

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 16th, 2018 Cycle C
December Mass Intentions**

Fri, 14	8:00am	+Irene Salac
Sat, 15	4:30pm	*Parochial Intentions
Sun, 16	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am	*Parochial Intentions
Spanish		
Mon, 17	8:00am	+Jim Torres
Tue, 18	8:00am	+Maria Dolores Montano
Wed, 19	8:00am	+Raymond D' Souza
Thu, 20	8:00am	+Carlos & Yelba Gonzalez
Fri, 21	8:00am	+Anne D'Lima
Sat, 22	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**

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Monday, Dec. 24th: 5:00pm Children's Mass

& 10:00pm English Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 25th: 9:00am English &

11:00am Spanish

Tuesday, Jan. 1st: 10:00am English &

11:30am Spanish

Burmese Mass on Tues., Dec. 25th at 2pm

Rectory Closed:

**Mon., Dec. 24th at 12pm; Tues., Dec. 25th &
Wed., Dec. 26th**

**Mon., Dec. 31st at 12pm; Tues., Jan. 1st &
Wed., Jan. 2nd.**

School Closed Mon., Dec. 24th to Fri., Jan. 4th and will reopen on Mon., Jan 7th.

SAVE THESE DATES:

Jan. 12, Saturday-Fil-Am Club Santo Niño Fiesta 4:30pm Mass

Jan. 20 Latin Club-Nuestro Señor de Esquipulas Celebration 11:30am Mass

Jan. 26, Saturday-Zydeco Dance/Mardi Gras with live Zydeco Band, 8:00pm-12:00am. Come & enjoy Louisiana cuisine.

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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!



**Sun, Dec. 23rd, 2018, 5:00 PM – 8:00PM
Nouva Porziuncola 624 Vallejo Street SF**

Don't miss this annual San Francisco tradition. Come join the Knights of Saint Francis as they reenact the Story of Christmas, complete with music, live animals, straw, and a barn, right in the heart of North Beach. Do you remember the first nativity scene that our little Poverello, St. Francis, staged for the town of Gubbio? The people were so enamored with the story of the angel coming to Mary... the birth of Jesus... that they asked for it each year, and a tradition began. For this year's Nativity, the Knights are arranging for a street closure permit, have brought live barn animals, scheduled a choir, and a bagpiper. Deacon Christoph Sandoval will be their moderator

National Shrine of St. Francis Christmas Season, 610 Vallejo St., SF 415-986-4557

ShrineSF.org Public Nativity display at front entrance to Shrine church from Dec. 17 through January 7
Concert: Sunday, Dec. 23, 6:30 pm:
Schola Chorale Mon., Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Vigil for Peace: Confessions 6:00-7:00 pm; Mass 7:15 pm; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 pm – 12 Midnight; Benediction at Midnight; Peace Prayer Blessing "To the City and to the World" at 12:15 am. • Tues., Jan. 1, 2019: The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Mass at 11:00 am.

Collections: Weekly Goal: \$3,000

December 8th-9th Offerings \$2,042
 Retirement Fund for Religious \$1,103
 Thanks for your generosity!

Mass Assignments - Dec. 22nd & 23rd:

Sat. Dec. 22nd, 2018, 4:30pm

Lector: J. Fontanilla
 Lay Ministers:..... S. Montenegro
 Server(s):..... Gabriel Wico

Sun, Dec. 23rd, 2018, 8:30am

Lector: M. de Asis
 Lay Ministers:..... M. Napili
 Server(s):..... Drew & Julian Davis

Sun, Dec. 23rd, 2018, 10:00am

Lector..... K. Nieto
 Lay Ministers..... J. Campos
 Server(s):..... Mateo & Isaiah Campos

Sun, Dec. 23rd, 2018, 11:30am

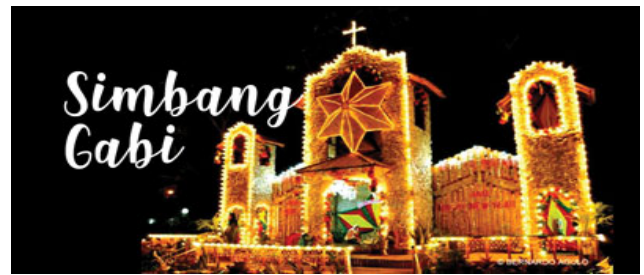
Lector: Armando & Marylou Balderramos
 Ministers:..... Indiana Arguello
 Alejandra Gonzalez
 Carmen Dominguez
 Server(s):..... Volunteer



**Mercy Night at
 St. Dominic
 Church Tuesday,
 December 18,
 7:30 – 9:00 pm
 St Dominic
 Church, 2390**

**Bush St, San Francisco Ed Hopfner, Office of
 Marriage and Family Life 415-614-5547**

Prepare for Christmas by spending some time with Our Lord. It's an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, quiet prayer, and reflection, with contemplative music and candlelight illumination in the soaring Gothic beauty of St. Dominic Church: "a sermon in stone." Anyone seeking God's presence is welcome. Confession is available, as well as prayer teams to pray with or for you. Come for five minutes, or the whole time —and bring a friend.



**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	GOSPEL THEME
SUN 16	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	REV. PETER TIENG	BUT ONE MIGHTIER THAN I IS COMING
MON 17	BURMESE	REV. FRANCIS HTUN	THE GENEALOGY
TUES 18	ST. FINN BARR	REV. WILLIAM MCCAIN	THE ANGEL APPEARED TO ST JOSEPH IN A DREAM
WED 19	ST. BRENDAN	REV. CELESTINE TYOWUA	ZECHARIAH RENDERED SPEECHLESS
THURS 20	ST. CECILIA	MSGR. ROMULO VERGARA	THE ANNUNCIATION
FRI 21	FAFNET	REV. PETER TIENG	THE VISITATION
SAT 22	ST. STEPHEN	REV. TONY LATORRE	THE MAGNIFICAT
SUN 23	ST. GABRIEL	REV. TOM HAMILTON	THE VISITATION
MON 24	ALL GROUPS	MOST REV. WILLIAM JUSTICE	THE CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH



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2018**

First Reading
Zephaniah 3:14-18a
A savior is
promised to Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12:2-3,4,5-6

A song of praise to God our savior

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice always because the Lord is near.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist teaches the path of repentance and announces Christ.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.-from Sunday Connection Loyola Press



Come & Celebrate the Christmas Posadas, Dec. 15th to the 23rd Sunday, Dec. 16th, it will be celebrated at 1pm in Goode Hall in Spanish. The story of Christ's birth has been told and retold so

many times it could have lost its luster generations ago. But it hasn't—not even close. If anything, in this world of war, famine and natural disasters, holding on to something as simple and as singularly important as the Nativity story is a necessity to our faith. And perhaps nowhere on earth is the Nativity story told with more flourish and faith-based exuberance than in the annual celebration of *Las Posadas*.

A holy history lesson: The roots of *Las Posadas* stretch deeply into Latin culture. It originated in Spain, but it's been a yearly celebration throughout Mexico for over 400 years. The tradition commemorates Mary and Joseph's difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a warm place to stay the night. (*Posadas* is Spanish for "lodgings" or "accommodations.") Beginning on December 16 and ending nine days later, on December 24, *Las Posadas* commemorates the nine months of Mary's pregnancy. Each night, one family agrees to house the pilgrims. And so it begins: At dusk, a procession of the faithful takes to the streets with children often dressed as angels and shepherds. Religious figures, images and lighted candles are a part of the festivities.

The group representing the Holy Family stands outside a series of houses, singing songs, asking for lodging. They are refused time and again until the group reaches the designated house. Finally, the travelers are permitted to enter. Prayer and song continue in the home, and festive foods are shared. The evening ends with a *piñata* in the shape of star.

The tradition continues each evening with a different house as the chosen *Posadas*. The last night—Christmas Eve—usually features a midnight Mass. The nine days of *Las Posadas* is more than just a feel-good tradition: It deepens faith and strengthens ties within the community at a holy time. Just as Mary and Joseph faced the cold weather—and even colder innkeepers that night—participants brave the elements in bringing their love for the Christ Child to their streets. *Las Posadas* isn't about being somber and still during Christmas: It's about pilgrims and a pilgrimage, rousing song, prayer and deep faith—all of it in motion.-from franciscanmedia.org

