We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, “Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” (See Matthew 3:10)

Tenemos que ser buenos administradores de los regalos que Dios nos ha dado, recibiendoles con agradecimiento y cultivándolos con cuidado para evitar que nosotros seamos de aquellos de los cuales San Juan Bautista habla hoy, advirtiéndonos, “Todo árbol que no da buen fruto será cortado y arrojado al fuego.” (Ver Mateo 3:10)
## Masses for the Week

### December 8, 2019

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All intentions must be scheduled through the Office.

### December 15, 2019

### EVENTS FOR THE WEEK:

**MONDAY:**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses at 7:00 am, 6:00 pm, & 8:00 pm (Vietnamese).

**TUESDAY:**

**OUR LADY OF LORETO**

OLG Mission Brisbane: Rosary at 5:30 p.m.

**OLVS Christmas Show** in the Hall at 6:00 p.m.

**Grupo de Oración** in St. Leo’s at 7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**

**OVER 55** in the Hall at 12:00 p.m.

**OLPH Devotion** in the Church at 6:00 p.m.

**RCIA Gathering** in the Rectory at 7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY:**

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

**OLVS Liturgy** in the Church at 8:45 a.m.

**FRIDAY:**

**Vietnamese Choir Practice** in the Church at 8:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY:**

**Legion of Mary** in St. Leo’s at 8:00 a.m.

**CCD Classes** in the School at 9:30 a.m.

**Deanery Advent Reconciliation Service** at St. Elizabeth Church from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by lunch.

**Divine Mercy Choir** in St. Leo’s at 11:00 a.m.

**Fatima Kids & Youth Group** in St. Leo’s from 4-6pm.

**SUNDAY:**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Charismatic Choir Practice** in St. Leo’s at 9:00 a.m.

**Knights of Columbus** in St. Leo’s at 10:45 a.m.

**Charismatic Group** in St. Leo’s at 5:00 p.m.

### 2020 MASS INTENTIONS

You may drop off your list of 2020 Mass Intentions at the Office. Your list should include requested mass date, time, and name to be mentioned, as well as your contact information. For more than three deceased family members in one intention, please condense the intention to “Deceased Members of (name) Family.” The donation is $10.00 per Mass. For questions or more information, please contact the Parish Office at (415) 494-5517 x3.

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2020 Parish Offering Envelopes are in the Church Vestibule. Please pick up your box of envelopes. If you want to sign up for the envelopes, contact the Office.
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13; Lk 1:39-47 or Lk 1:26-38, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

Support aging religious. Our second collection today is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous to this collection. See more at retiredreligious.org.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is always a holy day of obligation, except in years when December 8th falls on Sunday and the solemnity is observed on December 9th. That is the case this year. We will celebrate the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 9th with masses at 7:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. (Vietnamese). Attendance is not obligatory.

SIMBANG GABI COMMISSIONING MASS

Simbang Gabi, the Filipino tradition of praying a novena of Masses during the nine days preceding Christmas, is well celebrated throughout the archdiocese. The Commissioning Mass, which heralds the beginning of the season, is on Tuesday, December 10th in St. Mary’s Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. Archbishop Cordileone will preside at this Mass, which is followed by a reception and fellowship. Parishes may bring their parols for blessing. All are welcome. The Mass will be livestreamed on the archdiocesan webpage, sfarch.org/events/simbang-gabi-advent-novena.

During the Novena period, from December 15th to 24th, various parishes in the Archdiocese will celebrate Masses as part of this tradition. A full calendar of Masses is available on the archdiocesan webpage, above. At Church of the Visitacion, Simbang Gabi Masses will be held from Monday, December 16th to Tuesday, December 24th at 6:00 a.m. There will be a fellowship in the Hall kitchen every day after the mass. All are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS CARDS DRIVE

The Restorative Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese ministers to those in prison and those affected by crime. At Christmas, everyone wants to send Christmas cards to family and friends. Can you join us in providing new, blank cards that incarcerated men and women can fill out and mail? Our Christmas Cards Drive supplies cards to people in San Francisco and Marin County Jails, as well as juveniles in facilities in San Francisco and San Mateo. The cards can be commercial products or homemade, in English or Spanish, religious or secular. The goal this year is 2,000 cards. Cards should be brought or mailed to the Chancery by December 13th:

The Archdiocese of San Francisco
Attention: Restorative Justice Ministry
2019 Christmas Cards Drive
1 Peter Yorke Way
San Francisco, CA 94109
DEANERY ADVENT RECONCILIATION
On Saturday, December 14th, St. Elizabeth Church is hosting the Deanery Advent Reconciliation Service. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. with hospitality in the Church Vestibule. The Reconciliation Service is at 9:30 a.m. with Fr. Michael Rocha as the main presider. Individual confession follows. The service concludes with complimentary lunch in Cantwell Hall at noon. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
Come to the Christmas Remembrance Service on Saturday, December 14th, 11:00 am, at Holy Cross Cemetery, All Saints Mausoleum Chapel. Msgr. John Talesfore, pastor of St. Matthew Parish, will lead a morning of prayer, reflection and remembrance as we move through the holiday season. Members of Girl Scout Troop #31971 from Our Lady of Mercy Parish have hand-decorated ornaments for us, so that you may write a loved one's name or a message on them and hang them on our Christmas trees during the service. All are welcome to join in this time of comfort and support during the season.

PARISH HOLIDAY GIVING TREE
If you took a tag off the Parish Holiday Giving Tree, you are responsible for purchasing a Christmas gift for the child noted on the tag. Gifts should be new items costing $15.00 to $30.00. Please bring your wrapped gift with the tag to the Church or Office no later than Sunday, December 15th. Thank you for your participation.

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LITURGY MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Saturday, December 14th
4:00 pm R1 – Letty Ramos R2 – Roma Day
E – Miguel Campos, Siony Grospe, Cindy Malunao
U – Ricky Lim, Pacifico Grospe, Mario Escalona, Miguel Campos

Sunday, December 15th
8:00 a.m. R1 – Lino Senio R2 – Celia Francis
E – Dely Musngi, Henrietta Barian, Connie Cabardo
U – Arnold Bautista, Malou Bautista, Pacifico Grospe
9:30 a.m. R1 – Steve Rouse R2 – Cristina Ordona
E – Purificacion Lim, Crispin Lim, Miguel Campos
U – Jorge Portillo, Jose Ochoa, Butch Mangibin, Tino Medios
12:30 pm R1 – Charlotte Dela Cruz R2 – Agnes Kioskli
E – Nenet Seegmiller, Dely Musngi, Lily Escandor
U – Lily Sweeney, Brandon Carino, J. Cenina

GOLDEN GATE BOYS CHOIR CONCERT
Looking for an inspirational way to welcome Advent and Christmas season? Come to a seasonal concert by the Golden Gate Boys Choir & Bellringers on Sunday, December 15th at 2:00 p.m. at the National Shrine of St. Francis. GGBC is a Catholic boys choir serving boys ages 7 to 18 from the San Francisco archdiocese and Oakland diocese. The concert is child and adult-friendly. Admission is free, with donations graciously accepted at the door. For information, call Sue Ann Wercinski at (415) 845-6563.

SHARE YOUR HEART, SPIRIT & BLESSINGS
With the holiday season upon us, there are ample ways to share your blessings and hope with vulnerable children, individuals, and families served by Catholic Charities:

- **Family Sharing** – we will match you with families hoping for the joy of gifts for the holidays.
- **Toy Drive** – we are collecting new, unwrapped toys for children aged 4 thru 12; new pre-school through 5th grade books, and board games for struggling families.
- **Adult Gift Card Drive** – bring holiday cheer with a gift card for families and individuals in our homelessness and housing programs.

To volunteer and for more information, please contact Carol Laughlin at CLaughlin@CatholicCharitiesSF.org or visit us at catholiccharitiessf.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
Thank you to all who contributed to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. We collected $47,504, which exceeds our goal of $45,940. Excess funds will be returned to our parish. OLG Mission collected $3,735 towards its goal of $4,400. We will start the 2020 Campaign in January.

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