

St. Cecilia's Bulletin

3rd Sunday of Advent - December 16, 2018

TODAY

What an overwhelming message is carried in today's liturgy: "Rejoice in the Lord always! May we experience the joy of salvation! Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Cry out with joy and gladness!"

There is a profound sense of hope for a better world to come, a world in which, the prophet says, "you have no further misfortune to fear and the apostle tells us to dismiss all anxiety from your minds."

The reason for this joy and hope is clear: "The Lord himself is near" (Second Reading); "there is one to come who is mightier than I" (Gospel).

It is within this context of joyous and hopeful expectation of the coming of Christ that we must understand the exhortations of John to the people. Our work for a better world is preparation for the coming of Christ. It is also a sign that the coming of Christ is near.

"The Spirit of the Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor." That is the message which we are to shout with joy: Jesus is coming with Good News for all those who are suffering because of injustice and peacelessness.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, December 17

- 10:00 am - Pedro - Collins Center
- 12:30 pm - Computers - Collins Center
- 2:00 pm - Qi Gong - Collins Center
- 3:00 pm - Current Events - Collins Center
- 6:30 pm - Young Lady's Institute - Green Room

TUESDAY, December 18

- 9:00 am - French - Collins Center
- 10:00 am - Italian - Collins Center
- 11:00 am - Exercise - Collins Center
- 1:00 pm - Bingo - Collins Center
- 7:30 pm - Choir Practice - Church
- 7:30 pm - Baptismal Preparation - Collin Center

WEDNESDAY, December 19

- 7:30 pm - Legion of Mary - Legion Room

THURSDAY, December 20

- 10:00 am - Scrabble - Collins Center
- 10:00 am - Bridge & Bridge Lessons - Collins Center
- 10:30 am - Beginning Bridge Lessons (Full) - Collins Center
- 1:00 pm - Knitting and Crochet - Collins Center
- 7:00 pm - Chinese Bible Sharing - Collins Center
- 7:30 pm - Choir Practice - Church

FRIDAY, December 21

- 10:30 am - Adult Faith Formation with Dr. Braga - Collins Center
- 11:00 am - Exercise - Collins Center
- 1:30 pm - Homebound Mass - Collins Center
- 6:00 pm - Holy Trinity Community - Serra Room

SATURDAY, December 22

- 10:00 am - Centering Prayer - Collins Center
- 4:00 pm - Holy Hour - Our Lady's Chapel

9:30 A.M. FAMILY MASS COFFEE & DONUTS

Today there will be no coffee and donuts. Please join us for the School Advent Pageant (Church) & Pancake Breakfast (Pavilion).

Next Sunday's the Knights and the League of the Sacred Heart will host coffee and donuts.

2018 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

We are **SHORT 69,462** to reach our assessment of \$161,866 by the end of the year, otherwise, we will have to take the funds from our Sunday collections.

If you have not already responded to the Appeal, please do so now so that we may each do our fair share in supporting the Archdiocese. Gifts should be mailed to: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2018, Archdiocese of San Francisco, One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109. Please write "St. Cecilia, S.F." in the memo. You can also donate online at SFArch.org/AAA.

Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas at St. Cecilia's

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

**5:00 p.m. - Fr. Michael Liliedahl
with music by Frances Peterson**

**7:00 p.m. - Fr. Sebastine Bula, VC
with our Children's Choir**

11:15 p.m. - Carol Concert

**Midnight Mass - Msgr. Romulo Vergara
with Adult Choir and Orchestra**

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Sebastine Bula, VC

**9:30 a.m. - Fr. Michael Liliedahl
with music by Frances Peterson**

**11:30 a.m. - Msgr. Romulo Vergara
with Adult Choir and Orchestra**

NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Celebrate Gaudete Sunday!

***TODAY Sunday, December 16th at 4:00PM
St. Cecilia's Adult Choir will present
"Lessons and Carols: A Musical Celebration of Advent"***

MEMORIAL FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES are available inside the Church. The 11:30 am Christmas Day Mass will be offered for the people whose names are listed on the envelopes. Deposit envelopes near the Jessie Tree. Donations help offset the expense of flowers & Christmas trees for your Church's Christmas environment.

ADVENT GIVING TREE THANK YOU!

Thank you everyone for yet another wonderfully successful year of providing gifts for those in need in our community. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide nearly 1,000 Christmas presents this year. Your thoughtfulness and continued prayers will ensure a blessed Advent season for many special people. We are grateful to all of the St. Cecilia parishioners, the Young Families Group, and volunteers who help make this ministry possible.

Did you know...

That St. Cecilia's has paid for a membership in Formed.org for you? Visit formed.org on a web browser, and click on "Register" (lower right of page). Enter our Parish Access Code: **RZDPQZ** along with your email, create a password (to log-in, later), and enjoy your Catholic faith with films and articles.

ST. CECILIA SCHOOL HELPS FIRE VICTIMS

The generous students and families of St Cecilia School helped to raise \$2,400 to send Walmart gift cards to families in need after the Camp Fire in Butte County. Third graders decorated and personalized greeting cards with the sweetest thoughts and prayers to accompany the gift cards. The gifts were personally delivered to the North Valley Catholic Social Services last week and they are so thankful and thrilled that our school community is so thoughtful.

A second school collection to send additional gifts to the victims is in the works. If you would like to contribute, please contact Heather Baria at heatherbaria@gmail.com or you can send your donation in cash or check (made payable to St Cecilia SCRIP) to the School or Rectory.

MONDAYS - CHURCH CLOSER

Due to the shortage of Knights, we will no longer be able to keep the Church open after the 9:00 am Mass every Monday. However, if we get an influx of new Knights, we will be able to resume keeping the Church open on Mondays for our parishioners.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A KNIGHTS

St. Cecilia is one of the few Churches which remain open between Masses so that people can come to pray in a secure environment. We are able to do this because of the Knights of St. Cecilia, a group of men and women who volunteer their time - an hour a week - to mind the Church. They stand duty between 10:00 am - 5:00 pm weekdays and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday.

Please give prayerful consideration to donating a little of your time. If you are interested in becoming a Knight please call the Rectory at 415-664-8481.

COLLINS CENTER CHRISTMAS BREAK

The Collins Center programs will take a Christmas break. The last day of classes will be Friday, December 21st, and the doors will open again on Monday, January 7th.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS AND FAMILIES!

Christopher & Jane Hong
Darlene DeGuzman
Rose Dantes
Loy & Marissa Linebarger
Marjan Radanovic & Kristen Kipps

BAPTISM

Francesco Mariano DeFilippo

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOUL OF THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

Jacqueline Badenhausen

John Walsh

Sunday Ministries for Next Weekend

5 P.M. Saturday - MUSIC: Frances Peterson; Presider: Fr. Liledahl; Lectors: Monique Zmuda & John Cigavic; Euch. Min: Monique Zmuda, Kathie Wood, Garrett Scanlan, Lila Angelopoulos; Altar Servers: Zoe Perez, Con McKeon, Linda Palmer, Aidan Sweeney

7:30 A.M. Mass - Presider: Msgr. Vergara; Lectors: Marigrace Cohen & Sharon Hupf; Euch. Min: Marigrace Cohen & Sharon Hupf; Altar Servers: Isabella Turok, Becca Button, James Kramer, Lyla Simpson

9:30 A.M. Family Mass: Knights & League of the Sacred Heart - MUSIC: Cecilia Cardenas; Presider: Fr. Liledahl; Euch. Min: George Ibarcena, Anne Burgoyne, Kathryn Ann Dougery, Mimi Pratt, Kathy O'Connor; Altar Servers: Isabella Hildebrand, Aidan Hildebrand, Brianna Kyne, Phianna Luu

11:30 A.M. Mass - MUSIC: Adult Choir; Presider: Fr. Bula; Lectors: Kathy Erigero & Walt McCall; Euch. Min: Kathy Erigero, Walt McCall, Cecilia Vargas, Lynda McCarthy; Altar Servers: Siobhan LaRocca, James Nicholson, Jane Kelly, Steven Su

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 17

7AM - Barny Crotty
9AM - Chrissy Scanlon
5:30 - Marian Connelly

Tuesday, December 18

7AM - Gard Family, Living
9AM - Lakshmi Gounder
5:30 - Geoffrey Shirvani

Wednesday, December 19

7AM - Marian Connelly
9AM - Jack Viani
5:30 - Frank O'Keeffe

Thursday, December 20

7AM - Jack Harrington, Living
9AM - William McLaughlin
5:30 - Kathleen Moran

Friday, December 21

7AM - Morrison Gardner
9AM - John Libby
5:30 - Michael & Eileen McNicholas

Saturday, December 22

7AM - Kathleen Fitzgerald
9AM - Jack & Hazel Miller
5PM - Mendoza Family

Sunday, December 23

7:30 AM - Patrick Healy
11:30 AM - Howard & Virginia Arata