

## Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2018

God has commanded  
that every lofty mountain be made low.  
— *Baruch 5:7*



### AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 10</b> † Jenny Sant
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 11</b> † Virginia Walden
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am 7:00 pm	<b>December 12</b> Communal Service † Frank Kielian † Joseph Macias
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 13</b> † Vincent Gagliardo Sr. † Maria and † Giuseppe Mazzaferro
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 14</b> † Manuel Scerri
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 15</b> † Zocimo and † Eugenia Flandez
4:30 pm 7:00 pm	† Atilio Paoli † John Budesca
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am 7:00 pm	<b>December 16</b> Jesusa Galang (L) † Giuseppe Moretto Maltese Society † Eusebio Masangcay

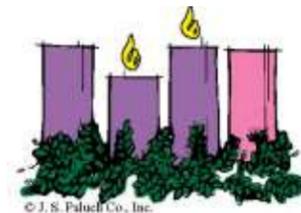
† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

### Sunday Collection December 2, 2018

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4,696.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 324.00</b>
<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>\$ 1,180.00</b>

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check.

This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**



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 20<sup>th</sup> or directly to the Church on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please note that the rectory is closed on Fridays.

### Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

**Our goal is \$50,615.00. To date our generous parishioners have pledged \$35,801.00 leaving a balance of \$14,814.00. Please help us reach our goal by the end of the year. Any deficit will have to be paid for by the parish as well as any overage will be returned to the parish. The cut-off date for the Archdiocese finance office to physically be in receipt of 2018 donations is January 9, 2019. Any donations received after that date will be posted in the 2019 AAA.**

**SACRED RELICS EXPOSITION** Please don't miss this golden and rare opportunity! A very special Vatican Collection of over 150 First Class Relics of Saints. Presented by Rev. Carlos Martins, C.C. FREE Admission to all. Bring rosaries, holy cards, and pictures of ill family members/friends to be able to touch the reliquaries as a means of intercession. Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm. Church of the Epiphany. 827 Vienna St. San Francisco, CA 94112 (415) 333-7630 Visit [www.TreasuresoftheChurch.com](http://www.TreasuresoftheChurch.com) for more information

On Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, after the 8 am Mass until 3:30 pm: A day of **Prayer**, (1000 Hail Mary's), **Adoration and Benediction** in the rectory.

## 7:00pm Novena Masses before Christmas December 15<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>

### 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