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Church School Begins—Island in the Son



Island in the Son is our Church School theme for 2014-2015 which kicked off on September 7th, when 119 were present at the 10 a. m. Service!

Miss Gina is in her 4th year as Church School Director, and she and her team have an exciting year planned for Epiphany's youth. We must be doing something right to have **50 children** pre-registered for Church School.

Our Church School teachers this year are:

Nursery	Miss Mary and Miss Libby
Preschool – 1 st	Miss Betty-Jeanne
2 nd – 4 th	Miss Rebecca (Yea! She has come back home)
5 th – 6 th	Miss Alison (Welcome to our team!)
7 th – 9 th	Miss Melissa
10 th – 12 th	Miss Tan

Our classrooms are over-flowing. *“What a wonderful problem”,* or is it?

Currently: Preschool-1 st	13
2 nd -4 th	8
5 th – 6 th	12
7 th – 9 th	8
10 th – 12 th	6 - no class room available for this group.
Nursery	3

Although we are pleased to have dedicated parents driving their children to Church, this large number confirms the need for a larger worship space and **soon**.

Where will newcomer's children be placed?

(See Church School pictures on Pg. 5)

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COMMUNITY
SEEKING TO
KNOW CHRIST
AND TO
MAKE CHRIST
KNOWN.

PARISH NEWS

God is trying to tell me something again... All God's children are welcome at Epiphany

First I heard from a parent who told me her son said, "Miss Betty-Jeanne said this is God's house, no talking". I said to the Mom, I have said this. We discussed that her son knew the Lord's Prayer and I then told her that we often said it together on the rug. She smiled and I said I would talk with her son so there were no mixed messages being said by me.

At Epiphany our little ones (3-6 year olds) sit on the rug close to the Altar. I do say to them to be as quiet as possible while the service is being said by the priest. However, in my own defense, I never intended for the children to not sing along with a hymn or say the Lord's Prayer.

Then the following week I received "The Living Church", opened the magazine and began reading an article entitled, "Jump into the Stream". This story was about a family with a 2 and 4 year old going to a new church while on vacation. They missed the Family Service, and being good Episcopalians went to the next service available. The 2 year old got fussy so Dad took him out to the Narthex.



After church a woman came up to them and said, *"It was very inconsiderate for you to bring your children in here. They don't get anything out of it, and you've running worship for 200 adults."*

This article brought tears to my eyes – I knew then that I needed to talk to my class. Obviously I was sending mixed messages to some of the children. I have been teaching this age for over 35 years and as you see I am still learning from the children, parents and God.

All I need to do is listen for God's messengers and respond.

Miss Betty-Jeanne

Stewardship – "I am thankful for..."

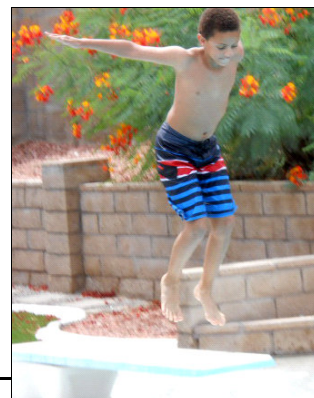
On September 14th Zavian Makhathini (age 10) gave the following talk at the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist.

"I've been a member of Epiphany since my family found this church which is since 2005. I am thankful for this church because it's family friendly and how everyone is so nice. I am thankful for Church School because a group of people are committed to teach the kids more about Jesus.

Thank you for letting me help and acolyte.

I am thankful for gatherings and pool parties.

I am thankful for the guidance that Epiphany has provided to me."



PARISH NEWS, cont.

Church School Teacher's Retreat

On August 14 the Church School Committee met from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Betty-Jeanne's to have a light dinner and discuss the upcoming Church school year. Registrations began August 31 and kick off was **September 7th**.



The curriculum will continue to be "Living the Good News" **Preschool through 6th grade.**

Middle School – 7th – 9th grades will continue to use lesson plans from National Church and great discussions follow.

High School continues to grow and now has 6 students. Once a month they all sit together for the Mass, and each year they plan what Outreach and Social activities will be done in the coming year ahead.

Nursery - Mary Feyt and Libby Hausrath head up this wonderful group of volunteers to take turns in the Nursery each Sunday. Won't you volunteer to give one Sunday to our little ones. Remember you must be certified through Safeguarding God's Children prior to volunteering in the Nursery.

Registrar@episcopaldioocese.org

Acolyte Vestments Needed

Won't you assist our Acolytes as they grow – our youth have outgrown their Albs.

Larger sizes are needed **Cost \$130.00 each.**

Connie Barlow, Acolyte Mom has requested the following

1 (size 5'10) 2 (5'6-5'8)

Please see either Connie or Betty-Jeanne if you are able to assist in the purchasing of these Albs. Our Acolytes serve faithfully every Sunday, if you are able – mark your contribution in the memo section of your check "**Alb**".



MORE PARISH NEWS

From the Treasurer: Susan Baker

If a problem occurs with your credit card or charging your pledge, please notify **Susan Baker** **immediately**. Nevada State Bank charges \$10 per transaction fee if Church of the Epiphany is unable to put through your credit card or bank account pledge.

Vestry Corner

Your Vestry needs your help - won't you lend your expertise to

Carolyn Sabo – Marketing Epiphany ideas

Kristen Makhathini – Stewardship ideas

Laura Canon – Hospitality ideas

Cindy Berg - Care & Calling (please join us)



If we all work together we will become even stronger. Please say you will help.

Rummage Sale September 13th

We made close to \$500.00 for Camp & Mission Trips. Although it was a slow day - we had fun. Next time we hope more parishioners will be able to donate items and to help out. It really is a lot of fun! Tristen and Connor had a great time with Jazmyn Rex., and she loved the treasures (and shoes!)



CHURCH SCHOOL PICTURES



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Next Newsletter
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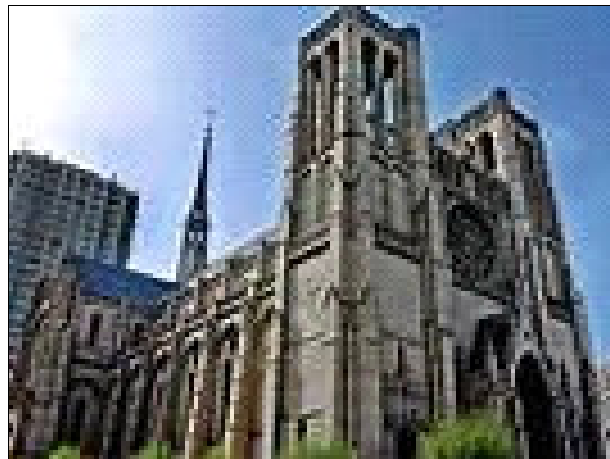
Epiphany Parishioners Newly Transferred In

Dante Wells
Carol Haley
Erin Lewis Stevens
Jason & Rebecca Dixon
Evelina Jimenez

Let us welcome the newly baptized

On July 27th we welcomed Roland Mora into our church family.

Our New Worship Space



Do you recognize this beautiful edifice? If not, see the answer at the bottom of the article.

Needless to say, this is NOT our new worship space, nor would we really want it to be. Surely we are looking for a more homey and welcoming spot in which to grow our congregation. And we are looking—hard! If you read the pg. 1 article about the crowding of our church school, you understand just how dire our situation has become. When you come to the Wine Tasting Event on Oct. 25, look around and think how nice it would be if we did not always have to move everything out of the Nave in order to put on such affairs.

When the right place is found, remember what Carolyn Sabo has told us, that we will need to have the money immediately available in order to take advantage of such a find. If you have not already made a donation to the Building Fund, now is the time. Look at the train track at the rear of the Nave and see how far we have already come. Our new worship space truly is in sight.

And so, what is that building shown above? If you said, San Francisco's Grace Cathedral, you are a winner. Now make Epiphany a winner as well!