

## December 21-27

*The child to be born will be called holy,  
the Son of God.  
—Luke 1:35*

### Reflections for the Week

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

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#### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — I will fix a place for my people.  
(2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

**Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord  
(Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — To the only wise God, through Je-  
sus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-  
27).

**Gospel** — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it  
be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

#### Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

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

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

Thursday: **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, 1  
1-12; 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]

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

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

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3;  
Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12  
-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22,  
39-40]

#### Please pray for the healing of our parishioners and extended family:

Msgr. Labib Kabti, Fr. Tom Seagrave, Jerry O'Leary,  
Don Francis, Mary Dunn, Mike and Gabriel Marty, Patrick  
Lee, Charlie Liteky, Jim and Nancy McDonald, Mary  
Purpura, Josephine Small, Teresa Hyatt, Mary Donnelly,  
and all our community members who reside in assisted  
living and care facilities. This list and additional prayer  
requests may be found on the "Circle of Prayer" link on  
our Website [www.sjog.net](http://www.sjog.net); it is also available through  
email.

To request prayers for someone and/or receive the  
"Circle of Prayer" by email please contact  
Judy Laxen at [judithfl@aol.com](mailto:judithfl@aol.com).

#### Mass Intentions: December 19-25 (Fri-Thurs.)

Fri.	Laura Busby (Rest in Peace)	12:10pm
Sat	Rito Capili (Rest in Peace)	4:15pm
Sun.	Anniet and John Golden (RIP Anniv)	9:30am
Sun	Edward Minuzzo (RIP 9 yr Anniv)	11:30am
Mon.	Jose and Adela Baldivas (RIP)	12:10pm
Tues.	Laura Busby (Rest in Peace)	12:10pm
Wed.	Peggy & Dan McMahon (Blessings)	12:10pm
Thurs.	James and Laura Busby (RIP)	9:30am
Thurs.	Gerald Rowley (Rest in Peace)	11:30am

#### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Advent; Winter begins
Tuesday:	St. John of Kanty
Wednesday:	The Vigil of Christmas
Thursday:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Friday:	St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa
Saturday:	St. John



#### Bring a Friend ~ ALL ARE WELCOME !

At St. John of God, we follow the example of our Patron  
Saint who opened his doors to all in need. We ask that  
all who come to seek God's Grace honor Universal Diver-  
sity when we come together to worship as a community.  
A special time is during the prayers of the faithful : We all  
meet each other with compassion and respect.

If you have a desire to join a community of wonderful  
friends who accept all,

**PLEASE COME JOIN US!**

## ANNUAL FUNDRAISER THIS SUNDAY!

The drawing will be held **December 21 right after the 9:30 Mass** – and just in time for Christmas. The parish counts on the income from this annual fundraiser to end the year in the black. All of the raffle expenses (prizes, printing, postage, etc.) have been underwritten by generous parishioners, **Can we count on you to sell lots of tickets so we can end with another successful year?** Please turn in your tickets and checks (payable to St. John of God Church) or cash **before** the deadline of December 21 after the 9:30 Mass.

### Children's Mass !

Calling all children who want to participate in our annual Christmas Eve Children's Mass on December 24. We need angels, sheep, shepherds, magi, inn-keeper and narrators, as well as Joseph, Mary, and Baby Jesus. This traditional celebration of Christmas is very meaningful for the St. John of God community. Participation is also open to friends and family who may be just visiting for the Holiday. Please call Judy Grady 415.566.0163 or email her: [judithgrady19@gmail.com](mailto:judithgrady19@gmail.com) to volunteer.

### ECHOING MARY'S DECISION

The angel Gabriel today confronts Mary with a mystery. The mystery of salvation in Christ is not a mystery that is solved, but a reality beyond our comprehension that we must choose to enter into. In the liturgy of the Eastern Church, everyone waits to see if Mary will enter into the mystery: God waits, Adam and Eve and all the souls of the dead who long for paradise wait, angels wait for new heavenly companions. And there is much rejoicing when her decision is "yes."

### 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 and inspire in my heart the humility and generosity of St. John so that I might be to them revelation of Christ's love. Amen*  
~ Rev. Thomas L. Seagrave

## Around the Community City and SF Bay

### Join us in caroling—Saturday December 20

St. John of God Church is reviving a past tradition of caroling to the wider community. Join us in caroling at St. Anne's Home on Lake Street at 4th Ave, SF on Saturday December 20.

Music sheets provided. Parking excellent.

Families invited. We will gather there around 11:45AM to adjust halos and antlers before going in to sing.

E-mail Pat O'Connor at [kpatocconnor@att.net](mailto:kpatocconnor@att.net) or Judy Morrow at [judithmorrow@pacbell.net](mailto:judithmorrow@pacbell.net) to let us know you're coming.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Will be meeting in Ben's Room at 1:00 PM every Sunday, with the exception of December 21 and December 28. We would like to reserve this time slot (1-3 PM, Sundays) permanently on the calendar, as we have for the Friday night Scripture Study in Ben's Room.

### Decorate St. John of God Church - December 21 at 1:00 PM (after the 11:30 AM Mass):

We will be gathering to decorate the Church for Christmas after the 11:30 AM liturgy on Sunday, December 21! Use your creativity to enhance our Christmas Celebration! Decorating wreaths, Dressing Christmas Trees, Arranging Poinsettias, Setting Up the Crèche, Placing banners. There will be plenty to do, so the more the merrier! If you have any questions, please contact Bill Becker: Home: (415) 506-4153 Cell: (415) 971-0107. Thank you for Help!

### Scripture Study

Scripture Study will resume Friday, January 16, 2015 at 6:30 PM in Ben's Room. Subsequent dates: January 23, January 30, February 6, February 13. After that we will have the Lenten series (*without soup suppers this year*).

### SAVE THIS DATE: BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

**FOOD BANK WORK DAY** On Saturday, February 7th from 9 a.m. to noon. SJOG will work at their warehouse.

