

## November 30-December 6

*Be watchful! Be alert!*

*You do not know when the time will come. ~ Mark 13:33*

## Reflections for the Week

*First Sunday of Advent*

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### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;  
Mk 1:1-8



### Please pray for the healing of our parishioners and extended family:

Jim McLoughlin, Fr. Tom Seagrave, Jerry O'Leary, Maureen and Don Francis, Mary Dunn, Mike and Gabriel Marty, Patrick Lee, Judy and Charlie Liteky, Jim and Nancy McDonald, Chuck Witherell, Mary Purpura, Josephine Small, Teresa Hyatt, Mary Donnelly, and all our community members who reside in assisted living and care facilities.

This list and additional prayer requests may be found on the "Circle of Prayer" link on our Website [www.sjog.net](http://www.sjog.net); it is also available through email.

To request prayers for someone and/or receive the "Circle of Prayer" by email please contact Judy Laxen at [judithfl@aol.com](mailto:judithfl@aol.com).

### Mass Intentions:

#### November 28-December 4 (Fri-Thurs.)

Fri.	Rodrigo De Guzman	12:10pm
Sat	Support Staff at UCMED	4:15pm
Sun.	Marie Hannon (RIP)	9:30am
Sun	Dr. & Nurses at UCMED	11:30am
Mon.	Pellanda/Bosso Families (Living)	12:10pm
Tues.	Marie Hannon (RIP)	12:10pm
Wed.	Ann&Pat O'Connor (50th Anniv)	12:10pm
Thurs.	Phil Thurman (Thanks!)	12:10pm

### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent
Monday:	World AIDS Awareness Day
Wednesday:	St. Francis Xavier
Thursday:	St. John Damascene
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	St. Nicholas; First Saturday

### WATCH!

"Watch!" This word occurs three times in today's Gospel passage. Moreover, it is placed at significant points: the beginning, the center, and the end. Though this is technically a parable, it is quite short (four verses). The threefold repetition of "watch" leaves no doubt as to what the story is about.

We often think of Advent as a time of waiting, but it truly is a season of watchfulness, a very active form of waiting for the coming Day of the Lord. It is that day, more than Christmas day, that the Christian community faithfully expects, using all of our gifts and talents for this purpose, as Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Corinthians. When we use these gifts in faithful watching and expectation, we become like the servants of the parable, set to their tasks, not waiting around idly, but engaged in the master's work until his return. May our Advent be a time when we return or rededicate our lives and our communities to this work—the active and diligent faithfulness that the Lord will expect to find.

### Bring a Friend ~ ALL ARE WELCOME !

At St. John of God, we follow the example of our Patron Saint who opened his doors to all in need. We ask that all who come to seek God's Grace honor Universal Diversity when we come together to worship as a community. A special time is during the prayers of the faithful : We all meet each other with compassion and respect.

If you have a desire to join a community of wonderful friends who accept all,

**PLEASE COME JOIN US!**

**ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – CAN YOU HELP?**

Don't let the lovely weather fool you – summer is long gone and it's that time of year again – time for the St. John of God Raffle! We will begin ticket sales soon and the drawing will be held **December 21** – just in time for Christmas. The parish counts on the income from this annual fundraiser to end the year in the black. **Can we count on you to lead the way to another successful year?** Your early contribution will help underwrite the cash prizes and other expenses for the raffle. All underwriters will be acknowledged, **unless you let us know you want your contribution to be anonymous.** Any contributions in excess of the amount needed for underwriting will be allocated to general operations at St. John of God. Please send your check (payable to St. John of God Church and marked "for raffle underwriting") to Susan Fox, 684 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94118 or drop it in the collection basket at church. **If you prefer, you may make your underwriting gift online at [www.sjog.net](http://www.sjog.net)** Just click on "Donate Now" and choose "raffle underwriting."

**Around the Community  
City and SF Bay**

**December 6 : Mass and Christmas Pot Luck  
Saturday 4:15pm**

Join us for our Annual Christmas Celebration!  
For more information contact: **Judy Laxen, [judithfl@aol.com](mailto:judithfl@aol.com)**

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! Food Bank Work Day  
February 7th – St. John of God parishioners will once**

again have an opportunity to make a difference for the hungry in our City. On **Saturday, February 7th from 9 a.m. to noon** we will be working at the Food Bank's warehouse. Possible projects include sorting donated food, repackaging food, labeling cans and/ or packing food boxes for distribution to the poor. Please call **Liz Heaney at 415-596-0591** if you are interested in volunteering. The minimum age on Saturdays is 8 years old. This is a good opportunity to have your kids learn about giving back and volunteering.

**LIKE A CHILD**

One who aspires to the grace of God  
must be pure, with a heart as innocent  
as a child's.  
—St. Nicholas

**Great 1/2 price tickets to City Tours in December!  
Napa & Sonoma Wine Tasting Tour**

A full day of tasting in two top California Wine Regions  
In the morning, you will visit Sonoma for tasting at small, boutique wineries. You will stop in Sonoma Square for lunch, shopping, and a small break. In the afternoon, you will sample wines from Napa Valley Tour starts at 9:15am daily

Full Price: \$88 | Goldstar Price: \$44\*

**Red & White Fleet's 60-Minute Bay Cruise**

One hour cruise around the Bay  
Ride past SF's Palace of Fine Arts, Alcatraz Island, and Angel Island Cruise under the Golden Gate Bridge - twice! Several cruises between 10am and 3:45pm every day Indoor and outside seating available Full Price: \$28 | Goldstar Price: \$14\*

**SF Movie Tour Perfect tour for movie buffs!**

Cruise around the city to see SF film locations from both current and past hit movies See places where films such as Dirty Harry, Mrs. Doubt fire, Princess Diaries, and Milk were filmed See the screens in the van of each movie as you pass by each location Full Price: \$49.00 | Goldstar Price: \$24.50\*

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"The time of Advent that we begin again today returns us to the horizon of hope, a hope that does not disappoint because it is founded on the Word of God "The journey is never finished. Just as in each of our own lives, there is always a need to restart, to rise again, to recover a sense of the goal of one's own existence. Mary serves as a "model of this spiritual attitude, to this way of being and of journeying in life." A hope that does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints!  
He is faithful!" ~ Pope Francis

**The Saint John of God Prayer**

*Dear God, through the intercession  
of St. John of God, patron of the poor  
and the sick, grant me the grace this day  
to greet every person that I meet with  
understanding and compassion.  
Reveal to me their needs and give me the  
means and inspire in my heart the humility  
and  
generosity of St. John so that I might be to  
them revelation of Christ's love. Amen  
~ Rev. Thomas L. Seagrave*

**Sunday, December 21, at 1:00 PM**

**We will be gathering to decorate  
the Church for Christmas after the  
11:30 AM liturgy on Sunday, December 21!**  
Questions? contact Bill Becker:  
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