

*December 4~10, 2016
Second Sunday of Advent*

Reflections for the Week

*The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.*

~Isaiah 11:9

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Today's Readings

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalms — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

Readings for this Week

- Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;
Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10;
Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b,
15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10;
Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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

Bob Donjacour~ special prayers for healing!
Fr. Tom Burns, Msgr. Labib Kabti, Fr. Bill Brady,
Msgr. Mickey McCormick (former Pastors at SJOG)
, 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.
Amen.*

Mass Intentions

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

Fri.	Kitty Dillon (Rest in Peace)	12:10pm
Sat.		4:15pm
Sun.	Laura Busby (2nd Anniv RIP)	9:30am
Sun.	Evelyn Rull (Rest in Peace)	11:30am
Mon.		12:10pm
Tues.	Susan (Birthday) & Dianne Collins	12:10pm
Weds.	Bob Donjacur (Healing)	12:10pm
Thurs.	Angel Fidelino (Rest in Peace)	12:10pm

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Nicholas
Wednesday: St. Ambrose;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Juan Diego
Saturday: International Human Rights Day

PREPARE THE WAY

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.

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ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – CAN YOU HELP?

It's that time of year again – time for the St. John of God Raffle! Ticket sales have begun 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!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Did St. Francis of Assisi invent the Christmas crib? Not exactly, but his devotion to the Incarnation and his love for the poverty of the Christ Child certainly popularized this beloved custom. Long before Francis, it was a custom at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome to enshrine a rich image of Mary, gilded and bejeweled, embracing the child Jesus. This church was founded as a kind of home for the feast of Christmas in the fourth century. In 1223, Francis was ready to celebrate this feast in a new way. In the tiny city of Greccio, he asked friends to prepare a place where they could experience the poverty and suffering embraced by Christ in his birth. It was a living scene: an ox from the barn, an ass from the stable, and peasants standing in for shepherds and kings. The night of the celebration was beautiful, the weather was warm, and people came in crowds, bearing candles and singing hymns that echoed through the forest. Francis himself chanted the Gospel and preached. The custom spread quickly, and by the sixteenth century cribs were seasonal features not only in church, but in the home. On December 17, the liturgy begins to unfold the Lord's birth before us, and it's the right time to follow this beautiful tradition. In Germany, each night throughout Advent children prepare a bedding for the manger. At bedtime prayer, a child places a single straw in the manger for each act of devotion or virtue performed during the day. If the children are good, then the Christ child will have plenty of soft bedding when he is placed in the manger on Christmas.

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Status of the Parish Office

The parish office is currently under renovation and currently located upstairs in the Front Room.

Business as usual! We need Mass Intentions.

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

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

Community & Collections

THIS WEEKEND!

Hospital Ministry 2nd Collection

