First Sunday of Advent
December 2nd, 2018 Cycle C

December Mass Intentions

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Schedule of the Week:
Mon through Friday
............... 8:00am Mass/
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............... every Tues., 8:15am Mass with School

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Tues., 4 Mass with school at 8:15am
Thurs., 6 6:30pm Choir Practice w/Gloria in Parish Center’s Chapel
Fri., 7 7:00pm Choir Practice w/Joji in Parish Center’s Chapel
4:00pm Perpetual Help Novena
Sat, 8 Immaculate Conception-Holy Day Obligation 9:00am English Mass
6:30Pm Spanish Mass-Celebration Hall

AAA Appeal – 2018
Our Campaign Goal is $28,382. As of Nov. 26th, we have received $25,337 & reached 89% of our goal! We have a balance of $3,045 that is due by Dec. 31st. Thank you for your continued support and kindheartedness. You are doing a great job!

150 Sacred Relics at Church of the Epiphany
in SF on Friday, December 14, at 7pm There will be a teaching on and exposition of 150 Sacred Relics, presented by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of Christ. Fr. Carlos uses multi-media to give a teaching that is scriptural, catechetical, and devotional. Among the treasures will be relics of: The True Cross; Our Lady’s Veil; St. Bernadette, St. Paul, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. Take this opportunity to learn about and venerate some of our favorite saints in heaven. There will also be an exposition on Monday, Dec. 10, at St. Bruno’s Church & on Thursday, Dec. 13, at St. Francis of Assisi in East Palo Alto at 6:30pm.
www.treasuresofthechurch.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society- TWIN SIZE
BEDDING DRIVE - Dec. 2 & 3; 8 & 9 The beddings will be given to the Riley Center. Barrels will be at the entrance of the church. Thanks for your support.

On Saturday, Dec. 8th, the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a 9:00am Mass in English and a 6:30pm Mass in Spanish. The vigil Mass that fulfills your Sunday obligation will be at 4:30pm as usual.

We want to thank all those who have contributed to the AAA Appeal. We are getting closer and closer to reaching our goal! We also want to thank all those who contributed to the Thanksgiving Day collection for the Campfire wildfire victims in Paradise. To date, we have raised $2,099. We are the face of Christ for others. Thank you for your prayers & compassion. May the Lord bless you.
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**Website:** sfbsf.org

**Collections: Weekly Goal:** $3,000

- November 24-25 Offerings: $1,788
- Thanksgiving Day-Fire Victims: $2,099

**Thanks for your generosity!**

**Mass Assignments for Dec. 8th & 9th:**

**Sat., Dec. 8th, 2018, 4:30pm**
Lector: .......................... J. Fontanilla
Lay Ministers:.............. A. Fontanilla
Server(s):................. Ashley Reyes

**Sun., Dec. 9th, 2018, 8:30am**
Lector: .......................... Knights
Lay Ministers:......... K of C
Server(s):........ Mateo & Isaiah Campos

**Sun., Dec. 9th, 2018, 10:00am**
Lector: .......................... M. Lemus
Lay Ministers:........... C. Wiaters
Server(s):........ Gabriel Wico

**Sun., Dec. 9th, 2018, 11:30am**
Lector: .......................... Jairo Villanueva
Ministers:............... Indiana Arguello
................................... Alejandra Gonzalez
................................... Carmen Dominguez
Server(s):........ Scarlett Borges

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**Coffee, Milk**

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**SIMBANG GABI MASS**
**ST. MARY’S CATHEDRAL**

**Wednesday, December 5, 2018, 7:30 PM**

December 5th is the "Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass" and Parol Lighting at the Cathedral. The liturgy will be livestreamed on the SF Archdiocese webpage. Reception and fellowship will follow immediately after the Mass. Simbang Gabi ("Mass at Night") is a devotional tradition from the Philippines that leads up to Christmas. Traditionally, Christmas Day in the Philippines is ushered in by the nine-day novena of dawn Masses that starts on December 16. These came to be known popularly as Misa Aguinaldo or also known as the Misa de Gallo ("Rooster’s Mass") in Spanish, and these Masses are also more popularly known in Tagalog as Simbang Gabi or “Mass at Night.” The Masses are celebrated in the early morning (around 6:00 a.m.) in some parishes and in the evening at other parishes. From December 16 to 24, several dozen parishes in the Archdiocese will celebrate Masses as part of this tradition.

**Next weekend’s second collection on Dec. 8 & 9 will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious.**
Your gift supports necessities such as medications and nursing care and helps ensure the next generation of priests and religious sisters can continue in ministry. We are grateful for all their years of service & ask the Lord to bless them abundantly. Please give generously.
Family Mass Confirmation Enrollment on Sunday, December 9th, at 10AM. Come and support our confirmation enrollees. We congratulate them on this important step and join them in prayer.

Sunday, December 2nd, 2018

First Reading
Jeremiah 33:14-16
The Lord will fulfill his promises to Israel and Judah.

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Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 25:4-5,8-9,10,14
The Lord will teach us his paths.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2
Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be holy and to please God.

Gospel Reading
Jesus teaches his disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes in glory.

Background on the Gospel Reading
Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today’s Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

Dec. 8- Feast Day
The Story of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: “The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin.”

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They pointed out that Mary’s Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus’ redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus’ work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

In Luke 1:28 the angel Gabriel, speaking on God’s behalf, addresses Mary as “full of grace” or “highly favored”. In that context, this phrase means that Mary is receiving all the special divine help necessary for the task ahead. However, the Church grows in understanding with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led the Church, especially non-theologians, to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. Or rather, Mary’s intimate association with the Incarnation called for the special involvement of God in Mary’s whole life.- from www.franciscanmedia.org

Come & celebrate the Immaculate Conception Nicaraguan Gritería on Sat. Dec. 8th. Mass will be in Spanish at 6:30pm followed by prayers & hymns in honor of Our Lady at Goode Hall. There will be food & a raffle at the end. ¿Quién causa tanta alegría??! La concepción de María!!

Who is the cause of such joy! The conception of Mary!! La Gritería (the Shouting) began in 1857 in Nicaragua. Again, there are different versions of the beginnings. One version is that Monsignor Giordano Carranza recommended believers to shout the phrase "the purest conception of Maria!" from house to house throughout León. Another version is that on December 7, 1857, Monsignor Giordano Carranza asked La Purísima celebrants, "¿Quién causa tanta alegría?" (What causes this happiness?). The crowd of devotees simultaneously responded, "La Concepcion de Maria!" (The conception of Mary). As the tradition spread, composers wrote the songs of praise still popular today. The celebration grew into a national festival in Nicaragua. from louisianafolklife.org/Nicaraguans

Everyone is invited Wednesday, Dec. 12th for the Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The Masses at our parish will at
8:00am, 9:30am, school prayer service, 7:00pm
Mass in Spanish with Mariachi & a reception
afterwards at Goode Hall. Our Lady of
Guadalupe pray for us.