

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 9th, 2018 Cycle C
December Mass Intentions**

Fri, 7	8:00am 6:30pm	+Chang Yuk Ying +Nepo A. Abiva
Sat, 8	9:00am 4:30pm 6:30pm	*Parochial Intentions
Sun, 9	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 3:00pm	*Parochial Intentions
Spanish Burmese		
Mon, 10	8:00am	+Guillermo Ruiz
Tue, 11	8:00am	+Heginio & Juliet Abiva
Wed, 12	8:00am 7:00pm	+Irene Salac Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thu, 13	8:00am	+Rosario Sanchez
Fri, 14	8:00am	+Irene Salac
Sat, 15	4:30pm	*Parochial Intentions

Schedule of the Week:

Mon through Friday

- **8:00am Mass/**
- **8:30am-4pm Silent Adoration**
- **every Tues., 8:15am Mass with School**

December

Wed., 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe 9:30am School Prayer Service, 8:00am Mass, 7:00 Mass in Spanish with Mariachis & reception afterwards at Goode Hall

**St. Finn Barr School Christmas Concert
Dec. 13th, Thursday, at Riordan High School
Free Admission Doors Open:
5:15pm Show Time: 6:00PM**

Enjoy a great performance with the family. Each grade will sing Christmas carols for this festive holiday concert. As a holiday gift to our school families & parishioners, a generous family has underwritten the cost of admission. Let's celebrate the joy of Christmas with them!

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



AAA Appeal – 2018

Our Campaign Goal is **\$28,382**. As of Dec. 3rd, we have received \$26,389 & reached 93% of our goal! We have a balance of \$1,993 that is due by Dec. 31st. Thank you for your continued support. You are doing a fantastic job!



Archbishop Riordan High School invites friends of Fr. Thomas Seagrave '60 to a Mass of Remembrance on Saturday, December 15, 2018, 1:00 pm at Archbishop Riordan High School, marking three years since his

passing. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by Dec. 12 to info@riordanhs.org, or call (415)586-8200 ext. 266.

Mission Dolores Basilica Choir Centennial

**Christmas Concert Sunday, December 16, 5:00 pm
Mission Dolores Basilica 3321 - 16th St. at Dolores,
San Francisco 415-621-8203 missiondolores.org** The Basilica Church Building marks its 100th Anniversary of completion this December. The building was opened with a grand concert on December 12, 1918, and the first Mass celebrated was Christmas Mass of that year. The Basilica Choir's annual Candlelight Christmas Concert will celebrate the centennial on Sunday, December 16, featuring Gounod's Solemn Mass to St. Cecilia. Jerome Lenk, conductor; soloists Susan Gundunas, Stephen Guggenheim, and Christian Purcell; the Basilica Chamber Orchestra; David Hatt, organist. Tickets are available through cityboxoffice.com. \$25 – \$30 reserved seating; \$20 general admission



Christmas Tree Sales at Mission Dolores Basilica Through December 24, 10:00am-1:00pm

Mission Dolores is partnering with Sundance Christmas Tree Nursery to sell nursery-quality trees from a fully sustainable farm in Oregon. The proceeds will benefit Mission Dolores Parish and sales will be in

the parking lot, corner of 16th St. & Dolores St., across from the Basilica. 415-621-8203

Collections: Weekly Goal: \$3,000

December 1st-2nd Offerings \$1,977
School Maintenance \$498
Thanks for your generosity!

Mass Assignments for Dec. 15th & 16th:

Sat. Dec. 15th, 2018, 4:30pm

Lector: J. Fontanilla
Lay Ministers:..... A. Fontanilla
Server(s):..... Ashley Reyes

Sun, Dec. 16th, 2018, 8:30am

Lector:Knights
Lay Ministers:.....K of C
Server(s):.....Mateo & Isaiah Campos

Sun, Dec. 16th, 2018, 10:00am

Lector.....M. Lemus
Lay Ministers.....C. Wiaters
Server(s):..... Gabriel Wico

Sun, Dec. 16th, 2018, 11:30am

Lector:.....Jairo Villanueva
Margarita Villanueva
Ministers:.....Indiana Arguello
.....Alejandra Gonzalez
.....Carmen Dominguez
Server(s):.....Scarlett Borges



**Sunday,
Dec. 9th,
9am-1:00pm
@Goode Hall
\$8 Plates**

**Menu: Eggs,
sausage, pancakes, fried potatoes,
OJ, Coffee, Milk**



**Simbang Gabi Christmas Novena Masses
December 16-24, 2018, 6:00am**

All are welcome. St. Finn Barr belongs to the group of parishes that will celebrate Mass at St. Stephen's Church (near Stonestown Galleria). Come await the Christ Child. Enjoy the fellowship and potluck breakfast after Mass.

DEC	SPONSOR	CELEBRANT
SUN 16	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	REV. PETER TIENG
MON 17	BURMESE	REV. FRANCIS HTUN
TUES 18	ST. FINN BARR	REV. WILLIAM MCCAIN
WED 19	ST. BRENDAN	REV. TYOWUA
THURS 20	ST. CECILIA	MONSIGNOR ROMULO VERGARA
FRI 21	FAFNET	REV. PETER TIENG
SAT 22	ST. STEPHEN	REV. TONY LATORRE
SUN 23	ST. GABRIEL	REV. TOM HAMILTON
MON 24	ALL GROUPS	MOST REV. WILLIAM JUSTICE



Christmas Posadas

Dec. 15th to the 23rd

**Sunday,
Dec. 16th, it will be celebrated at 1pm in Goode Hall in Spanish. Come & pray with the Holy Family as they journey to find lodging for Jesus in Bethlehem.**



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First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem shall see the splendor of God's glory.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6

A song of praise for God's great deeds

Second Reading

Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Paul prays for the Philippians.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:1-6s

John preaches repentance and baptizes in the region of the Jordan.

So that Christmas Isn't a Worldly Celebration

Advent is a time of purification so that Christmas doesn't become a worldly celebration, said Pope Francis at the morning Mass of December 3, 2018, held in the chapel of Casa Santa Marta in the Vatican.

On the day after the beginning of Advent, the Holy Father meditated on this liturgical season, which is the occasion to "purify the spirit to make faith grow." Sometimes Christians get "used to the faith," forgetting its "vivacity" he pointed out in his homily, reported by "Vatican News." "When we are used to it, we lose the strength of the faith, the novelty of the faith, which is always renewed."

Advent has "three dimensions," past, present and future stressed the Pontiff. It is first of all "the purification of the memory . . . It isn't the Christmas tree that is born" but "Jesus Christ . . . the Lord . . . the Redeemer who came to save us . . . We always have the danger, we will always have in us the temptation to make Christmas worldly — when the feast ceases to be contemplation — a beautiful family celebration with Jesus at the center — and begins to be a worldly celebration: shopping, presents, this and that . . . and the Lord remains there, forgotten."

Advent also helps to "purify hope," to prepare oneself "for the definitive encounter with the Lord," he continued. "Because that Lord who came there, will return, He will return! He will return to ask us: "How did you spend your life?" "It will be a personal encounter. Today we will have a personal encounter with the Lord in the Eucharist, and we can have a personal encounter with the Christmas of 2000 years ago . . . but, when He returns, we will have this personal encounter with Him. "

Finally, "the third dimension is the most daily: to purify the watch. Watch and prayer are two words for Advent because the Lord came into history at Bethlehem; He will come at the end of the world and also at the end of the life of each one of us. But He comes each day, at every instant in our heart, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit," concluded Pope Francis.-from zenit.org Anne Kurian



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 Mariachis & a reception afterwards at Goode Hall.

Here are three little known facts about the tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe:

1. It has qualities that are humanly impossible to replicate. Scientists who have studied the image insist there was no technique used beforehand to treat the surface. The surface bearing the image is reportedly like silk to the touch, while the unused portion of the tilma remains coarse.
2. Jose Aste Tonsmann, a Peruvian ophthalmologist, conducted tests that involved examining the eyes on the tilma at 2,500 times the magnification. The scientist was reportedly able to identify as many as 13 individuals in both eyes at different proportions, just as the human eye would reflect an image. It appeared to be a snapshot of the very moment Juan Diego unfurled the tilma before the archbishop.
3. In 1785, a worker was cleaning the glass encasement of the image when he accidentally spilled strong nitric acid solvent onto a large portion of the image itself. The image and the rest of the tilma, which should have been eaten away almost instantly by the spill, reportedly self-restored over the next 30 days, and it remains unscathed to this

day, aside from small stains on the parts not bearing the image.

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