

December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

Reflections for the Week

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy. — *Isaiah 35:10a*

Today's Readings

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).
Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).
Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).
Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
 Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
 Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
 Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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

Mass Intentions

December 13– Dec. 19, 2019 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri. Lowing Family (RIP+)	12:10pm
Sat. Denis Hickey (RIP+)	4:15pm
Sun. Nicolas Spelic (RIP+)	9:30am
Sun. Martin Joseph O'Brien	11:30am
Mon. Reno & Donald Tonegato	12:10pm
Tues. Michael O'Connor (Healing)	12:10pm
Weds. Lowing Family (RIP+)	12:10pm
Thurs. Judith Ann Peeles (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: Third Sunday of Advent
 Monday: Las Posadas begins
 Saturday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today's first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God's saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God's presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah's prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus' presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

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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.

Sign-up Sheet in the Near Future.

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. Markr2121@aol.com.

The Golden Gate Boys Choir, a Catholic boys choir, has two Christmas concerts on Dec. 15/19 at Cristo Rey Monastery & The Shrine of St. Francis.

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.

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

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

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. Please Send resume to Fr. Kabipi akabipi@yahoo.com or to the Office @ stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net

Principal Keyboard Musician—St John of God is looking for a part-time Principal Musician with keyboard & vocal skills. Responsible for leading the community &/or accompanying the community for weekend services (Saturday PM; Sunday AM), Holy Days & other services (infrequent). Required are the ability to work independently in a self-motivated & self-directed manner working collaboratively with the Director of Parish Music. Please send resume to Fr. Kabipi @ akabipi@yahoo.com

Upcoming Important Dates:

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

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** 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 Donation in the Tins marked Donation because this money helps pay for your Refreshments.**

Second Collections- Up-Coming:

January 1, 2020 Hospital Ministry

January 26, Church of Latin America

***Come Celebrate the Christmas Season
with your friends, family, and loved ones
at Saint John of God Catholic Church***

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

4:15 PM Children's Mass (Readings for Mass During the Night)

9:30 PM Singing of Carols

10:00 PM Mass During the Night

11:30 PM Reception (potluck of holiday treats)

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

9:30 and 11:30 AM

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

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

Saturday-Sunday, December 28-29, 2019 Regular weekend mass schedule

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

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Festive Mass at 12:10 PM

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 4, 2020, 4:15 Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 5, 2020, ONE MASS ONLY AT 10:30 AM

Followed by Annual Parish Christmas Party (potluck) – 12:00 Noon;

Completion of Food and Clothing Drive for Saint Anthony's Dining Room

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday-Sunday, January 11-12, 2020 Regular weekend mass schedule

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.