

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019**

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.

— *Isaiah 11:9*



THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	December 9 † Giovanni Rossi
Tuesday 8:00 am	December 10 † Jenny Sant
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	December 11 Communal Service † Virginia Walden
Thursday 8:00 am	December 12 † Mary, † Andrew and † Joan Murphy
Friday 8:00 am	December 13 † Krista Budesa
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	December 14 † Marie Hong Tran † Manuel Scerri
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am 7:00 pm	December 15 People of the Parish † Zocimo and † Eugenia Flandez † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri Maltese Society † Wilfredo B. Nacor

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

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

Sunday Collection December 1, 2019

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,414.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,586.00
Religious Education	\$ 939.00

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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

- 9:00 am** Hospitality in the Church Vestibule
- 9:30 am** Reconciliation Service:
Followed by individual Confession
- 11:45 am** Complimentary Lunch in Cantwell Hall

Save the Date!



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. We are asking parishioners to donate poinsettias to the Church. We will need a great number of them to beautify the sanctuary. Please bring them to the rectory by December 23rd during business hours. Please note that the recotry is closed on Fridays.

**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