

**December 23, 2018**  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**Reflections for the Week**

*Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.*

*Luke 1:42*

**Today's Readings** [Click Here](#)

**First Reading** — From Bethlehem-Ephrata shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

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

**Second Reading** — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

**Gospel** — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;

Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21

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*Feliz  
Navidad*

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**Mass Intentions**  
**December 21-27, 2018 (Fri thru Thur)**

Fri.	Edith Bucoy (Continued Healing)	12:10pm
Sat.	Anne Biesty (RIP+)	4:15pm
Sun.		9:30am
Sun.	Mildred & Patrick Biesty (RIP+)	11:30am
Mon.		12:10pm
Tues.	James & Laura Busby (RIP+)	9:30am
Tues.	Gerald Rowley (RIP +)	11:30am
Weds.	Pat Hoffman (Healing Blessing)	12:10pm
Thurs.	John Duffy (RIP+)	12:10pm

**Give the gift of a Mass Intention.**

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

**Saints and Observances**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday: Vigil of Christmas

Tuesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)  
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday: St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa

Thursday: St. John

Friday: The Holy Innocents

Saturday: St. Thomas Becket

*Fifth Day within the Octave of  
the Nativity of the Lord*

**Christmas Eve Midnight Mass with  
Archbishop Cordileone, Livestreaming**

*Monday, December 24, 12:00 midnight*

*St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco  
sfarchdiocese.org/events/Christmas-midnight-mass*

On Christmas Eve, St. Mary's Cathedral will be filled with rejoicing as the Advent of the Savior transpires. The evening starts at 5:00 pm with caroling by the cathedral choir. At 5:30 pm is Christmas Vigil Mass. At 11:00 pm is caroling by the choir. And at Midnight Mass, 12:00 am, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone is the celebrant.

**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.

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## CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON SJOG 2018-2019

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018 (Christmas Eve):

4:15 PM Children's Mass: The children will perform the Nativity play in celebration of Christmas.  
9:30 PM Service of Carols Festive Music and Singing!  
10:00 PM Mass During the Night (followed by a snack/dessert reception in Collins Hall)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 (Christmas Day)

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

\* The Night Readings will be proclaimed at all four Christmas masses.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Collins Hall**

Part 3 of four-part series on "THE BIRTH OF JESUS IN OUR TIME"

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29-30

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Usual weekend Mass schedule

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019

THE OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

12:10 PM Festive Mass

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

One Mass only at 10:30 AM

Followed by the annual 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).

**(Sign up to bring finger foods ready to enjoy ~ limited oven space in Kitchen.)**

Please also bring non-perishable food items and/or clothing for the poor : Delivery to St. Anthony's Dining Room by parishioners the following day.



### SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JANUARY 12-13, 2019

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Usual weekend Mass schedule

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### Faith Formation

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) sessions:

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

340 Irving Street Entrance.

Religious Education classes will continue until Sun. 12/23/18 and resume Sun. 1/6/19 in celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 6:30 - 8:30 PM,**

Collins Hall Part 4 of four-part series on "THE BIRTH OF JESUS IN OUR TIME"

We are looking to start a Confirmation preparation class - a year and a half program with Kathleen Ohm starting in January. If you know students (7th-10th grades) who are interested in beginning this journey, please contact us!

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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*

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### A Christmas Thank You!

#### Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity

Thank you so much for the check that we received from St John of God's for the Bond Fund.

There is actually someone in particular we have in mind to use it for - Rony, an asylum seeker from Honduras that some of our congregations and faith leaders have been visiting during his 8 months in detention,. Our goal is to get him out before the Holidays as the only thing between him and freedom is \$10,000 bond.

Your \$1,000 pledge will help us get there!

Rev. Deborah Lee, Executive Director

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### 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. 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."

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