

*December 18-24, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Reflections for the Week

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

*And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?*

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Today's Readings

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (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. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

Readings for this Week

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

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

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

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

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

**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)
Martha Araj Ayoub, 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 16-22, 2016 (Fri-Thurs.)

Fri	McNicholas & Shanley Family (RIP)	12:10pm
Sat.		4:15pm
Sun.	James Welch (Special Intention)	9:30am
Sun	Rev. Thomas Seagrave (RIP)	11:30am
Mon.		12:10pm
Tues.	Denise Costello (Rest in Peace)	12:10pm
Weds.	BOB DONJACOUR & FAMILY	12:10pm
Thurs.		12:10pm

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter Solstice
Thursday: St. John of Kanty
Friday: The Vigil of Christmas
Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Please remember in your prayers two very special, spiritual leaders of our community.

December 18: Gone to Heaven

Fr. Tom Seagrave

First Year Anniversary (Rest in Peace)
April 30, 1942– December 18, 2015

Deacon John Walter Hutzler

9 year Anniversary of his passing
June 10, 1938—December 18, 2007

Both Leaders were so very special to our community. Their spirit and ever present love are still deeply felt within our community.



SUNDAY, 11AM. COLLINS HALL. We are going to have a fundraising get together! A winner will be chosen to win \$1,000 and a few others for \$500 and \$250. Your chances improve when you by a ticket! This has such good odds! PLEASE send your tickets in to the office (of drop them in the mail box out side the door or in the collection basket) You do not need to be here to win, tho it will be exciting! SELL TICKETS TO YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS! (you might need to help them with their fundraiser, too!)

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

Religious Education Program at St. John of God

Are you are interested in having your children participate?

Are YOU 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
torreano82@gmail.com 415-420-2285

***Stay in touch with St. John of God ~
LIKE our page on Facebook***

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.

Our Annual Fund Raiser ends this Sunday, Dec. 18.
Please see the flyer on page 3 of this bulletin.

Christmas Season Schedule

Christmas Eve:

Children's Mass @ 4:15 PM
Children's Enactment of the Gospel
Carols 10:00 PM, followed by
"Mass during the Night" Beginning at 10:30 PM

Christmas Day:

Masses at 9:30 and 11:30 AM
Readings for "Mass during the Night"
at all four masses:
Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14.
Music – bells during Gloria and Alleluia

*Come Join us to help: Environment set-up:
Friday, December 23 after 12:10 Mass, and
Saturday morning, December 24*

December 31, 2016-January 1, 2017,
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Saturday-Sunday, January 7-8, 2017
Epiphany of the Lord

*Change of environment : Winter's Ordinary Time
Sunday, January 15, 2017 after 11:30 AM mass*

**The Season is always so very special to our community. Become part of the excitement!
Christmas Poinsettias?**

Advent to Christmas and continuing on thru the Epiphany of the Lord, the St. John of God Chapel is full of flowers and wonderful decorations. It is truly beautiful Christmas Eve! If you would like to donate in the name of a loved one or yourself, please drop it off or mail it (with Poinseta in the memo line. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the chapel, too!

Community & Collections

RAFFEL THIS SUNDAY: \$20 will buy 5 CHANCES to win \$1,000 PLUS help SJoG in the coming year!



*Feel like a singing a song? Join our choir!
Great music for the Season ! "...and believe me, there is no finer way to feel it!" -overheard*

What starts in November and ends
with **big cash prizes** on December 18th?

St. John of God

1290 5th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94122

Fundraising Raffle

Our ANNUAL HOLIDAY RAFFLE

features great prizes for 5 *WINNERS*. All proceeds go directly to

St. John of God to help pay our bills.

Raffle tickets are AVAILABLE TODAY!

Win \$1,000 (1st Prize)

2nd Prize \$500

3rd Prize \$500

4th Prize \$250

5th Prize \$250

Our goal is for each parishioner to sell or buy a total of \$100 in tickets. Be sure to share this opportunity with your relatives, friends, neighbors and co-workers so you don't have to buy them all yourself. The odds of winning are much better than Super Lotto! The drawing will be held after the 9:30 mass on December 18, 2016. You don't have to be present to win a prize.

A book of 5 tickets is only \$20.

A single ticket is \$5.

Please return completed tickets with payment to the church office or place ticket stubs and money in an envelope marked 'RAFFLE' in the offertory collection basket. If you can't use all your tickets, you may return them to the church office for others to sell.

SOMEONE WILL WIN \$1,000...it could be you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT!