

**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 15th, 2019, Cycle A  
December Mass Intentions**

Fri, 13	8:00am	Sisa Family Living & Deceased
Sat, 14	4:30pm	*Parochial Intentions
Sun, 15	8:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	*Parochial Intentions Burmese
Mon, 16	8:00am	+Dionisio Vasquez
Tue, 17	8:00am	+Maria Dolores Montano
Wed, 18	8:00am	+Fr. Valentín Ramón López
Thu, 19	8:00am	Sisa Family, Living & Deceased
Fri, 20	8:00am	Spec. Int: Josefina Santos
Sat, 21	4:30pm	*Parochial Intentions

**Schedule of the Week:**

**Mon through Friday**

..... 8:00am Mass/

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

.....Sat: 4:30pm; Sunday: 8:30am & 10:00am in English; 11:30am in Spanish



**LOOK!**

**The bulletin as an insert schedule  
for SIMBANG GABI**



**AAA Appeal  
2019  
Our  
Campaign  
Goal was  
\$28,490.**

**Congratulations! We have  
reached 100% of our goal!  
We did it! Thank you so much.  
May the Lord bless you for all  
your generosity.**



**ST. FINN BARR CHURCH  
19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
MARDI GRAS ZYDECO DANCE  
Featuring Zydeco Flames**

*Great Game Prizes  
King & Queens Prizes  
and More!*

**DATE:** SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020  
**TIME:** 8:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M.  
**PLACE:** ST. FINN BARR PARISH - GOODE HALL  
415 EDNA STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

**DANCE TICKET: \$25.00 ADVANCE  
ADULTS ONLY \$30.00 AT THE DOOR  
FREE DANCE LESSON FROM 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Food and Drinks will be available for purchase.  
Come and enjoy Louisiana Gumbo, Red Beans & Rice, Hot Links, etc.

**ADVANCE DANCE TICKET FORM**

Please reserve my dance ticket(s). Advance ticket(s) will be held at Will Call.  
If you want your ticket(s) mailed to you, send a self-addressed stamped envelope.  
Make check payable to St. Finn Barr Parish mail to: Zydeco Committee,  
415 Edna Street, San Francisco, CA 94112.

For Credit Card Payment, call St. Finn Barr Parish Rectory at 415-333-3627.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 each - Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to attend, enclose is my donation to support St. Finn Barr Parish \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Your donation is tax deductible.

Zydeco Committee  
c/o Louis & Alice Guldry  
For Information Contact:  
Parish Rectory - 415-333-3627  
Louis or Alice - 415-760-1454



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There is still room! Come and join us on our trip: If you are interested call the rectory: (415) 333-3627 and speak to Mercedes.

**SPLENDORS OF EASTERN EUROPE**  
*Including the Passion Play of Oberammergau that is only performed every 10 years. Don't miss it!*

**11 Days: September 7 - 17, 2020; Visiting:**  
Prague • Budapest • Oberammergau  
• Vienna • Munich

*Hosted By: Fr. William McCain  
& Fr. Roger Gustafson*

**\$4149 from San Francisco; (Air/land tour price is \$3699 plus \$450 government taxes/airline surcharges.)**



### Santo Niño Fiesta Celebration



**Where:** St. Finn Barr Parish  
**Date:** Saturday, January 11, 2020  
**Time:** 4:30pm Holy Mass  
Reception afterwards at Goode Hall

**Procession and Rosary at 4pm**

**RSVP: Contact: Jean & Angel**

**Christmas Posadas in Spanish:  
Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Come & pray with the Holy Family as they journey to find lodging for Jesus in Bethlehem. They are knocking at your door. Will you give them room in your heart?**

**Collections: Weekly Goal: \$5,000**  
Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Offerings \$2,654  
Religious Retirement Fund in U.S. \$ 861

**Thank you for your continued support!**

### Mass Assignments for December:

**Sat. Dec. 21st, 2019, 4:30pm**

Lector: .....J. Fontanilla  
Lay Ministers: .....S. Iloa, E. Greco  
Server(s): .....Ashley Reyes

**Sun, Dec. 22nd, 2019, 8:30am**

Lector: .....E. Llorente  
Lay Ministers: .....M. Napili, S. Stapleton  
Server(s): .....Scarlett Borges

**Sun, Dec. 22nd, 2019, 10:00am**

Lector: .....K. Nieto  
Lay Ministers: .....M. Campos, E. Campos  
Server(s): .....Seamus Rodriguez

**Sun, Dec. 22nd, 2019, 11:30am**

Lector: .....Jairo & Margarita Villanueva  
Ministers: .....Carmen Dominguez  
.....Indiana Argüello  
.....Marjorie Hernández  
Server(s): .....Anthony Barrera

*Posada  
Navideña*



THIRD SUNDAY

OF

Advent

**Third Sunday of Advent,  
Cycle A**

**Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019**

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 35:1-6,10*

In the day of the Lord, all  
sorrow and mourning will  
cease.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 146:6-7,8-9,9-10*

The Lord will save his people.

**Second Reading**

*James 5:7-10*

Be patient, and be ready; the coming of the Lord  
is near.

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 11:2-11*

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the  
kingdom that are being worked through him and  
praises John as more than a prophet.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally  
called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin  
word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so  
named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the  
entrance antiphon for today’s Mass taken from  
Philippians 4:4,5: “Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” This  
Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is  
near. This week’s Gospel Reading continues our  
Advent reflection on the person and message of  
John the Baptist. This week, we hear Jesus’  
message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about  
the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus’ ministry  
and Jesus’ assessment of John’s role in the  
Kingdom of God. The Gospel of Matthew tells  
the story of John’s arrest in chapter [14:3-12](#).

Jesus’ message to John about the signs of the  
kingdom being performed recalls the salvation  
described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a  
reminder that the beginning of salvation is  
already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to  
be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as  
manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in  
the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in  
the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our  
world today, we can find glimpses of God’s work  
among us. Even more, we help to prepare the  
way for God’s kingdom by our words and our  
deeds. This message is indeed a cause for  
rejoicing. -*Loyola Press*

**History of the Christmas Creche Tradition  
Originated by St. Francis of Assisi**

by Whitney Hopler

St. Francis of Assisi, the patron  
saint of animals and founder of the Catholic  
Church’s Franciscan Order, began  
the Christmas tradition of nativity scenes (also  
called creches or manger scenes) because he  
wanted to help people gain a fresh sense of  
wonder about the miracles that the Bible records  
from the first Christmas.

Up until Francis set up the first nativity scene in  
1223, people celebrated Christmas primarily by  
going to Mass (a worship service) at church,  
where priests would tell the Christmas story in a  
language that most ordinary people didn’t speak:  
Latin. Although churches sometimes featured  
fancy artistic renditions of Christ as an infant,  
they didn’t present any realistic manger scenes.  
Francis decided that he wanted to make the  
extraordinary experiences of the first Christmas  
more accessible to ordinary people.

Francis, who was living in the town of Greccio,  
Italy at the time, got the Pope’s permission to  
proceed with his plans. Then he asked his close  
friend John Velita to loan him some animals and  
straw to set up a scene there to represent Jesus  
Christ’s birth in Bethlehem. The nativity scene  
could help people in the area imagine what it  
may have been like to be present on the first  
Christmas long ago, when they came to worship  
at Christmas Eve Mass in December 1223,  
Francis said.

The scene, which was set up in a cave just  
outside Greccio, featured a wax figure of the  
infant Jesus, costumed people playing the roles  
of Mary and Joseph, and the live donkey and ox  
that John had loaned to Francis. Local shepherds  
watched over their sheep in nearby fields, just as  
shepherds in Bethlehem had watched over sheep  
on the first Christmas when the sky suddenly  
filled with angels who announced Christ’s birth  
to them. During the Mass, Francis told the  
Christmas story from the Bible and then  
delivered a sermon. He spoke to the people  
gathered there about the first Christmas and the  
miraculous impact that placing their faith in  
Christ, the baby born in a simple manger in  
Bethlehem, could make in their lives. Francis  
urged people to reject hatred and embrace love,  
with God’s help.

TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO  
DOMINGO DE GAUDETE  
DOMINGO 15 DE DICIEMBRE 2019

**LECTORES:** Jairo & Margarita Villanueva

**MINISTROS:** Carmen Domínguez  
Indiana Argüello  
Marjorie Hernández

**INTENCIÓN:** Hoy Domingo recordemos a nuestros amigos y hermanos que han pasado a mejor vida: Froilan Ramos, Bob Martínez, Marie Foge, Elizabeth Martínez, Timothy Troy, Carlene Bolla. Qué nuestro Señor los tenga en su santa gloria.

*Estén siempre alegres en el Señor, les repito, estén alegres. El Señor está cerca.*

**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, tiempo de esperanza y vigilia, de arrepentimiento, de perdón y de alegría. Y este Tercer Domingo de Adviento es llamado también Domingo de Gaudete o de la alegría.

Gaudete quiere decir: *Regocijarse.*

Primera Lectura - Del profeta Isaías. En esta lectura Isaías nos trae un mensaje lleno de alegría y esperanza. El desierto lo veremos florecer; el pueblo de Dios no tendrá más que temer porque todos serán salvados. El optimismo de Isaías lo lleva a hacer comparaciones tomadas del campo y de la vida humana anunciando el plan de Dios que es de alegría y liberación total, donde todos tendrán una vida llena de regocijo, paz y esperanza.

Segunda Lectura – De la carta del apóstol Santiago. En esta lectura Santiago nos invita a revestirnos de paciencia, a preocuparnos más por hacer el bien, a luchar contra las injusticias y levantar los ojos al cielo hasta que Dios remedie nuestra situación cuando aparezca como juez. Así como el labrador espera pacientemente la lluvia y su cosecha, así también nosotros debemos esperar muy pacientes la segunda venida del Señor.

Evangelio - Segun San Mateo. En este evangelio Juan el Bautista vuelve a ser protagonista con una intervención que se gana de Jesús, a quien Juan le preparó el camino. Juan está en la cárcel y desde allí envía a sus discípulos a preguntar a Jesús si El es el Mesías. Los ciegos ven, los sordos oyen y los cojos andan. Es la respuesta que Jesús da a los mensajeros de Juan. La respuesta del maestro es indirecta. Hace referencia a lo que El hace y dice que es precisamente lo que se espera a la llegada del Mesías.

*Señor ayúdanos a permanecer en vela, aguardando la venida de tu Hijo, con la lámpara de la fe encendida y con una gran dosis de humildad.*

**CANTOS:**

Entrada	Ven Señor	302
Señor Ten Piedad		5
Gloria		
Salmo		Misal
Aleluya		Misal
Ofertorio	Levántate	295
Santo		14
Aclamación		15
Amen		18
Cordero		20
Comunión	Arriba Los Corazones	611
Salida	Santa María	447

**ANUNCIOS:**

1. Recuerde de su donativo anual a la Arquidiócesis. Hemos recaudado hasta el momento 96%. Sea generoso.
2. Membresías: Son \$10.00 por familia. Luis Calderón es el encargado . Puede pagarle a él.
3. Fiesta Navideña Familiar: hoy despues de misa de 11:30am. Estará Santa Claus y Habra piñata. Están todos invitados.
4. Las Posadas:

Día	Fecha	Hora	Lugar
1	Domingo 12/15/19	10:30am	Familia Saucedo & Club Latino, Salon Parroquial
2	Lunes 12/16/19	7pm	Silvia Jimenez 6 Farallones St, SF
3	Martes 12/17/19	7pm	Familia Balderramos 1322 Shafter Ave, SF
4	Miercoles 12/18/19	7pm	Familia Sarria 142 Lakeview Ave, SF
5	Jueves 12/19/19	7pm	Familia Merlos 566 Hearst Ave, SF
6	Viernes 12/20/19	7pm	Familia Hernandez 17 Terrace Avenue, Daly City
7	Sabado 12/21/19	5pm	Familia Ibarra 243 Ellington Ave, SF
8	Domingo 12/22/19	7pm	Familia Stapleton 557 Hearst Ave, SF
9	Lunes 12/23/19	7pm	Familia Villanueva 1347 Palou Ave, SF

*Digan a los cobardes: "Animo, no teman! Miren a su Dios, viene en persona a salvarlos."*

