

*December 11-17 2016  
Third Sunday of Advent*

*Reflections for the Week*

*Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return  
and enter Zion singing,  
crowned with everlasting joy.*

*-Isaiah 35:10a*

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**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

**Psalm** — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

**Gospel** — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

**Readings for this Week**

Monday: 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

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

**Please pray for the healing of  
Our parishioners and extended family**

Bob Donjacour~ special prayers for healing!  
Fr. Tom Burns, Msgr. Labib Kabti, Fr. Bill Brady,  
Msgr. Mickey McCormick (former Pastors at SJOG)  
, Joe Humphreys, Pat Hoffman, Maureen and Don  
Francis, Mary Dunn, Mike Marty, Patrick Lee, Charlie  
Liteky, Jim McDonald, Josephine Small, Teresa Hyatt,  
Dalia & Estela Becerra and all our members who  
reside in assisted living & care facilities.

*Gracious God, Please help the  
people hurting with any kind of  
emotional, spiritual or family issues .  
Amen.*

**Mass Intentions  
December 9-13, 2016 (Fri-Thurs.)**

Fri	Julia O'Malley	12:10pm
Sat.	Ethel Hannon	4:15pm
Sun.	BOB DONJACOUR & FAMILY	9:30am
Sun	Mike Rodrigues (Rest in Peace)	11:30am
Mon.		12:10pm
Tues.	Michael Golden (Rest in Peace)	12:10pm
Weds.	Mary O'Connor (Rest in Peace)	12:10pm
Thurs.	Patricia Ford ( Rest in Peace)	12:10pm

**Give the gift of a Mass Intention ~Life Blessings,  
RIP, Anniversary, Happy Birthday!  
Contact the office.**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent  
Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Tuesday: St. Lucy  
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross  
Friday: *Las Posadas* begins

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**Be patient until the  
coming of the Lord**

**A SEASON OF HOPE**

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

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My name is Beverlie I have volunteered to help coordinate and continue the **religious education program at St. John of God** this year. We would love to begin the year and would love your help.

**Are you are interested in having your children participate?**

**Are YOU are interested in leading a small group of children during mass?**

**Do you have a child that has already completed confirmation and would like to volunteer to help during the classes, lead holiday activities?**

**If you have any insight into classes that you would love to see continue ...**

**Ideas for volunteer opportunities for youth and their families** in and around the church community or beyond. We'd love to coordinate! Contact me and we can be a great team!-Beverlie Leano-Torres

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### **Update on Archbishop Quinn**

Archbishop John Quinn became quite ill while in Rome just before Thanksgiving. He had emergency surgery and remains hospitalized in serious condition. Please keep him in prayer. The archbishop emeritus, 87, was Archbishop of San Francisco from 1977-1995.

### **UCSF Eucharist Ministers Needed**

This *is* the ministry that defines the St. John of God Community. To be the one, non-medical person many patients see each day, to say a prayer and offer the Holy Eucharist. This is a win-win! Training and guidance are offered. If you are interested, contact Pat O'Connor or Bob Gajewski for a guided tour. 415-564-0249

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### **Notes from the**

#### **Sanctuary Committee**

On the Feast of Christ the King we heard about the Kingdom of God where compassion, justice, hope peace and all goodness abides. In the Lord's Prayer, we ask that that Kingdom of God be manifest here on earth with us in our lives.

When I lived in San Roque Parish during the war in El Salvador, amidst the poverty, war and refugees, I questioned the futility of our work, a small parish engulfed by so much need. I was told that we didn't have to do it all, we just had to be a Sign of the Kingdom, a flash of hope, compassion and justice in a sad and suffering place.

Our small SJOG community, once again, is called to be present to those who fear hate crimes, arrest and deportation. As immigrant communities, especially Latino and Muslim, come together to plan their strategies and request support, may we accompany and assist them. May the St. John of God Community be their Sign of the Kingdom. ~Adrienne Plasse

The Sanctuary Committee would like to extend our sincerest thanks to this amazing Parish for its continuing support for Sanctuary work. Your contributions for this year have been donated on behalf of SJOG to organizations crucial to immigrant support, and, to the on-going needs of our sister parish in El Salvador, Santa Rose de Lima, to promote employment and combat gang violence.

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### ***Stay in touch with St. John of God ~***

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**Maintenance Project:** A number of members of the St. John of God community have begun a cleaning project that will take several months: deep cleaning of carpets, dusting various areas not normally accessible (rafters), oil/clean red-wood wainscoting/side walls, etc. To facilitate the work, we will be removing the benches along the side aisles and storing them in an appropriate location in the hall until the end of the year. If you are interested in helping with the project or any part of the project, please contact Bob Gajewski at (415) 564-0249 or at ludski1@comcast.net.

### **Community & Collections**

Dec 10-11 all masses:

#### **Retirement Fund for the Religious**

Please be generous. These people dedicated their lives to support us.



*Feel like a singing a song? Join our choir!*