

December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent

Reflections for the Week

*There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know:
His coming to humankind, His coming into
humankind, and His coming against humankind.*
—St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*

Readings for the Day [Click Here](#)

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corpo-

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: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lk 3:1-6

**Please pray for our parishioners
& extended family:**

Rest in Peace:

Judy Laxen, Olga de Souza,
Josephine Small,
Martha Araj Ayoub & Mary Dunn

For Healing For:

Edith Bucoy, Elizabeth Wilson,
Annette Gabrielli, Pat Hoffman,
Joe Humphreys, Maureen Francis,
Ethel Friedrichs, Mike Marty, Patrick Lee,
Teresa Hyatt, Estela Becerra, &
Shirley Dela Cuz.

...and a special reminder to pray for those we know
now living in care facilities.

Mass Intentions

November 30, 2018– Dec.7, 2018 (Fri thru Thur)

Fri. Pat Tognetti (1st Annv. RIP)	12:10pm
Sat.	4:15pm
Sun. Judy Laxen (RIP)	9 :30am
Sun.	11:30am
Mon. Elizabeth Martin (RIP)	12:10pm
Tues. Laura Busby (RIP Anniv.)	12:10pm
Weds.	12:10pm
Thurs. Tennyson Lum (RIP)	12:10pm

Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

Birthday, RIP, Blessings, Marriage, Get Well
(Contact the Office)

Saints and Observances

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins
Monday:	St. Francis Xavier
Tuesday:	St. John Damascene
Thursday:	St. Nicholas
Friday:	St. Ambrose; First Friday Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Saturday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jemaah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be ealized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



ANNUAL FUNDRAISER NEWS
IT'S TIME FOR THE ST. JOHN OF GOD RAFFLE! WILL YOU PLEASE HELP?

Drawing will be held December 23.

The parish counts on this income from the annual fundraiser to end the year in the black – especially this year with extra expenses due to sewer line replacement.

Would you like to 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 increase the net gain for 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.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

One Mass only at 10:30 AM

Followed by the Christmas Party in Collins Hall. Come celebrate the Twelfth Day of Christmas with us! This will mark the beginning of the 100th Anniversary of our church building (1919-2019)!

(Please sign up to bring finger foods, but nothing that needs to be heated, as the oven in the kitchen is not working)

Please also bring non-perishable food items and/or clothing for the poor; These donations will be taken to Saint Anthony's Dining Room the following day.



Everyone enjoys this time together. Janice needs your help. It takes a village to replace Judy's contribution. Please volunteer and sign up after the 9:30 am Mass in the hall. Marleen Olivencia is coordinating this effort.

Sign up (or ask Janice) How You Can Help with the Coffee Hour (after 9:30 Mass).

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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 to inspire in my heart the humility and generosity of St. John so that I might be to them a revelation of God's Love. Amen.-
Rev. Fr. Thomas L. Seagrave

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Special Festive Mass at 12:10 PM

The Christmas Children's Mass

Save the Date

We will begin reading the Christmas Nativity story and celebrate during the Children's Mass.

This year, the Christmas Children's Mass will be on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, 2018 at 4:15 PM.

Thank you and let us know if you have questions from the last update! Classes resume this coming Sunday 12/2. And, don't forget to RSVP to George and Allie is you will join in on the Advent celebration on 12/2 as well! -Beverlie

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Monday, December 24, 2018 (Christmas Eve):

4:15 PM Children's Mass*

9:30 PM Service of Carols

10:00 PM Mass During the Night (followed by a finger-food reception in Collins Hall)

Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25, 2018

9:30 and 11:30 AM Mass During the Day*

Please Register with St. John of God

In a continuing effort to keep our community informed, if you have moved or changed your address/phone since the publication of The People Finder in 2014 please send a quick note to the office with your new contact information:

Adult Faith Formation

Rite of Christian Initiation

of Adults (RCIA) sessions:

Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, 340 Irving

Bible Study: Fridays, 6:30 to 8:00 PM, 340 Irving

Choir Rehearsal Schedule

December:

Monday, December 10 (usual second Monday)

Monday, December 17 (NONE on December 24)

Collections

Dec. 1-2 - Hospital Ministry
(first weekend of month)

December 8-9 - Retirement fund
For Religious

WHAT IS THE TRUE DATE OF CHRISTMAS?

Thursday, November 29, 2018

6:30 to 8:30 PM

Saint John of God, Collins Hall

1290 Fifth Avenue

(enter from courtyard on Fifth Avenue)

Our four-part series on “The Birth of Jesus in Our Time” will be more than simply an exploration of the celebrated texts related to the Christmas Season. These core texts will provide the framework for probing the meaning of Jesus and the Christ-event in our everyday lives as human beings and disciples of Jesus. The birth stories of great persons are legendary inspiring us to great transformation of thought, heart, and life. The Story of Old is forever new and we are responsible, as disciples of Jesus, to discover the call to justice inherent in that story. What day is not Christmas Day?

Each session is independent of one another. All are welcome as the emphasis explores the universal significance of the Birth of Jesus for the World.