

8 May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!

12 For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.

13 He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

17 May his name endure for ever, his fame continues as long as the sun! May men bless themselves by him, all nations call him blessed!

Advent blessings,

Dr. Suelto

References:

Fr. Anthony's Message

School Calendar

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary