

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

Reflections for the Week

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea.
— *Isaiah 11:9*

Today's Readings

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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

December 6– Dec. 12, 2019 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri. Lowing Family (RIP+)	12:10pm
Sat. (RIP+)	4:15pm
Sun. Mary Sullivan (RIP+)	9:30am
Sun. Milagros Rodrigues (RIP+)	11:30am
Mon. Milagros Rodrigues (RIP+)	12:10pm
Tues. Pdraig McLaughlin (RIP+)	12:10pm
Weds. Pellanda & Bosso Family (RIP+)	12:10pm
Thurs. Mary Sullivan (RIP+)	12:10pm

Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
 Monday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Tuesday: International Human Rights Day
 Wednesday: St. Damasus I
 Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Friday: St. Lucy

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

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CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

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.

Upcoming Important Dates:

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 9:30am 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

The Golden Gate Boys Choir, a Catholic boys choir, has two Christmas concerts on 12/8/19 & 12/15/19 at Cristo Rey Monastery & The Shrine of St. Francis. Could you include our concert announcement in the 12/8, & 12/15 bulletins, please?

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 to learn more.

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.

Dear Friends, Job Opening For Parish Secretary:

St. John of God is – 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.

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 at (408)733-3734 or Markr2121@aol.com.

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 at:

Kathy Ohm (415-902-5022) email: kathvohm@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



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 a Donation in the Tins marked Refreshments.**

Second Collections- Up-Coming:

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

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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.