

December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent

Reflections for the Week
“...and all flesh
shall see the salvation of God.”

Sunday's Readings

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First Reading — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or
Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the
Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
nos. 707-712
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab;
Mt 11:11-15
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: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7;
Lk 3:10-18

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

Rest in Peace:

Judy Laxen, Mildred Biesty, Josephine Small,
Martha Araj Ayoub & Mary Dunn

For Healing For:

Edith Bucoy, Elizabeth Wilson, Pat Hoffman,
Annette Gabrielli, Maureen Francis,
Joe Humphreys, Mike Marty,
Ethel Friedrichs, 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
December 7-13, 2018 (Fri thru Thur)

Fri.	Edith Bucoy (Continued Healing)	12:10pm
Sat.	Mila Rodrigues (RIP +) Pauline Picchi (2 yr RIP +)	4:15pm
Sun.		9 :30am
Sun.	Many Tonegato (Blessings)	11:30am
Mon.	For those Hurting	12:10pm
Tues.	MILDRED BIESTY (RIP+)	12:10pm
Weds.	Emma Lew (RIP +)	12:10pm
Thurs.	Bruce Samson (1yrs. RIP+)	12:10pm

Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

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

Saints and Observances

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Monday: International Human Rights Day
Tuesday: St. Damasus I
Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday: St. Lucy



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AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters. According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees. It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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Sr. Lilly is BACK!

Come and say "hello" December 15/16 !
Immaculate Conception Academy, an all-girls, College Prep Catholic High School located in the Mission District in San Francisco has implemented a work-study program and is looking for organizations to sponsor their students. The students are on site 36 weeks a year, 40 hours a week adding diversity, enthusiasm and a willingness to learn and succeed.
For more information please contact Sister Lilly at (415) 824 2052 ext 28 and/or visit ICA's website at www.icacademy.org



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 7:00 PM**

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER NEWS

**IT'S TIME FOR THE ST. JOHN OF GOD RAFFLE!
WILL YOU PLEASE HELP? Drawing will be held
December 23, 2018**

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. Just click on "Donate Now" and choose "raffle underwriting."

If you would like to help distribute tickets to parishioners or make announcements at Masses, contact Carrie LaBriola at mclabriola@aol.com.



Everyone enjoys this time together! Please volunteer with Janice and sign up after the 9:30 am Mass in the Hall. Marleen Olivencia is coordinating this effort. moliven@hotmail.com Thanks!

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*

All are Welcome! Enjoy Christmas with us!

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASES:

Monday, December 24, 2018 (Christmas Eve):

4:15 PM Children's Mass (see below)

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*

* The Night Readings will be proclaimed at all Masses.

The Christmas Children's Mass

Save the Date **December 24 at 4:15PM**

We will begin by reading the

Christmas Nativity Story

and celebrating during the Mass.

Let us know if you have questions

from the last update! -Beverlie

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

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

Adult Faith Formation

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) sessions:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Collins Hall (across the courtyard)

Part 2 of four-part series

"THE BIRTH OF JESUS IN OUR TIME"

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

340 Irving Street Entrance.

Choir Rehearsal Schedule

December:

Monday, December 10 (usual second Monday)

Monday, December 17 (NONE on December 24)

(there's still plenty of time for you to join our group!)

Collections

Dec. 8-9 Retirement Fund for the Religious

THE BIRTH OF JESUS IN OUR TIME

Our four-part series on the Birth of Jesus 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?

Four Thursday Evenings at St. John of God
San Francisco, CA

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

November 29, December 13, December 27, 2018, and January 10, 2019

November 29, 2018

WHAT IS THE TRUE DATE OF CHRISTMAS?
WHEN CAESAR AUGUSTUS WAS EMPEROR ...

December 13, 2018

IS CHRISTMAS PAGAN?
BEHOLD THE STAR AT ITS RISING

December 27, 2018

IS CHRISTMAS A HOLY DAY OR A HOLIDAY?
I BRING YOU GLAD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

JANUARY 10, 2019

WHERE WAS JESUS BORN?
AND YOU, O BETHLEHEM AND BY NO MEANS LEAST

Each session is independent of one another. All are welcome as the emphasis explores the universal significant of the Birth of Jesus for the World. Various religious, theological, and secular interpretations only serve to enhance the significant of the birth as an event in human history.

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