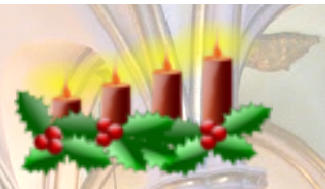




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December 24th, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent (p35 in the Red Missal)



Christmas Eve

The day has finally come when we can open our presents! That's what Christmas Eve meant to me as a boy. Priests receive lots of cards and gifts at Christmas, for which I thank you all. I'm sorry that I cannot send a personal card to

each of you (I hope all registered members did receive my Christmas message and Mass schedule a few weeks ago). But the **Greatest Gift** has yet to be opened—the adorable Baby Jesus, fully human and fully divine, who will give Himself to us at Christmas Mass. The Most Holy Eucharist is why we call this season “Christ’s Mass.” And so I welcome all of you, old friends and visitors alike, who have come to this parish church to receive the Gift of the Most Holy Redeemer. May He fill us with true joy, and may we give that joy to others.

What I Really Want for Christmas

People sometimes ask us what we want for Christmas. What I really want is the conversion of my parish, beginning with myself. I want us all to love Jesus with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. I want us to trust the good God enough not to grumble about life. I want us all to come together in prayer and praise every Sunday at the Holy Mass. Well, conversion takes time, as I know in my own life, so let's all keep working together in this new year for the sanctification of the parish, beginning with ourselves.

Extraordinary Form: Vigil of Christmas (p175 in Black Missal)

What I Want for Christmas After That

The British writer Hilaire Belloc wrote after his reconversion to Catholicism: “Wherever the Catholic sun doth shine, There’s laughter and dancing and good red wine. At least I’ve always found it so. *Benedicamus Domino!*” In the Spirit of Christmas and in keeping with our Catholic identity, many of you have sent bottles of “good red wine” to our humble rectory this Christmas, and we need a **wine rack**. So if anyone still wishes to make a Christmas gift to the rectory, a wine rack for about 40 bottles would be lovely. A Blessed and Merry Christmas to all!

Fr. Joseph Illo www.frilloblog.com



Last year's Christmas Eve Pageant

Our mission statement:

to evangelize God's people beginning with the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

Fr. Joseph Illo
Administrator

Fr. John Mary Chung
Parochial Vicar

Martin Ford
Operations Manager

Ellen Torkelson
Secretary /HR

Thelma Queri
Secretary / Bookkeeper

Theresa Poon
School Principal

Jacqueline Paras
Director of Pre-school

Lynn Kraehling
Director of Music

Georgianna Askoff
Music Assistant

Claire Herrick
Director of Evangelization

Lorna Feria
Confirmation/Youth
Coordinator

Mariella Zevallos
Stewardship Coordinator

Ed Tobin
Sacristan

Ryan Sebers
President Pastoral Council

John Sellai
President Finance Council

Office: M-F 8:30am-4:00pm.
Office closed 12:00-1:00pm
for Mass.

Weekend Masses

Sat Vigil 4:30pm, Sun 8am,
9:30am, 11:30 am (Latin),
5pm (Latin), 7:30pm

Adoration

Tues. 8:30am 'til Saturday
4pm, Tuesday 7-8pm, Every
2nd Sunday 3:15-4:15pm

Daily Masses

Monday to Friday
7:30am (Latin) 12 Noon
Saturday 8:30am

Social Events

Parish BBQ: First
Sundays Young Adults
Tuesdays 7pm

Holy Day Masses

7:30am (Latin) 12 Noon,
5:30pm, 6:30pm (Latin
with choir)

Devotions to Jesus

Sacred Heart First Friday
after Noon Mass, Divine
Mercy Saturday at 3pm

Confessions

15 Minutes before every
Mass, Saturday 3:15-4:15 or
by appointment

Devotions to Mary

Perpetual Help Wednesday
after Noon Mass. Fatima First
Saturday after 8:30am Mass

NEWS

The Sunday Scriptures

by Fr. Joseph Illo **A Child is Given to Us** (2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38)

The gifts at Christmas all reflect one Single Gift: the gift of a Child. That is why Mother Teresa, among other saints, focused so intently on protecting the child, both before and after birth. Let us see in the Christ Child all children, and all people. Every man is Christ; every woman is Jesus. As we Christians receive the gift of Christ, let us hope to recognize Christ in every other person this season.

Eucharistic Adorer

"Let your door stand open to receive Him, unlock your soul to Him, offer Him a welcome in your mind, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the joy of grace. Throw wide the gate of your heart, stand before the sun of the everlasting light..."

- St. Ambrose

Eucharistic Adoration is open from 8am on Tuesdays - 4pm on Saturdays. Adoration is in the Church during the day from 8am - 5pm and reposed during Masses. All other hours Jesus is exposed in the side Chapel. Please visit our Adoration information table outside the Chapel in the West Entrance of the Church and consider signing up for a weekly hour. All are welcome!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday December 24th Masses:

8am, 9:30am, 11:30am Latin

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses:

4:30pm Children's Choir,

10pm Caroling followed by 10:30pm full choir Mass,

12 Midnight Latin Sung High

Christmas Day Masses:

8am with Christmas Carols,

9:30am full Choir,

11:30am Latin

No 5pm or 7:30pm Masses

New Years Eve:

11:30-12:30am Holy Hour with Benediction

Solemnity of The Mother of God Masses (Jan. 1)

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am Latin



Making Tamales, the Advent tradition of Las Posadas

New Year's Eve Ball

Come celebrate the new year and dance the night away! December 31st 7pm - 1am. Tickets are \$12, children 10 and under free. Open to all parishioners and friends. Tickets will be sold after the 11:30am Mass, or please come by the Parish Office. For more information email oliviar421@gmail.com

Walk for Life-Speaker Series

Get ready for January BIG events!

This year's 14th Annual West Coast Walk for Life will be held on Saturday January 27 at 12:30pm, beginning downtown at the Civic Center. Do not miss this opportunity to see community in the streets of San Francisco. It is a peaceful and inspiring walk to see so many come out every year to support women. Afterwards we will have a **Free BBQ** at 5:00pm in Auditorium, followed by this season's: **Star Speaker Series** given by the **Sisters of Life**. Their talk will be held at 6pm, in the Church, with a **Holy Hour** at 7pm.

Want to Know More about Being Catholic?

Come to our RCIA classes every other Monday at 6:30pm in the Parish Offices. Our next class will be on January 8th after the Holidays on The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. We have light refreshments and fellowship before all classes.

Communion and Liberation

Communion and Liberation (CL) is an ecclesial lay movement whose purpose is to educate and develop Christian maturity, and to collaborate in the mission of the Church in all the spheres of contemporary life. CL meets on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the Saint Francis Room. Contact: Maria Elena Monzani: monzani@gmail.com

PRAYER

12/15	Time	Intention
Sat 12/23	8:30am 4:30pm	Int. of the Feria Family Int. of Lucy Tai & Family +Adolph & Helen Lowniec
Sun 12 /24	8am 9:30am 11:30am 4:30pm 10:30pm 12 Mid.	+Conchita Llanillo Ines +deceased members of the Holy Rosary Sodality +Anthony & Marion Walsh Carozzi +Benjamin Joseph Juneau Int. of Kevin Phuong & Family +Luis & Purita Ibaseta Int. of the Schmalz Family Int. of the Silmaro Family
Mon 12/25	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am	Int. of La Llorona & children +Navidad Guinto Int. of Gerard Christian Ines Int. of the Lagman Family Int. of Stephen Conolly +Mildred Paras +Mildred Viana
Tue 12/26	7:30am 12Noon	Int. of Mary Jenkins +Veronica Batinga Mellett
Wed 12/27	7:30am 12Noon	Int. for the gift of faith for all unbelievers +Imelda Mary Walsh Gallagher
Thu 12/28	7:30am 12Noon	+Souls in Purgatory Int. of Fernando Manzon & Ramel Maccalalad
Fri 12/29	7:30am 12Noon	+Joseph O'Leary Int. of Geraldine Walsh Doherty +Charles H. Rodgers
Sat 12/30	8:30am 4:30pm	+William R. Whelan Int. of Celestino & Sonia Calupad (50th wedd. anniv) +Eugene Sallaberia

Please pray for ...

Fr. John

McDermott, Ron

Howes, Leoni

Pryor, Billy

Kennedy, Jenny &

Francis Chow,

Blanca Barahona,

Valerie Chicas,

Valerie Abejuro

Miller, Raquel

Pasco, Sis. Theresa

Grant, Peter

Haramis, Leslie

Weber, Christina

G. Piazio, John

Driscoll, Edna

Herrera, Miles

Sellai, David

Schiessl, David

Talpas, Matthew

Nelson, Cecilia

Conway, Sicily

Guzman,

Anastasia Olbash,

Ben-Hur Palma,

Michael Hughes,

Mary Acdan,

Charde Ford,

James Houghton,

Flora Atento,

Tony Yoshida,

Raymond Ellery,

George Pulizzano,

Maria Fernanda

Marcal, Maryanne

Thompson,

Christian

Ourtague, Pat

Hegarty, Johnny

Colins, Sam

Lahey, Joshua Cavalier, Manuel Sequeira, Evelyn Gan,
Tessie So, Mary Guy, Beradi Wang, Suzane Wang, Rosa
Lee, Tina Sanchez, Janice Alden Tom Schatz, Luz King,
Connie Abordo, Jean Brock, David Glennon, Jennifer
Bolla, Dave Vanskiver

2018 Choir Rehearsals

Mondays (weekly)

6-6:45 pm - Children's Choir

7-8 pm - Latin Men's Schola

(Men Only)

8-9:30 pm - Latin Mixed Schola / 5pm Latin Mass

Tuesdays (weekly)

7-9 pm - Latin Mixed Schola

Thursdays (every other week)

7-9 pm - Latin Mixed Schola

Fridays (weekly)

5:45-7 pm - English Mixed Schola

Sundays (weekly)

1-1:45 pm - Children's Choir

EVENTS

Saturday December 23, **Legion of Mary** 9:30am in the Parish Office.

Sunday December 24, **Serving the Hungry with the Sisters of Fraternite Notre Dame** 3:30pm - 6pm in the UN Plaza.

Sunday December 24, **PSR Children's Christmas Eve Mass** 4:30pm, 10:30pm Choral Mass, 12 Midnight High Latin Mass

Monday December 25, **Christmas Day** Masses 8am, 9:30am Choral and 11:30 Latin

Monday December 25 - December 26, **Office Closed**

Sunday December 31, **New Years Eve Holy Hour** 11:30pm - 12:30am in the Church

Sunday December 31 **New Years Eve Party** 7pm-1am in the Auditorium

Monday January 1, **Solemnity of the Mother of God**

Tuesday January 2, **Bible Study** at 3:00pm at the Parish Office. Call (650) 660-4546 to RSVP

Tuesday January 2, **Holy Hour** at 7pm in the Church to pray for the intentions of everyone at the parish and school

Tuesday January 2, **Young Adults Fellowship** after 7pm Holy Hour in the West Entrance of the Church and then to a local pub to be determined.

Thursday January 4, **Pro-Life Group** at 7pm prays outside Planned Parenthood on Valencia St.

Friday January 5, **Communion and Liberation** at 7pm in the St. Francis Room

Sunday January 7, **The Epiphany of the Lord**

Monday January 8, **RCIA Class** 6:30pm in the Parish Office.

Monday January 15, **Office Closed - MLK Day**

Saturday January 27, **West Coast Walk for Life** 12:30pm, downtown Civic Center

Saturday January 27, **Free BBQ**, 5:00pm in Auditorium

Saturday January 27, **Star Speaker Series - Sisters of Life**, 6pm, Holy Hour at 7pm in the Church

Friday February 2, **The Presentation of the Lord**

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is a way of life, a life of accountability and responsibility acknowledging God as Creator and Giver of all. **Stewardship** involves responsible management of our God-given resources of **Time** (that is, time spent in prayer before God), **Talent** (our God-given abilities), and **Treasure** (our God-given wealth). Stewards as disciples of Jesus Christ see themselves as caretakers of all God's gifts.

Bible Study

Don't know a lot about the Bible? Come be inspired by the very academic Mary Ann Eiler every Tuesday class at 3:30pm in the Parish Office.

Mother's Group

Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month after the 8:30am Mass in the Parish Office. Come meet other moms who want friendship, advice and spiritual growth.

Office Closed

The Church office will be closed the entire day on Christmas December 25 and the day after, December 26th.

Steward Stats



Time: 5 Children are being baptized this month



Talent: 100 sets of hats and gloves were given in donation for the homeless. thank you!



Treasure: \$7,045 given in Offertory. \$1,933 for the Religious Retirement Fund.

Estate Planning: Help our work live on. Please remember us in your will. For information on estate planning, please contact Martin Ford at the parish office.



Caroling at the Farmers Market

Christmas Serving

The Missionaries of Charity will be serving those in need everyday of the week - Monday thru Sunday except Thursdays - outside under the Cesar Chavez and Portero Hill exit of Hwy 101 from 3:30pm - 4:30pm until Jan. 2018.

The Sisters of Fraternite Notre Dame will be serving on December 24th at the UN Plaza from 3:30pm to 6pm.

For more information contact outreach@starparish.com

Knights of Columbus

Join our fellowship for men at Star of the Sea. They meet monthly. For more information contact Bud Feria at budzilla885@yahoo.com

Apply to Star

Star of the Sea School is currently accepting applications for 2018-2019 school year! Please visit or contact Principal Theresa Poon for more information. 415.221.8558

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Parishioner Registration

Please place this in the offertory basket

- ☐ New Parishioner
- ☐ New Information

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

☐ FULL ☐ ASSOCIATE