

*December 18-24, 2016  
The Nativity of the Lord*

*Reflections for the Week  
The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.  
— John 1:5*

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**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

**Psalm** — All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

**Gospel** — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

**Readings for this Week**

- Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40  
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

**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 23-29, 2016 (Fri-Thurs.)**

Fri	For those in Pain, Spiritual, Emotional	12:10pm
Sat	For Our Community: St John of God	
	Christmas Vigil	4:15pm
Sun	James Welch (Special Intention)	9:30am
Sun	Rev. Thomas Seagrave (RIP)	11:30am
Mon	Decon John Hustler (RIP)	12:10pm
Tues	Denise Costello (Rest in Peace)	12:10pm
Weds	BOB DONJACOUR & FAMILY	12:10pm
Thurs	Peace in Our World	12:10pm

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

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)  
Monday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins  
Tuesday: St. John  
Wednesday: The Holy Innocents  
Thursday: St. Thomas Becket;  
Fifth Day within the  
Octave of the Nativity of the Lord  
Friday: The Holy Family  
of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
Saturday: St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve  
Seventh Day within the Octave of the  
Nativity of the Lord



**Celebrate Epiphany like the Wise did:**

Offer your gifts to a child  
Give your unwanted Christmas gift cards  
to Sanctuary and we  
will pass them on in your name to the  
Nueva Esperanza Project  
who help unaccompanied minors,  
those young people who have  
arrived here from Central America without family,  
to get housing, education and legal aid.  
There are 5 youths in San Francisco that we have  
been asked to help. Your cards will be "re-gifted"  
and allow them to get basic items they need.  
Please drop your cards into the  
offertory basket on 1/7-1/8/17.  
Sanctuary Committee

## 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



**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.

## 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 very special to  
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!

**See page 3 for flower donation form.**

## Community & Collections

Hospital Ministry 2nd Collection Dec 31-Jan 1, 2017  
St. Patrick's Seminary and University Jan 21-22, 2017



***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***



## Poinsettias for Christmas

As has been a St. John of God tradition for some time now, we would again like to offer you the opportunity to help us decorate the church for the Christmas Season by donating funds to purchase poinsettias and other flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones and friends.

We ask that you donate **\$10.00** (approximate cost) for each name. The name(s) of the person(s) you wish to remember or honor will be acknowledged in the bulletin during the Christmas Season 2016-2017.

In order to dedicate these flowers, please fill out the form below and place it with your payment in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers." You may leave it in the Saturday/Sunday collection basket, the rectory or mail it to St. John of God 1290 Fifth Avenue, SF 94122

Those I want to remember:

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