

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23rd, 2018 Cycle C
December Mass Intentions**

Fri, 21	8:00am	+Anne D'Lima
Sat, 22	4:30pm	*Parochial Intentions
Sun, 23	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am	*Parochial Intentions
Spanish		
Mon, 24	8:00am	+Nepo Abiva
Tue, 25	9:00am 11:00am	*Christmas Parochial Intentions
Spanish		
Wed, 26	8:00am	+Irene Salac
Thu, 27	8:00am	+Angela & Giuseppe Tardio
Fri, 28	8:00am	+Jacqueline Coles Austin
Sat, 29	4:30pm	*Parochial Intentions

Schedule of the Week:

Mon through Friday

..... 8:00am Mass

No silent adoration on 12/24 to 12/26 & on 12/31, 1/1 & 1/2nd.

No Perpetual Help Novena group at SFB Chapel on 12/21 to 12/28/18 (members on vacation).



**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.

AAA Appeal – 2018

Our Campaign Goal is **\$28,382**. As of Dec. 17th, we have received \$26, 639 & reached 94% of our goal! We have a balance of \$1,643 that is due by Dec. 31st. We are close to reaching our goal. ☺ Thank you for your continued support. You're doing a great job!



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 2:00pm Burmese
Tuesday, Jan. 1st: 10:00am English & 11:30am Spanish

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.

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass with Archbishop Cordileone, Livestreaming Monday, December 24, 12:00 midnight St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco On Christmas Eve, St. Mary's Cathedral will be filled with rejoicing as the Advent of the Savior transpires. The evening starts at 5:00 pm with caroling by the cathedral choir. At 5:30 pm is Christmas Vigil Mass. At 11:00 pm is caroling by the choir. And at Midnight Mass, 12:00 am, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone is the celebrant. The Midnight Mass livestream can be viewed on

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Collections: Weekly Goal: \$3,000
December 15-16 Offerings \$1,964
Sports Program \$649
Thanks for your generosity!

Mass Assignments - Dec. 29th & 30th:

Sat. Dec. 29th, 2018, 4:30pm
Lector: A. Abiva
Lay Ministers:..... E. Foley
Server(s):..... Volunteer

Sun, Dec. 30th, 2018, 8:30am
Lector: E. Llorente
Lay Ministers:..... E. Cuenco
Server(s):..... Volunteer

Sun, Dec. 30th, 2018, 10:00am
Lector..... M. Lemus
Lay Ministers..... J. Wiater
Server(s):..... Scarlett Borges

Sun, Dec. 30th, 2018, 11:30am
Lector: Zoila Huerta & Elizabeth Gomez
Ministers:..... Blanca Orozco
..... Luis Calderon
..... Magda McDonald
Server(s):..... Johanna Borges



Catholic Charismatic Renewal First Friday Mass
Friday, January 4, 6:30 pm

St. Paul of the Shipwreck Church, 1122 Jamestown Ave., San Francisco sfspirit.com
January 4 is the first First Friday of the new year. Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Archdiocese of San Francisco invites all to take part: 6:30 pm assembly; 6:45 recitation of the Rosary; 7:00 pm Praise and Worship; 7:30 pm Holy Mass. Healing service and hospitality to follow Mass. Main celebrant is Fr. Andrew

Ibegbulem, Deacon Ernie von Emster assisting. All are welcome.



Zydeco Dance

Saturday, January 26, 2019, 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Location: Goode Hall

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Feast on Louisiana Gumbo, Jambalaya, Red Beans & Rice, Hot Links, etc.

Featuring a free dance lesson from 7-8PM, great raffle prizes, King & Queen raffle and more!

Advance Dance Ticket is \$20 / \$25 at the door (Adults Only).

All proceeds benefit St. Finn Barr Parish. We thank you for your support!

Christmas is for forgiveness : A quote from Pope Francis:

“In switching on the light of the Nativity scene, we wish for the light of Christ to be in us. A Christmas without light is not Christmas. Let there be light in the soul, in the heart; let there be forgiveness to others; let there be no hostilities, which are dark. Let there be the beautiful light of Jesus. This is my wish for all of you, when you turn on the light of the crib.”

“ ... If you have something dark in your soul, ask the Lord for forgiveness. Christmas is a great opportunity to cleanse the soul. Do not fear, the priest is merciful, forgiving all in the name of God, because God forgives everything.”

— Lighting the Christmas tree, Gubbio, Italy,
Dec. 8, 2014



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First Reading

Micah 5:1-4

The ruler of Israel is promised to come from Bethlehem.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

A prayer for God's salvation

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Through his obedience to God's will, Christ consecrated all.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-45

Mary visits Elizabeth, who sings praise to Mary and her child.

Background on the Gospel Reading

On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit

and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

St. Francis & Christmas:

The restaging of when Love came to earth

St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) may not be a Gospel figure but he definitely belongs in the scene. No one was ever more enamored of the doctrine of the Incarnation and the story of Jesus' birth in a stable. No one ever promoted it better. Three years prior to his death, St. Francis staged the scene of the Lord's birth. It was at Greccio, a village about 30 miles southwest of Assisi. Most credit this event with starting the tradition of having a creche in homes and churches to celebrate Christmas.

So about 15 days before Christmas in 1223, he asked a friend of his, a noble named John, to help him "enact the memory of the babe who was born in Bethlehem: to see as much as is possible with my own bodily eyes the discomfort of his infant needs, how he lay in a manger, and how with an ox & donkey standing by, he rested on hay," says Thomas of Celano, Francis' first biographer.

John enthusiastically agreed and readied a cave big enough to accommodate the townspeople. "Finally, the day of joy, the time of exultation has come. . . Finally, the manger is prepared,

the hay is carried in, the ox and the donkey are led to the spot. There simplicity is given a place of honor, poverty is exalted, humility is commended, and out of Greccio is made a new Bethlehem.”-from Our Sunday Visitor-Barbara Beckwith