

# December 1, 2019

## First Sunday of Advent

### *Reflections for the Week*

I rejoiced because they said to me,  
 “We will go up to the house of the LORD.”  
 — *Psalm 122:1*

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The Day Is Coming (Isaiah 2:1–5)

**Psalm** — The First Reading fills us with hope for the Second Coming (Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9).

**Second Reading** — Until Christ comes again, we must “walk in the light (Romans 13:11–14).

**Gospel** — Jesus warns us of the danger of not getting ready (Matthew 24:37–44).

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### Readings for the Week

Monday: Isaiah 4:2–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4b, 4c–5, 6–7, 8–9; Matthew 8:5–11.

Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17; Luke 10:21–24.

Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6–10a; Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6; Matthew 15:29–37.

Thursday: Isaiah 26:1–6; Psalm 118:1 and 8–9, 19–21, 5–27a; Matthew 7:21, 24–27.

Friday: Isaiah 29:17–24; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; Matthew 9:27–31.

Saturday: Isaiah 30:19–21, 23–26; Psalm 147:1–2, 3–4, 5–6; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6–8.

Sunday: Isaiah 11:1–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17; Romans 15:4–9; Matthew 3:1–12.

### **Please pray for our parishioners & extended family: Rest in Peace:**

Judy Laxen, Dorle & Paul Gross, Josephine Small,  
 Martha Araj Ayoub & David Desch

### **For Healing:**

Edith Bucoy, Pat Hoffman, Tom Johnson,  
 Annette Gabrielli, Maureen Francis,  
 Joe Humphreys, Mike Marty, Ethel Friedrichs,  
 Patrick Lee, Teresa Hyatt,  
 Estela Becerra, & Shirley Dela Cuz  
*...and a special reminder to pray for those we  
 know now living in care facilities.*

### Mass Intentions

**November 29– Dec. 5, 2019 (Fri. thru Thur.)**

Fri.	(RIP+)	12:10pm
Sat.	(RIP+)	4:15pm
Sun.	Gerald Zepeda (RIP+)	9:30am
Sun.	(RIP+)	11:30am
Mon.	Lowing Family (RIP+)	12:10pm
Tues.		12:10pm
Weds.	Laura Busby (Anniv. RIP+)	12:10pm
Thurs.	Paul Tran (RIP+)	9:30am

### *Give the gift of a Mass Intention.*

Intention for Birthdays, Memorials, RIP, Blessings,  
 Marriage, and Get Well.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent - Path of Light
Monday:	Far and Wide
Tuesday:	St. Francis Xavier
Wednesday:	St. John Damascene
Thursday:	Built to Last
Friday:	St. Nicholas
Saturday:	St. Ambrose Bishop & Doctor of the Church

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Dec. 1 First Sunday of Advent -  
 Path of Light

Lord of our eternal day, you alone brighten our world. Sometimes we lose our way in the darkness, and sometimes we make the world a darker place. Alert us to the ways we drift into shadow.

Illuminate our hearts and send forth your instruction, that we may follow your path of light and ascend your holy mountain. When darkness surrounds us, keep us radiant with hope, so that all will see and know that you are in our midst, you who alone are God.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES3

Envelopes & pencils are in the pews to use for your donations which can be placed in the collection baskets. Your contributions make our Christmas liturgical environment possible. Please list the name (s) you want us to remember in prayer on the front. These envelopes will be in the pews during the Advent season.

We will acknowledge our donors & your intentions in a dedicated "Thank You" to be released during this Christmas Season. Thank you in advance for making our Christmas liturgical environment possible.

#### Please note upcoming:

**Epiphany is Sunday, January 5, 2020**

**One Mass at 10:30am -With Pot Luck Finger Food**

Only Luncheon After Mass.

Signup Sheet in the Near Future.

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**Protecting God's Children:** If you believe you are victim of sexual abuse, please call the Archdiocesan Clergy Abuse Hotline: 415-614-5506. Clergy Abuse is very serious and a priority in our church for more information visit: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

### Kitchen at Raphael House:

After nearly 25 years, we're at a critical junction in our ministry of volunteering in the kitchen at Raphael House, a long-time San Francisco shelter for homeless families. Our volunteer participation has shrunk and we may not continue in 2020 if we don't get more folks to sign up soon. This is a manageable commitment-volunteering 3 to 4 Sundays a year is enough. Also a great opportunity for families with older kids. Interested? Come once and try it out! Contact Mark Reedy (408) 733-3734,

**Catholic Charities Free Immigration Legal Consultations Available Through December 31, 2019 Call us at 415.972.1238 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Catholic Charities of San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin offers free or reduced-cost immigration consultations and legal advice to those who qualify. Free consultation services are available through December 31, 2019. Visit [CatholicCharitiesSF.org/legalsupport](http://CatholicCharitiesSF.org/legalsupport) to learn more.

### THE BOOK OF REVELATION

**Father Tom's Series on The Book of Revelation**

**Thursday Evenings, 6:30 TO 8:30 PM, Collins Hall**

December 5, 2019 – The Pattern of Seven – the Cosmic Liturgy: The Vision of Heaven and the Nightmare

### 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. Amen.*

- Rev. Fr. Thomas L. Seagrave

### Dear Friends, Job Opening For Parish Secretary:

**Parish Secretary:** St. John of God is looking for a part-time (M-F) Parish Secretary who is a self-motivated-person with administrative skills. Job Duties Include: perform a full range of administrative/secretarial responsibilities; Maintain office record-keeping systems; a full range of office functions including effective interface with parishioners and visitors. Required are excellent communication skills, general computer knowledge and the ability to multi-task.

#### Upcoming Important Dates:

Dec. 1 No Classes Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 8 Nativity Play Practice & St. Anthony's

Collection of sock/toiletries.

Dec. 15 & 22 Nativity Play Practice

Dec. 22 Raffle Drawing will be held after 9:30 Mass

#### The Schedule of Christmas Masses:

Tuesday, December 24, 2019, 4:15 PM:

Children's Christmas Mass

Tuesday, December 24, 2019, 9:30 PM: Service of Carols

Tuesday, December 24, 2019, 10:00 PM: Christmas Mass

Wednesday, December 25, 2019: 9:30 and 11:30 AM,  
Christmas Mass during the Day

### Religious Education Classes

#### Confirmation Classes for High School

Confirmation: St. John of God is currently underway **each Sunday** during the 11:30 AM Mass. It is not too late for additional students to join the class. Please contact **Kathy Ohm (415-902-5022) email:**

**[kathyohm@gmail.com](mailto:kathyohm@gmail.com)** for more information.

**Pre-K and First Communion Classes** These Classes will begin again starting Sun. Sept. 8, 2019 at the 9:30am mass. The Religious Ed Team is expanding and looking for instructors for the program who enjoy working with grades Pre-K - 6th grades. Commitment would be hour classes per week, preparation time, Now till May 24, 2020. Catechist training through the Archdiocese is available. Contact Beverlie Leano at [torreano82@gmail.com](mailto:torreano82@gmail.com)



Please join us for coffee, tea, hot chocolate and pastries after the 9:30 Mass on Sundays. Janice, Coco and their friends welcome you with love and fellowship. Also Join the 11:30 Mass for their Coffee Hour with Coffee, Tea & Snacks. **Also be sure to Give Donation in the Tins marked Donation because this money helps pay for your refreshments.**

#### Second Collections- Up-Coming:

Nov 30/Dec 1 - Hospital Ministry  
Dec 7/8 - Retirement fund for religious.

# **THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

**ST. JOHN OF GOD – SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

**SEVEN THURSDAYS NIGHTS**

**6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

**October 10, 2019**

**PART I**

**THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF REVELATION  
THE INAUGURAL EXPERIENCE OF THE COSMIC CHRIST**

**October 24, 2019**

**PART II**

**THE SEVEN EPISTLES  
THE SEER ADDRESSES THE CHURCHES**

**November 21, 2019**

**PART III**

**THE HEAVENLY VISIONS  
THE CALL TO PRAISE**

**December 5, 2019**

**PART IV**

**THE PATTEN OF SEVEN – THE COSMIC LITURGY  
THE VISION OF HEAVEN AND THE NIGHTMARE**

**January 16, 2020**

**PART V**

**THE INTERLUDES  
INSIGHTS INTO UNIVERSAL SALVATION?**

**January 30, 2020**

**PART VI**

**THE COSMIC BATTLE  
SUDDENLY I SAW THE LAMB**

**February 13, 2020**

**PART VII**

**BEHOLD I SAW THE NEW JERUSALEM  
THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB**

# **THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

**ST. JOHN OF GOD – SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

**The Book of Revelation (The Apocalypse) sets the standard for the liturgical praise of God as Cosmic event with Global implications. In the midst of conflict and division, the Seer of Revelation experiences the peaceful dominion of God in a time of Imperial wrath. Often feared for its violence and harsh imagery, the Book of Revelation is ultimately a Book of Comfort rallying the Community of Disciples to follow the Lamb whose death is our life. We are called to stand for what is right and just in the midst of oppression and fear. Revelation is our definitive invitation to the wedding of the Lamb who comes to marry us in the fullness of time. This is a Book of Prayer, Praise, Comfort, and Vision.**