



December 23, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Carol

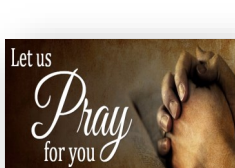
The earth has grown old with its
burden of care,
But at Christmas it always is young.
The heart of the jewel burns lus-
trous and fair,
And its soul full of music breaks
forth on the air,
When the song of the angels is sung.
It is coming, Old Earth, it is coming tonight!
On the snow-flakes which cover thy sod
The feet of the Christ-Child fall gentle and white,
And the voice of the Christ-Child tells out with delight,
That mankind are the children of God.
Philipps Brooks, 1835-1893



Mass Intentions

Dec. 22nd to Dec. 30th

SAT	8:10a	Morning Prayer - LM
	8:30a	Liz Donaldson † - GL
	5:00p	Liz Donaldson † - MH
SUN	8:00a	Bruno DeMartini † - PG
	9:30a	People of the Parish - GL
	11:30a	Stan Russell † - MH
	5:30p	Deceased members of the Taormina family - DU
MON	8:10a	Morning Prayer - GL
	8:30a	Dick Maze † - GL
TUES	8:00a	Lucena Sajonia † - DU
	9:30a	People of the Parish - GL
	11:30a	Milagros A. Andal † - PS
	1:00p	Assyrian Mass - GL/MH
WED	8:10a	Morning Prayer - LM
	8:30a	For the Intentions of our Christmas Flower Donors - MH
THUR	8:10a	Morning Prayer - LM
	8:30a	Michael Miller † - DU
FRI	8:10a	Morning Prayer - LM
	8:30a	Heriberto Tadina † - MH
SAT	8:10a	Morning Prayer - GL
	8:30a	Sue Coffaro, Spec. Int. - GL
	5:00p	Sherry Ross, Spec. Int. - DU
SUN	8:00a	Joe Preston † - GL
	9:30a	People of the Parish - PS
	11:30a	Marvin Witty † - GL
	5:30p	Liz Donaldson † - GL



Let Us Pray for the people who are in our parish community who are homebound, sick, recovering or confined to rest homes. Let us pray Jesus be their strength and comfort. This week we especially pray for **Sam Ajam, Nan Feiferek, John Mackey, Sue Coffaro Charles Sanchez, Maria Petruzzo, Jim Butler, Brian Gregory, Dean Reno, Bishop Patrick McGrath, Marie Dalldorf, Hector Salcido, Joan Kolakowski, Larry Lapointe**. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. To place a name on this list or if you see that you or a loved ones' name has been taken off and would like it placed back in "Let Us Pray" again, please contact Sue at 408-879-1130. We welcome you to write the names in the Book of the Sick, next to Mary's Shrine.

Visit www.masstimes.org to look up churches & mass times wherever you are.



ALTAR ANGELS NEEDED TO DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS 2018

We will meet in the church on Monday, Dec. 24th at 9:00am after the morning mass. You'll need to complete the Office for the Protection of children and Vulnerable Adults online training. This is required to work with children. Go to www.virtusonline.com. You can print your completed certificate at the end of the online class and bring a copy to the Parish Center or you can give it to Shirley when you come to decorate. This will be placed on file in the Parish Center and is good for three years. Please come! We really appreciate your help! Even if for a little while, your Time and Talent would be a great help!



Dec. 24th - 30th

MON Parish Office closed
TUE Parish Office closed
WED Parish Office closed
THUR Parish Office open
FRI Parish Office
5:00p BINGO - EH
SAT 9:00a SFCMC Breakfast Club - Prayer Mtg. - PC
SUN 9:30a CLOW - PC
11:00a Religious Medals Class / Ad Altare Dei
6:30p Youth Ministry - PC

Altar Society: Dec. 28/29 Gloria Marquez, Kratofil Family



Greeters and Ushers needed for upcoming Advent and Christmas Masses.

Cabrini Parishioners! Your Time and Talent is needed before and during Masses to assist parishioners and visitors. We have many visitors who come to mass with their families; young adults who once went to Cabrini and now have children of their own; aunts, uncles, in-laws with extended families who will be attending Advent and Christmas Masses. We need you to help them find their way into the pews. We have plenty of seating that is likely to be located between other parishioners and in front of the church, near the altar.

We will need Ushers to help with the seating. We will need assistance with collections as well. This weekend, please look to see if the ushers could use your assistance with the collection baskets after the homily and during the Special Intentions. Thank you!

"FAITH IN ACTION" - A powerful and touching movie of Vincentians living their faith to air Sunday, Jan. 6th on EWTN. The National Council is proud to announce that our feature-length film, "Our Faith in Action," will make its network premiere on Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) on Jan. 6, 2019. The film is based on the network TV series "Our Faith in Action: Today's Society of St. Vincent de Paul."



"Our Faith in Action" tells the spiritually uplifting, personal stories of our Vincentian members in direct service with people in need across the country. The spirit and charisma of a 400-year-old French saint lives on through the examples of charity by nearly 100,000 dedicated men and women of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Sunday, Jan. 6th 3:30 p.m. Eastern / 2:30 p.m. Central / 1:30 p.m. Mountain / 12:30 p.m. Pacific

Why do Catholic Priests wear purple during Advent?

There are many different colors of vestments, and each corresponds to a different liturgical season or type of celebration. The most common color for vestments is **green**, because green, which **symbolizes hope**, is used **during Ordinary Time**, the longest season of the liturgical year. **White and gold** are used **during the Easter and Christmas seasons**, to symbolize **joy and purity**; **red**, on **Pentecost** and for celebrations of the Holy Spirit, but also for the feasts of martyrs and any **commemoration of Christ's Passion**; and **purple**, **during Advent and Lent**.

Advent is a "Little Lent" All of these things are signs of the penitential nature of Advent and a reminder that, during Advent, the Christmas season hasn't started yet. Purple is the color of penance, preparation, and sacrifice—three things that, alas, too often fall by the wayside during Advent these days, since Advent roughly corresponds to the secular "holiday season" that extends, in the United States, from Thanksgiving Day until Christmas Day.

Historically, Advent was indeed a time of penance, preparation, and sacrifice, and the season was known as a "little Lent." That's why the penitential color of purple makes an appearance during Advent, the organ (or piano) is muted, and the Gloria—one of the most festive hymns of the Mass—isn't sung. During Advent, our thoughts, even on Sunday, are supposed to be on preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ, both at Christmas and at the Second Coming.

But Wait—There's More Just as during Lent, however, the Church allows us some rest as we pass the halfway point of Advent. The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday because "Gaudete" ("Rejoice") is the first word of the entrance antiphon at Mass that Sunday. On Gaudete Sunday, the priest will likely wear rose vestments—a color that still reminds us of the penitential purple but which also has a lightness and joy to it, reminding us that Christmas is drawing near.



Hymn for Christmas Day

Christians awake, salute the happy morn.
Whereon the Saviour of the world was Born.
John Byrom, 1692-1763



Special Collection next week / SVdP

Please consider those who do not have the same opportunity as us in celebrating Christmas with loved ones, friends & family; a home-cooked meal because the cost of such a dinner is needed for the PG&E bill. Medication, car repair and / or coats for the kids. Please give what you can next Sunday, Dec. 30th. so that SFC can continue to help families in our local community. Thank you.

<u>Weekly Collection</u>	<u>12.16.18</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
ACTUAL	\$11,098	\$272,128
BUDGET	\$11,986	\$287,664
		Deficit \$15,536

Thank you for your kind generosity and support.

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