

St. Cecilia's Bulletin

2nd Sunday of Advent - December 9, 2018

TODAY

Advent is a time of joyful anticipation. It is time, the prophet Baruch says, “to take off your robe of mourning and misery,” for God is leading his people “with his mercy and justice for company.” God’s people “are wrapped in the cloak of justice from God,” and they “will be named by God forever the peace of justice.”

Paul, too, speaks of joyful anticipation, of waiting for “the day of Christ Jesus.” He encourages the Philippians to grow in “love, understanding, wealth of experience, clear conscience, and blameless conduct,” and he concludes with a wish: “that you may be found rich in the harvest of justice which Jesus Christ has ripened in you.”

The message of John the Baptist is to prepare the way for the coming of Christ, to make straight the windings and to make smooth the rough ways.

We need a “baptism of repentance,” a cleansing from the old ways of “greed and darkness” and a commitment to a new way of living. We need to challenge the wisdom of the world in the way it was challenged by that prophet in the desert.

“3While we are warned that it profits a man nothing if he gain the whole world and lose himself, the expectation of a new earth must not weaken but rather stimulate our concern for cultivating this one. For here grows the body of a new human family, a body which even now is able to give some kind of foreshadowing of the new age.” Vatican II, Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, 1965: 39

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, December 10

10:00 am - Pedro - Collins Center
2:00 pm - Qi Gong - Collins Center
7:00 pm - United For Life - Green Room

TUESDAY, December 11

9:00 am - French - Collins Center
10:00 am - Italian - Collins Center
11:00 am - Exercise - Collins Center
1:00 pm - Bingo - Collins Center
7:00 pm - Young Men's Institute - Serra Room
7:30 pm - Choir Practice - Green Room

WEDNESDAY, December 12

7:30 pm - Legion of Mary - Legion Room

THURSDAY, December 13

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
7:30 pm - Choir Practice - Green Room

FRIDAY, December 14

8:30 am - St. Martha Prayer Group - Collins Center
10:30 am - Adult Faith Formation with Dr. Braga - Collins Center
11:00 am - Exercise - Collins Center
12:30 pm - Movie: "Holiday Affair" - Collins Center
7:00 pm - Chinese Club Meeting - Collins Church

SATURDAY, December 15

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 the Filipino Community will host coffee and donuts.

Next Sunday's there will be no coffee and donuts. Please join us for the School Advent Pageant & Pancake Breakfast donuts.

2018 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

We are SHORT \$70,537 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.

ADVENT ADORATION: 7:30 A.M. – 10:00 P.M.
FRIDAYS: DEC 14 & 21

SCHOOL ADVENT PAGEANT - NEXT SUNDAY

The children of our primary grades will celebrate the great season of Advent next Sunday, December 16th at the 9:30 am Mass, presenting songs and skits which convey the saving power of God through the history of our salvation.

MEN OF ST. CECCILIA PANCAKE BREAKFAST - NEXT SUNDAY

Advent is a time of giving. The Men of St. Cecilia are giving the parish a special gift. You are invited to a FREE Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, December 16th, after the 9:30 am Family Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate as a parish family. Children are always welcome, as St. Nicholas always visits us!



ADVENT GIVING TREE

We need your help to provide gifts during the Advent season to children and families throughout the San Francisco Archdiocese. Please choose a gift tag, located at the front of the church by the Jesse Tree, and pray for that person throughout Advent. Please return your wrapped gift, with the gift tag firmly attached, to the altar by TODAY DECEMBER 9th. Your prayers and generosity will surely make this Advent season just a little bit brighter for a special person within our faith community. Thank you! Please contact Helen Roy, 415-420-3216 or havroy@gmail.com, with questions or for more information.

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.



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



YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS THANK YOU

The December 2nd celebration of the Feast of St. Nicholas was a resounding success. The wonderful turnout made it a warm and joy-filled time even before Santa Claus arrived and stole the show! The turkey dinner was sumptuous. Thank you to all the volunteers who planned, decorated, donated food, loaned the Christmas tree, and led the children's crafts and games. Thanks also to the Men's Club for furnishing the wine and beer, and preparing the food. Email stceciliayfg@gmail.com for more information or to participate in future YFG gatherings.

MONDAYS - CHURCH CLOSER

Effective Monday, December 3rd, 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 in support of this fulfilling parish ministry which helps people draw closer to God. If you are interested in becoming a Knight please call the Rectory at 415-664-8481.

A MASS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH IN OUR LADY'S CHAPEL AT 10:00 AM FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. CECILIA. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REPORT TO PARISHIONERS

Last week \$2,500 was sent to St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church's SVDP Society in Paradise, California to assist victims of the devastating Butte County fire.

This week we had a successful drive for clothing which was distributed to the less fortunate member of our city. None of these act of these act of charity could have been sent to those in need if it were not for your continued generous support of your parish's SVDP Society. Our Conference is really your hands reaching out to those in need. THANK YOU!

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.

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

Karen Lee
Frank Petiti
Grace Ternullo

Sunday Ministries for Next Weekend

5 P.M. Saturday - MUSIC: Frances Peterson; Presider: Fr. Bula; Lectors: Bob Barrett & Marco Celi; Euch. Min: Marco Celi, Tina Celi, Mary Barrett, Garrett Scanlan; Altar Servers: Anthony Monares, Jimmy McKeon, Kate Cassidy, Keira Cassidy

7:30 A.M. Mass - Presider: Msgr. Vergara; Lectors: Marigrace Cohen & Viviana Soper; Euch. Min: Marigrace Cohen, Irma Garcia, Roger Garcia; Altar Servers: Jacob Cuevas, Lorenzo Caniglia, Nicole Vo, James Kramer

9:30 A.M. - MUSIC: Advent Choir; Presider: Fr. Liliedahl; Euch. Min: Rita Mazzei, George Ibarcena, Mimi Pratt, Ann Sundby; Altar Servers: Jimmy McKeon, Alexandria Konopaski, Brianne Kyne, Eddy Dudum

11:30 A.M. Mass - MUSIC: Adult Choir; Presider: Fr. Liliedahl; Lectors: Wendy Ho & Theresa Markham; Euch. Min: Wendy Ho, Theresa Markham, Vilma Tanco & Dick Lowry; Altar Servers: Lila Kopp, Ruby Adam Zarkewski, Francesco Catanzariti

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 10

7AM - Danilo Ronquillo, Living
9AM - Lino Lopez
5:30 - Eleanor Louis

Tuesday, December 11

7AM - Mary McEntee McNally
9AM - John Moylan, Living
5:30 - James & John O'Neill

Wednesday, December 12

7AM - Philip C. Kwan
9AM - Bryan McGuire
5:30 - Gabriel Hanrahan

Thursday, December 13

7AM - Marian Connelley
9AM - Jim & Margaret Kavanagh
5:30 - Reynaldo & Ricardo Vargas

Friday, December 14

7AM - Edward John Spasek
9AM - Teodorico Fabi
5:30 - Dr. Edward & Anthony Erigero

Saturday, December 15

7AM - Marian Connelley
9AM - Anita Dombrique
5PM - Dan Walsh

Sunday, December 16

7:30 AM - Alice Flynn
11:30 AM - Arthur Schumacker