

*November 27-December 3, 2016
First Sunday of Advent*

Reflections for the Week
*"You... must be prepared, for at an hour
you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."
Matthew 24:44*

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Today's Readings

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD'S house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

Readings for this Week

Monday: Is 4:2-6; 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: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

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 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

**Please pray for the healing of
Our parishioners and extended family**

Fr. Tom Burns, Msgr. Labib Kabti, Fr. Bill Brady,
Msgr. Mickey McCormick (former Pastors at SJOG)
Bob Donjacour, Joe Humphreys, Pat Hoffman,
Maureen and Don Francis, Mary Dunn, Mike Marty,
Patrick Lee, Charlie Liteky, Jim McDonald, Josephine
Small, Teresa Hyatt, Dalia & Estela Becerra and all
our members who reside in assisted living
& care facilities.

*Gracious God, You have given us many healing
remedies that are a benefit to us when we are sick.
Through the miraculous intercession of St. Anthony,
we ask Your blessing upon the medication prescribed
for those above (or add a name) so that they may
experience healing, and be restored to full health
in mind and body.*

Mass Intentions

November 25-December 1, 2016 (Fri-Thurs.)

Fri. Shemus Carolan (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm
Sat. 4:15pm
Sun. Christine Wachsmuth, RN (Blessing) 9:30am
Sun. Evelyn Rull (Rest in Peace) 11:30am
Mon. 12:10pm
Tues. Michael DeSouza (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm
Weds. Bob Donjacur (Healing) 12:10pm
Thurs. Patricia Faraher-Tognotti (Healing) 12:10pm

*Give the gift of a Mass Intention ~Life Blessings, RIP,
Anniversary, Happy Birthday! Contact the office.*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday: St. Andrew

Thursday: World AIDS Awareness Day

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday

FULFILL TODAY

*If what you did yesterday still looks big to you,
surely you have not done much today.*

—Anonymous

BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple.

As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways.

Let us be prepared.

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ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – CAN YOU HELP?

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 18 – 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 to cover raffle expenses will be counted in net income for the raffle and 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 4th 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.** Just click on "Donate Now" and choose "raffle underwriting." *Thank you for your support and generosity!*



Status of the Parish Office

Due to major water damage to the public & office bathrooms and the Business Office in the Rectory, the entire area will be closed until further notice.

The area is currently under renovation and the Office is currently located upstairs in the Front Room. **Business as usual!**

Please keep SJOG in your prayers as we all go through these improvements and thank you for your support.

Series Closing Talk: Archbishop Cordileone Reflects On Year of Mercy

Sunday, December 4, 2:00 – 3:00 pm #Mercy
Presentation Convent 2340 Turk Blvd, San Francisco

Sr. Rosina Conrotto, PBVM 415-614-5535 conrottor@sfarch.org

On December 4, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone closes the Presentation Sisters' Year of Mercy speaker series with "Reflections on the Year of Mercy." The talk is from 2:00 to 3:00 pm, followed by a break for refreshments. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows in the chapel from 3:15 to 4:15 pm and is open to all.

Community & Collections



Choir Practice: Nov 28

Monday Evening 7:30-9:15PM

All are welcome! Great Music this Season!

Maintenance Project: A number of members of the St. John of God community have begun a cleaning project that will take several months: deep cleaning of carpets, dusting various areas not normally accessible (rafters), oil/clean redwood wainscoting/side walls, etc. To facilitate the work, we will be removing the benches along the side aisles and storing them in an appropriate location in the hall until the end of the year. If you are interested in helping with the project or any part of the project, please contact Bob Gajewski at (415) 564-0249 or at ludski1@comcast.net.