

December 24, 2017
Fourth Sunday in Advent

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

Today's Readings [Click Here](#)

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (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 Jesus 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 this Week

Monday: 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]

During the 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, 11-12; 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]

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

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

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

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 Help Keep Our Church Clean.

Mass Intentions
December 22-28, 2017 (Fri thru Thur)

Fri.	Hugh McGuirk (RIP +)	12:10pm
Sat.	John Shanley (RIP+/Birthday)	4:15pm
Sun.	Partick Biesty (RIP+)	10:30am
Mon.	Jim & Laura Busby(RIP+) Jerry&Bernie Rowley (RIP+)	12:10pm
Tues.	John Corey (Healing) Angela Duffy (Healing)	12:10pm
Weds.	Evelyn S. Rull (RIP+)	12:10pm
Thurs	Dokuza&Miladin Family (RIP+) All Departed Souls	12:10pm

Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Tuesday:	St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
Wednesday:	St. John
Thursday:	The Holy Innocents
Friday:	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Saturday:	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity

It is with sadness that we must let everyone know that our long-time parishioner, Jo Small, passed away peacefully today at about noon. Jo's daughter, Elaine, has arranged for a "Celebration of Life" Mass at St. John of God on Saturday, January 20 at 10:30 a.m. This will be followed by a luncheon in Collins Hall.

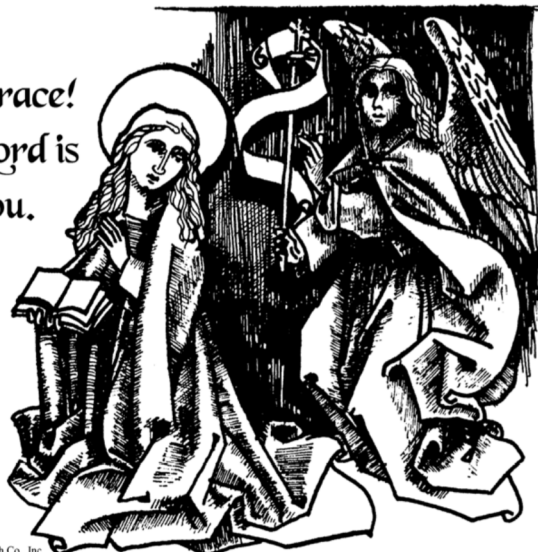
Please pray for our parishioners & extended family

**Full Recovery for Elizabeth Wilson
Bob Donjacour, Special prayers**

Rest in Peace: Judy Laxen

Msgr. Labib Kabti, Fr. Bill Brady,
Msgr Mickey McCormick (former Pastors at SJOG)
Pat Hoffman, Joe Humphreys, , Maureen Francis,
Ethel Friedrichs, Mike Marty,
Martha Ayoub, Patrick Lee, Josephine Small and her daughters Sheila and Mary;
Teresa Hyatt, Dalia & Estela Becerra.
Blessings to all our members who reside in assisted living & care facilities.

Hail,
full of grace!
The Lord is
with you.



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GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



All are Welcome to JOIN the community
For coffee, tea and treats
after mass on Sunday

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 to inspire in my heart the humility and generosity of St. John so that I might be to them a revelation of God's Love.

Calendar of Events: December and Beyond!

(please note changes)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23, 2017 – 4:15 Vigil Mass
Sunday, December 24, 2017 – only one morning mass at 10:30 AM

NATIVITY OF THE LORD – CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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9:30 PM Service of Carols

10:00 PM Mass During the Night

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9:30 and 11:30 AM

Christmas Mass during the Day (Readings for Mass During the Night)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH (Sunday in the Octave of Christmas)

Saturday, December 30-31, 2017 Regular weekend mass schedule

NEW YEAR'S DAY: THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1, 2018

Festive Mass at 12:10 PM

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON: EPIPHANY!

Saturday, January 6, 2018

4:15 Vigil Mass, followed by Potluck Celebration in Collins Hall (5:30 PM)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES ON THE MYSTICS

Saturday mornings, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

January 13, 2018: Saint Bridget

February 10, 2018: Julian of Norwich

April 21, 2018: Thomas Merton

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT, MARCH 1-3, 2018

Thursday evening, March 1, 2018, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Friday evening, March 2, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Saturday evening, March 3, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

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Collections and Meetings

Sanctuary Meeting, Sunday, 1/21/18 at 12:45 in Ben's Room , 340 Irving Street

Saint John of God Community Upcoming Liturgies and Events

FRIDAY NIGHT SCRIPTURE STUDY

Friday, December 15, 2017

6:30 to 8:00 PM, 340 Irving

Continued study of the Gospel of John

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Monday, December 18, 2017, 7:30 to 9:15 PM (in the church)

50TH ANNIVERSARY COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, December 21, 2017

7:30 to 8:30 PM, Rectory (kitchen)

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