

January 1, ~7, 2017
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Reflections for the Week
Mary kept all of these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.
-Luke 2:19

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Today's Readings

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalm — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

Readings for this Week

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6;
Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5;
Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28
[23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b;
Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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 fa-
cilities.

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

Mass Intentions

December 30, 2016—January 6, 2017
(Thurs.-Fri.)

Th Michael DeSouza (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm
Fri Rito Capili (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm
Sat. **Michael DeSouza** (Rest in Peace, Father) 4:15pm
Sun. THE GOLDEN FAMILY (Blessings)) 9:30am
Sun Gerald & Bernie Rowley (RIP) 11:30am
Mon. Mila Rodriguez (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm
Tues. Russ Abramson (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm
Weds. Lawrence and Mary Jennice (RIP) 12:10pm
Thurs. Raymond McCabe (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm
Fri. Tom & Barbara McGrath (Sp. Inten) 12:10pm
Prayers for a Blessed New Year

Give the gift of a Mass Intention ~Life Blessings,

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God;
The Octave Day
the Nativity of the Lord;
World Day of Prayer for Peace;
New Year's Day
Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen
Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Thursday: St. John Neumann
Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday
Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
First Saturday;
Julian Calendar Christmas

THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Octave" comes from the Latin word for "eight," and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the "eighth day," since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord's Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn't claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.

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Pat Beaupre, a long time parishioner, is reaching out to those who have experienced pain and isolation.

She is sharing in this
Year of Discovery for Survivors
of Child Sexual Abuse and Friends.

Her work includes:

- * Notice and name your thoughts
 - * Meditate - sitting, walking, moving and shaking
 - * Cultivate self-kindness, make a commitment to yourself
- Are you ready? pat@beauprecoaching.com



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Christmas Season Schedule

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!

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

Community & Collections

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



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*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*