

## First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019

"You . . . must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come."

— *Matthew 24:44*



### HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ's new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God's power will have brought universal peace and God's Word will have instructed all people, radiating God's "light" (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks "in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed "in [God's] ways" (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to "awake from sleep" for this final "day is at hand" (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday's scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God's plan of salvation.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

**Psalm** — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

**Second Reading** — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 2</b> † Joseph I. Bosso
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 3</b> † Krista Budesá
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am 7:00 pm	<b>December 4</b> Communal Service † Marie Hong Tran
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 5</b> † Jovito I. Cruz
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 6</b> Neneng Arreola (L)
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am 4:30 pm	<b>December 7</b> † John Budesá † Mary and † Manuel Marques & Family † Eloise Feccia
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	<b>December 8</b> People of the Parish † Catalina Munar Morales † Rosie Abella † Simplicio & † Rosalina Castillo

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

For any available Masses listed above please see the priest before Mass with your written intention and stipend.

### Sunday Collection November 24, 2019

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,955.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 1,045.00</b>
<b>Campaign Human Dev.</b>	<b>\$ 1,141.00</b>

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## "Follow the Star"



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Advent Reconciliation/Reflection  
Saturday December 14, 2019

**SAINT ELIZABETH CHURCH**  
459 Somerset Street  
San Francisco, CA 94134  
(Park inside the School Yard)

**PRESIDER:** Fr. Michael Rocha

<b>9:00 am</b>	Hospitality in the Church Vestibule
<b>9:30 am</b>	Reconciliation Service: <b>Followed by individual Confession</b>
<b>11:45 am</b>	Complimentary Lunch in Cantwell Hall

**Save the Date!**



*Pray for our Beloved Deceased*  
*In your prayers this week, please remember*  
*the repose of the souls of our deceased*  
*parishioners, especially:*

*Emanuela Palazzo*  
*Magna Convento*  
*Rosa Caparas*

*"Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..."*

## Christmas Novena Masses 2019 St. Elizabeth Church

**December 15-23**

7:00pm Novena Masses before Christmas

**Main Theme:** "God brings love to the world through Jesus"

**Sub-themes:**

Dec. 15	"God's love changes our hearts."
Dec. 16	"God's reconciling grace is at work and surprising ways."
Dec. 17	"Jesus is God's gift to the world."
Dec. 18	"Making the impossible possible."
Dec. 19	"Mary's obedience made possible for God to be with us."
Dec. 20	"Blessed are you who believe."
Dec. 21	"God is with us."
Dec. 22	"God sends messenger to prepare the way."
Dec. 23	"God's kingdom comes in the way of love and peace."

### 2019 Christmas Schedule

**Saturday, December 21**

**Confession:** 3:30 pm to 4:15

**Mass:** 4:30 pm mass

7:00 pm Novena Mass

**Sunday December 22**

**Sunday Masses** 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am

**Monday December 23**

8:00am regular Mass 7:00 pm Novena Mass (last night of the Novena Mass)

**Tuesday, December 24**

8:00 am regular Mass

4:30 pm Family Mass

11:30 pm Christmas Carols

12:00 Midnight Mass (Bilingual)

**Wednesday, December 25**

**Christmas day** 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am

**Saturday December 28**

**Confession:** 3:30 pm-4:15 pm

**Vigil Mass:** 4:30 pm

**Sunday December 29**

**Sunday Masses**

"The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph"

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am

**Tuesday December 31**

8:00 am regular Mass

6:00 pm Eve of the Holy Day Vigil

**Wednesday January 1**

**Octave Day of Christmas**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

8:00 am Mass: **Solemnity of Mary:** "The Holy Mother of God" 7:00 pm Mass