

# December 22, 2019

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Reflections for the Week

They shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."  
— *Matthew 1:23*

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14).

**Psalm** — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

**Gospel** — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24).

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### Readings for the Week

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

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

Wednesday: **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 2:1-14

**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]

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

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

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

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

### Please pray for our parishioners & extended family: Rest in Peace:

Judy Laxen, Dorle & Paul Gross, Josephine Small,  
Martha Araj Ayoub & David Desch

#### For Healing:

Edith Bucoy, Pat Hoffman, Tom Johnson,  
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 20– Dec. 26, 2019 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri.	Paul Tran (RIP+)	12:10pm
Sat.	Narsisco Jusay Jr. (RIP+)	4:15pm
Sun.	Don Mahoney (RIP+)	9:30am
Sun.	Peggy & Daniel McMahon (Spiritual Bouquet)	11:30am
Mon.	Estrella Cruz (RIP+)	12:10pm
Tue.	Darryl Mahoney (RIP+)	4:15pm
Tue.	(RIP+)	10:00pm
Weds.	James & Laura Busby (RIP+)	9:30am
Weds.	Gerald & Bernie Rowley (RIP+)	11:30am
Thurs.	Lowing Family (RIP+)	12:10pm

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

*Intention for Birthdays, Memorials, RIP, Blessings, Marriage, and Get Well.*

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. John of Kanty; Hanukkah begins
Tuesday:	Vigil of Christmas
Wednesday:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Thursday:	St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins.
Friday:	St. John
Saturday:	The Holy Innocents

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

#### TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to "tempt the LORD" in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord's enduring protection of God's chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew's reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

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### CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

Envelopes & pencils are in the pews to use for your donations which can be placed in the collection baskets. Your contributions make our Christmas liturgical environment possible. Please list the name (s) you want us to remember in prayer on the front. These envelopes will be in the pews during the Advent season.

We will acknowledge our donors & your intentions in a dedicated "Thank You" to be released during this Christmas Season. Thank you in advance for making our Christmas liturgical environment possible.

### Please Note Upcoming:

#### Epiphany is Sunday, January 5, 2020

**One Mass at 10:30am** -With Pot Luck Finger Food  
Only Luncheon After Mass. Please use the Signup Sheet in the Back of Church.

### Kitchen at Raphael House:

After nearly 25 years, we're at a critical junction in our ministry of volunteering in the kitchen at Raphael House, a long-time San Francisco shelter for homeless families. Our volunteer participation has shrunk and we may not continue in 2020 if we don't get more folks to sign up soon. This is a manageable commitment-volunteering 3 to 4 Sundays a year is enough. Also a great opportunity for families with older kids. Interested? Come once and try it out! Contact Mark Reedy (408) 733-3734. [Markr2121@aol.com](mailto:Markr2121@aol.com).

The Golden Gate Boys Choir, a Catholic boys choir, has two Christmas concerts on Dec. 15/19 at Cristo Rey Monastery & The Shrine of St. Francis.

### Catholic Charities Free Immigration Legal Consultations Available Through December 31, 2019

Call us at : **415.972.1238 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Catholic Charities of San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin offers free or reduced-cost immigration consultations and legal advice to those who qualify. Free consultation services are available through December 31, 2019. **Visit** [CatholicCharitiesSF.org/legalsupport](http://CatholicCharitiesSF.org/legalsupport) to learn more.

**Protecting God's Children:** If you believe you are victim of sexual abuse, please call the Archdiocesan Clergy Abuse Hotline: 415-614-5506. Clergy Abuse is very serious and a priority in our church for more information visit:

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

### 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

### Dear Friends, Job Opening

**Parish Secretary: St. John of God**—Is looking for a part-time (M-F) Parish Secretary who is a self-motivated-person with administrative skills. **Job Duties Include:** perform a full range of administrative/secretarial responsibilities; Maintain office record-keeping systems; a full range of office functions including effective interface with parishioners and visitors. **Required are:** excellent Communication skills, general computer knowledge and the ability to multi-task. Please Send resume to Fr. Narcis Kabipi: [akabipi@yahoo.com](mailto:akabipi@yahoo.com) or to the Office [@stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:@stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net).

**Principal Keyboard Musician**—St John of God is looking for a part-time Principal Musician with keyboard & vocal skills. Responsible for leading the community &/or accompanying the community for weekend services (Saturday PM; Sunday AM), Holy Days & other services (infrequent). Required are the ability to work independently in a self-motivated & self-directed manner working collaboratively with the Director of Parish Music Paul Please Send resume to Fr. Kabipi: [akabipi@yahoo.com](mailto:akabipi@yahoo.com) or to the Office [@stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:@stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net)

### Upcoming Important Dates:

Dec. 22 Nativity Play Practice

Dec. 22 Raffle Drawing will be held after 9:30am Mass

#### The Schedule of Christmas Masses:

Tuesday, December 24, 2019, 4:15 PM:

Children's Christmas Mass

Tuesday, December 24, 2019, 9:30 PM: Service of Carols

Tuesday, December 24, 2019, 4:15 and 10:00 PM: Christmas Mass

11:30 Reception (Potluck of Holiday Treats)

Wednesday, December 25, 2019, 9:30 and 11:30 AM,

Christmas Mass during the Day

**NEW YEAR'S DAY: THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - Festive Mass at 12:10 PM

### Religious Education Classes

#### Confirmation Classes for High School

Confirmation: St. John of God is currently underway **each Sunday** during the 11:30 AM Mass. It is not too late for additional students to join the class. Please contact **Kathy Ohm (415-902-5022) email: [kathvohm@gmail.com](mailto:kathvohm@gmail.com)** for more information.

**Pre-K and First Communion Classes** These Classes will begin again starting Sun. Sept. 8, 2019 at the 9:30am mass. The Religious Ed Team is expanding and looking for instructors for the program who enjoy working with grades Pre-K - 6th grades. Commitment would be hour classes per week, preparation time, Now till May 24, 2020. Catechist training through the Archdiocese is available. Contact Beverlie Leano at [torreano82@gmail.com](mailto:torreano82@gmail.com)



Please join us for coffee, tea, hot chocolate and pastries after the 9:30 Mass on Sundays. Janice, Coco and their friends welcome you with love and fellowship. Also Join the 11:30 Mass for their Coffee Hour with Coffee, Tea & Snacks. **Also be sure to Give Donation in the Tins marked Donation because this money helps pay for your Refreshments.**

### Second Collections- Up-Coming:

January 4/5 2020 Hospital Ministry

January 26, Church of Latin America

***Come Celebrate the Christmas Season  
with your friends, family, and loved ones  
at Saint John of God Catholic Church***

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, December 24, 2019**

**4:15 PM Children's Mass (Readings for Mass During the Night)**

**9:30 PM Singing of Carols**

**10:00 PM Mass During the Night**

**11:30 PM Reception (potluck of holiday treats)**

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019**

**9:30 and 11:30 AM**

**Christmas Mass during the Day (Readings for Mass During the Day)**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH (Sunday in the Octave of Christmas)**

**Saturday-Sunday, December 28-29, 2019 Regular weekend mass schedule**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY: THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

**Festive Mass at 12:10 PM**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**Saturday, January 4, 2020, 4:15 Vigil Mass**

**Sunday, January 5, 2020, ONE MASS ONLY AT 10:30 AM**

**Followed by Annual Parish Christmas Party (potluck) – 12:00 Noon;**

**Completion of Food and Clothing Drive for Saint Anthony's Dining Room**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**Saturday-Sunday, January 11-12, 2020 Regular weekend mass schedule**

# **THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

**ST. JOHN OF GOD – SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

**SEVEN THURSDAYS NIGHTS**

**6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

**October 10, 2019**

**PART I**

**THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF REVELATION  
THE INAUGURAL EXPERIENCE OF THE COSMIC CHRIST**

**October 24, 2019**

**PART II**

**THE SEVEN EPISTLES  
THE SEER ADDRESSES THE CHURCHES**

**November 21, 2019**

**PART III**

**THE HEAVENLY VISIONS  
THE CALL TO PRAISE**

**December 5, 2019**

**PART IV**

**THE PATTEN OF SEVEN – THE COSMIC LITURGY  
THE VISION OF HEAVEN AND THE NIGHTMARE**

**January 16, 2020**

**PART V**

**THE INTERLUDES  
INSIGHTS INTO UNIVERSAL SALVATION?**

**January 30, 2020**

**PART VI**

**THE COSMIC BATTLE  
SUDDENLY I SAW THE LAMB**

**February 13, 2020**

**PART VII**

**BEHOLD I SAW THE NEW JERUSALEM  
THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB**

# **THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

**ST. JOHN OF GOD – SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

**The Book of Revelation (The Apocalypse) sets the standard for the liturgical praise of God as Cosmic event with Global implications. In the midst of conflict and division, the Seer of Revelation experiences the peaceful dominion of God in a time of Imperial wrath. Often feared for its violence and harsh imagery, the Book of Revelation is ultimately a Book of Comfort rallying the Community of Disciples to follow the Lamb whose death is our life. We are called to stand for what is right and just in the midst of oppression and fear. Revelation is our definitive invitation to the wedding of the Lamb who comes to marry us in the fullness of time. This is a Book of Prayer, Praise, Comfort, and Vision.**