

**First Sunday of Advent,  
December 1st, 2019, Cycle A  
December Mass Intentions**

Fri. 29	9:00am	+Ricky Brewer
Sat. 30	4:30pm	*Parochial Intentions
Sun. 1	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am	*Parochial Intentions Spanish Mass
Mon. 2	8:00am	+Dionisio Vasquez
Tue. 3	8:15am	+Marie Hong Tran
Wed. 4	8:00am	+Nilda de Leoz Agustin
Thu. 5	8:00am	+Jaime Luis McDonald
Fri. 6	8:00am 6:30pm	+Joseph Weis +Demetrius Sessoms
Sat. 7	4:30pm	*Parochial Intentions

**Mass Schedule:**

**Mon through Friday**

..... 8:00am Mass/

..... 8:30am-4pm Silent Adoration

**Saturday: 4:30pm**

**Sunday: 8:30am & 10:00am in English;**

**11:30am in Spanish**



# Advent Wreath

**1st CANDLE – (purple) THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

**2nd CANDLE – (purple) THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

**3rd CANDLE – (pink) THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

**4th CANDLE – (purple) THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

**5th CANDLE – (white) "CHRIST CANDLE"** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

**AAA Appeal – 2019**

**Our Campaign Goal is \$28,490. As of Nov. 25th, we have received \$27,279 & reached 96% of our goal. We have \$1,211 left to reach our goal. Let's keep going! You can contribute online also at <https://sfarchdiocese.org/aaa>. Thank you.**



**The Cruzada Guadalupeana to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe will be on Saturday, December 7th, processing on foot from South San Francisco as follows: • 5:00 a.m. start at All Souls Church, 315 Walnut Ave., South San Francisco. The**

**mysteries of the rosary will be prayed at several churches along the way; • 1:45 p.m. end of procession; last mystery of the Rosary at the plaza of the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, SF • 2:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral with Archbishop Cordileone Mass will be livestreamed at [sfarch.org](http://sfarch.org).**

**The SFB Men's Club Presents:**



**Sunday, December 8th, 9:30 to 1:00**

**\$0 All you can eat buffet**

**Music Matters Choir Christmas Performance**

**Bingo & Fun Activities**

**Gingerbread & Ornament Decorating**

**49ers Game**



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Sunday, December 1st, 2019, Cycle A

### First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Isaiah describes his vision in which all nations are gathered together by God in peace.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 122:1-2,3-4,4-5,6-7,8-9

Rejoicing, let us enter the house of the Lord.

### Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Be prepared, salvation is near.

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man & the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be. The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a

homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared. -*Loyola Press*

## Advent Reflections

**WHEN DOES ADVENT BEGIN?** Advent begins on the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (November 30th) and ends on December 24th. Christmas begins December 25th at midnight and continues until the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus.

### **What Is the Purpose of Advent?**

According to the General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, Advent has a twofold character: 1) As a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; 2) As a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation. We tend to think of Advent only as the season in which we prepare for Christmas, or the First Coming of Christ, but as the General Norms point out, it is important that we also remember it as a celebration in which we look forward to the Second Coming of Christ. Properly speaking, Advent is a season that brings to mind the Two Comings of Christ. -*Jimmy Akin*

**WHAT DOES ADVENT MEAN?** Advent derives from the Latin *adventus* meaning 'arrival' or 'approach'. For thousands of years the world waited for the coming of the Messiah to redeem and to save the human race, restoring mankind's relationship to God. We, too, experience this same longing for the coming of Christ. Spiritually, we long for the coming of Christ into our hearts as the Holy Spirit draws us into ever deepening relationship with Him; we also long for Christ in his Second Coming, when He will return physically to earth—as He promised—to restore all things to Himself.

**Therefore, the Advent season has these characteristics:** It is a season of: 1) Hopeful longing, 2) Joyful expectation, 3) Prayerful penance, and 4) Spiritual preparation. It looks to: 1) Salvation history of the past, 2) Our present redemption being accomplished, and 3) the future coming of Christ. Advent connects us spiritually with God's whole plan of redemption through Jesus Christ. -*Gretchen Filz*

**Bulletin Supplement: Dec. 1st, 2019,  
Cycle A; Website: sfbsf.org**

**Collections: Weekly Goal: \$5,000**  
Nov. 23rd-24th Offerings.....\$2,402  
Campaign for Human Dev.....\$607  
Thank you for your continued support.

**Next weekend's Mass assignments:**

**Sat. Dec. 7th, 2019, 4:30pm**  
Lector:.....G. Ridenour  
Lay Ministers:.....A. Fontanilla & M. Acosta  
Server(s):.....Volunteer

**Sun, Dec. 8th, 2019, 8:30am**  
Lector:.....Knights  
Lay Ministers:.....Knights  
Server(s):.....Volunteer

**Sun, Dec. 8th, 2019, 10:00am**  
Lector:.....M. Lemus  
Lay Ministers:.....M. & E. Campos  
Server(s).....Volunteer

**Sun, Dec. 8th, 2019, 11:30am**  
Lector:.....Marlon Baldizon  
.....Evelyn Ibarra  
Lay Ministers:.....Carmen Dominguez  
.....Indiana Arguello  
.....Marjorie Hernandez  
Server(s).....Volunteer



**The Legion of Mary  
will be meeting at  
St. Finn Barr on  
Wednesdays at 7pm  
in the Samonte  
Center**

The Legion of Mary is dedicated to spreading the Catholic faith

through devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Membership is open to those who belong to the Catholic Church and believe in its teaching. You can serve as an auxiliary or active member. As a legionary, you will serve God under the banner of Mary through the corporal and spiritual works of Mercy & works of evangelization. We look forward to meeting you. Help us spread the joy of the Good News of Christ to others.



**SIMBANG GABI  
ADVENT  
NOVENA:  
THE  
COMMISSIONING  
MASS**

**Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 7:30 PM  
Location: St. Mary's Cathedral, SF**

Simbang Gabi ("Mass at Night") is a devotional tradition from the Philippines that leads up to Christmas, a "novena of Masses" in the nine days preceding the birth of Christ. The 12th annual Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass and Parol Lighting at St. Mary's Cathedral on December 10 at 7:30 p.m., will herald the beginning of the Simbang Gabi season in many parishes of the Archdiocese.

Traditionally, Christmas Day in the Philippines is ushered in by nine days of dawn Masses. 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 (pronounced SimBONG GaBEE), or "Mass at Night.



**The Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception has been moved to Monday, December 9th but it's not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. You are welcome to attend Mass with us at 8am.**



Save the date! St. Finn Barr School's annual Christmas Concert is on Thursday, December 5th at the Riordan High

School Theater. Mark your calendars so that you won't miss this memorable night. Doors will open at 5:15 PM. For family and friends first-come first-served with seating. The show will begin at 6:00 PM sharp. In the spirit of Christmas, a Friend of St. Barr has yet again donated the entire cost of the Christmas show so that friends, families and even potential new families can enjoy this beautiful evening free of charge.

**PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO  
DOMINGO 1 DE DICIEMBRE 2019**

**LECTORES:** Armando & MaryLou Balderramos

**MINISTROS:** Luis Calderón  
Magda McDonald  
Alejandra González

**INTENCIÓN:** Hoy Domingo recordemos a nuestros amigos y hermanos que han pasado a mejor vida: Joseph Weis, James Limun, Victor Cabaddu, Demetrius Sessoms. Qué nuestro Señor los tenga en su santa gloria.

*A ti Señor, levanto mi alma; Dios mío, en ti confío, no quede yo defraudado, que no triunfen de mí mis enemigos; pues los que esperan en ti no quedan defraudados.*

**REFLEXIÓN:**  
Qué es Adviento? Es tiempo de preparación para la llegada de la Navidad y el nacimiento de Jesús. Se trata de un periodo de 4 semanas del calendario litúrgico dentro de la Iglesia Católica. La palabra Adviento viene del latín adventus que significa venir, llegar. Adviento nos invita a recordar el pasado, nos impulsa a vivir el presente y preparar el futuro. Es un tiempo de esperanza en el que podemos revisar como ha sido nuestra vida espiritual y nuestra relación con Dios.

Primera Lectura - En esta lectura Isaías nos habla de la casa del Señor encumbrada en las montañas. Hasta allí llegarían pueblos enteros que recibirían instrucciones del Señor para marchar por sus sendas.

Segunda Lectura - De Pablo a los Romanos. En esta lectura Pablo nos llama a enderezar nuestros caminos. La salvación está más cerca de lo que pensamos. Nos invita a actuar honestamente y a revestirnos de la gloria de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Evangelio según San Mateo - En este primer Domingo de Adviento Jesús nos hace el llamado de estar prevenidos. Él hace una comparación con Noé, que en esa época no le creyeron y muchos perecieron. Debemos estar preparados al venir Jesús. Se producirá el juicio. Dentro de un mismo grupo social o familiar podrá haber separación. Unos llevados al encuentro de Cristo y otros condenados.

*Estad en vela, porque el Hijo del Hombre vendrá a la hora que menos piensan.*

**CANTOS:**

Entrada	Preparen El Camino Del Señor	309
Señor Ten Piedad		5
Gloria		
Salmo		Misal
Aleluya		Misal
Ofertorio	Ven Señor	311
Santo		14
Aclamación		15
Amen		18
Cordero		20
Comunión	Es Mi Cuerpo	593
Salida	Danos Un Corazón	686

**ANUNCIOS:**

1. Recuerde de su donativo anual a la Arquidiócesis. Hemos recaudado hasta el momento 93%. Sea generoso.
2. Membresías: Son \$10.00 por familia. Luis Calderón es el encargado. Puede pagarle a él.
3. Próximo Domingo. No habrá misa en español a las 11:30AM. La misa en español será a las 4PM en honor a la Inmaculada Concepción de María. Después tendremos el último día de la novena en el Salón. No lo olvide.
4. Novenario de la Purísima 2019:

DIA	FECHA	HORA	LUGAR
2	Domingo 12/01/19	4pm	Pedro & Ivette Cáceres 1314 Lasuen Dr, Millbrae
3	Lunes 12/02/19	7pm	Familia Sarria 142 Lakeview Ave, SF
4	Martes 12/03/19	7pm	Mariela Romero, 225 Village Way, South San Francisco
5	Miércoles 12/04/19	7pm	Familia Argüello 728 Foerester St, SF
6	Jueves 12/05/19	7pm	Familia Vargas 371 London St, SF
7	Viernes 12/06/19	7pm	Familia Portillo Sarria 114 Prague St, SF
8	Sábado 12/07/19	5:30pm	María Elena Moreira 812 West Orange St, South San Francisco
9	Domingo 12/08/19	4pm*	Iglesia St. Finn Barr 415 Edna St, SF

*\*El último día de la novena habrá misa a las 4pm seguido por el rezo de la Purísima en el salón.*

*El Señor nos mostrará su misericordia y nuestra tierra producirá su fruto.*

