

January 5, 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord

Reflections for the Week

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— *Matthew 2:11b*

Today's Readings

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

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

Jan. 3 thru Jan.9, 2020 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri. Ellen Darby(RIP+) & Nancy Darby (Healing)	12:10pm
Sat.	4:15pm
Sun. Jeana Kim (Special Intentions)	10:30am
Mon. Jeana Kim (Special Intentions)	12:10pm
Tues. Lowing Family (RIP+)	12:10pm
Weds. Jeana Kim (Special Intentions)	12:10pm
Thurs. Jeana Kim (Special Intentions)	12:10pm

Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
- Monday: St. André Bessette
- Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; Julian Calendar Christmas
- Saturday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

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Upcoming Important Dates:

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 Holiday Christmas Party (potluck)

– 12:00 Noon; **Please Note This is- Epiphany Sunday,**

--With **Pot Luck Finger Food Only** Luncheon After Mass.

Please use the Signup Sheet in the Back of Church. Luncheon . This is in conclusion of Campaign for Food & Clothing for Saint Anthony's Dining Room.

Dear Parishioners—Collection Counters Needed

Recently, Dave Freitas gave us the annual financial report, showing that, through our weekly collections, the annual raffle, and special donations, this community continues to provide the funds to meet our financial needs. But, we also need volunteers to count the collections and other income and prepare a weekly bank deposit. This requires two volunteers to devote a few hours on a Sunday to count, record, and deposit the collections and other funds received during that week. Ideally, there should be at least 16 volunteers. This would spread the burden so that no one would have to count more than once every couple months. In reality, the number of counters has declined to just 7 (all of whom have been counters for several years). This means that we often can't meet the archdiocesan audit requirement that the counting be done by at least two persons. It also makes it very difficult to set up schedules as not everyone is available every month. We need participation in this task from all segments of our community. Please consider volunteering. For more information **Contact Dave Freitas @ d.freitas@gte.net or Joe & Joan Humphreys @ joehum@gmail.com**

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

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

NEW – Parish Bookkeeper: St. John of God is looking for a part-time Parish Bookkeeper who is self-motivated and self-directed with accounting/bookkeeper Skills. Job duties will include: maintain records for general ledger; process ADP Payroll; process check payments; maintain current information on all funds; Generate various Financial Reports. Required are excellent communication skills; general computer knowledge; experience with Quickbooks (on-line); ability to organize and prioritize tasks. . Please send resume to Fr. Kabipi akabipi@yahoo.com or to the Office @stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net .

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 4&5, 2020 Hospital Ministry

January 25&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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH (Sunday in the Octave of Christmas)

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

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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.