

**First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018**

I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.



THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	December 3 † Romeo Schenone
Tuesday 8:00 am	December 4 † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	December 5 Communal Service † Jovito I. Cruz
Thursday 8:00 am	December 6 Neneng Arreola (L)
Friday 8:00 am 6:00 pm	December 7 † Johnny Penas Parishioners of St. Elizabeth
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	December 8 † John Budesá † Andrea Caraffi
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	December 9 People of the Parish † Mary and † Manuel Marquez † Simplicio and † Rosalina Castillo

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Sunday Collection November 25, 2018

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,412.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,588.00
Campaign Human Development	\$ 1,724.00

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Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass

Wednesday, December 5, 2018
7:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Mary
of the Assumption
111 Gough Street, San Francisco
Reception and Fellowship
immediately after the Mass.

Saturday, December 8th is the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy day of obligation.** Masses will be on Friday December 7th at 6:00 pm, Vigil and on Saturday December 8th at 8:00 am.



As we prepare for the solemnity of Christmas, we look forward to the joy of the birth of Christ. We hope to express our joy by filling the church with a bountiful display of poinsettias. The Liturgy committee is asking parishioners to donate poinsettia plants to the Church. We will need a great number of them to beautify the sanctuary. Please bring them to the rectory by December 20th or directly to the Church on December 23rd. Please note that the rectory is closed on Fridays.



It is with great joy that we welcome into our church and community, the following children who received the Sacrament of Baptism at our Church in November.

**Julian Johnson
Mason Blake M. Chan
Logan Avery Sparks**

**7:00pm Novena Masses before Christmas
December 15th -23rd**

Main Theme:
"Prepare your heart to receive the Savior"

- Sub-themes:**
- Dec. 15 "Rejoice: The Lord is near"
 - Dec. 16 "In Christ all shall be blessed"
 - Dec. 17 "Emmanuel: God with us" or "Jesus who delivers justice"
 - Dec. 18 "Nothing is impossible for God"
 - Dec. 19 "Mary: one who found favor with God"
 - Dec. 20 "The winter is past and the new life is upon us."
 - Dec. 21 "Hope brings joy"
 - Dec. 22 "Blessed are those who believe"
 - Dec. 23 "Promise fulfilled in Jesus"

2018 Christmas Schedule

- Saturday, December 22**
Confession: 3:30pm to 4:15pm
Vigil Mass: 4:30pm mass
7:00 pm Novena Mass
- Sunday December 23**
Sunday Masses
7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am
7:00pm last night of the Novena Mass
Raffle Drawing & Reception
- Monday, December 24**
8:00am regular Mass
4:30pm Family Mass
11:30pm Christmas Carols
12:00 Midnight Mass (Bilingual)
- Tuesday, December 25**
Christmas day
7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am
- Saturday December 29**
Confession: 3:30pm-4:15pm
Vigil Mass: 4:30pm
- Sunday December 30**
Sunday Masses:
"The Holy Family of Jesus and Joseph"
7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am
- Monday December 31**
8:00 am regular Mass
6:00 pm Eve of the Holy Day Vigil
- Tuesday, January 1**
Octave Day of Christmas
(Holy Day of Obligation)
8:00am Mass: Solemnity of Mary:
"The Holy Mother of God"
6:00 pm Mass