JOHN THE BAPTIST APPEARED, PREACHING IN THE DESERT OF JUDEA AND SAYING, “REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND!”

MATTHEW 3:1
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).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18b-20c, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Monday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: International Human Rights Day
Wednesday: St. Damasus I
Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday: St. Lucy
Saturday: St. John of the Cross

LETS PRAY FOR:
We pray for the Sick …that they may experience God’s Love and Healing.

HOLY NAME LADIES AID
Next Sunday, members of the Holy Name Ladies Aid Society will be collecting for the needy in the Parish. Boxes will be by the exits.

TODAY’S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS.
Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

To donate by mail: National Religious Retirement Office 3211 4th Street NE Washington DC 20017-1194 Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

HOLY NAME FOOD BANK PROJECT
The Food Bank project at Holy Name, delivers groceries to the needy home-bound in the Sunset. This is an ongoing project—Every Tuesday at 11 am and ending around 1:00 pm, at the Rectory garage on Lawton Street. Volunteers are welcome to sign up every Tuesday. We especially need drivers.

POSSIBILITIES Nothing is impossible for God and his Blessed Mother. —Don Bosco
This Sunday is December 8th and this date is always special because it is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This particular feast is always a Holy Day of Obligation, though the rubrics of the Solemnity are in place, there is no obligation of the faithful to attend mass. So, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

We are so honored and blessed that a high ranking dignitary of the church will be visiting our Holy Name Bible Study Group on Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00PM in the Flanagan Center. According to parishioner Nelson Lao, the Archdiocese of San Francisco Chinese Ministry has arranged for Archbishop Savio Tai Fai Hon to visit the Bible Study Group. Archbishop Hon is the Apostolic Nuncio to Greece. Born in Hong Kong, he is a Salesian or from the religious order of the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB). Welcome to Holy Name Archbishop Hon!

My former seminary classmate, Archbishop Bernadito Auza, currently the Permanent Observer to the United Nations or the Pope’s representative to the UN, was recently appointed by Pope Francis to be the new Apostolic Nuncio to Spain. Apostolic Nuncios serve as ambassadors of the Holy See, or the Vatican City state. Archbishop Auza’s appointment came less than two years before the Philippines will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Christianity to its shores, courtesy of the Spanish missionaries who were part of Ferdinand Magellan’s historic voyage. The Spanish colonizers celebrated the first Catholic Mass on March 31, 1521 in Limasawa island. This time, the role is reversed. The representative of the Roman Catholic Church to Spain is a citizen of a former Spanish colony. To quote Philippine Bishop Rupert Santos of Balanga, “This is very significant and meaningful that the new papal nuncio to Spain would be a Filipino.

On the forthcoming grace-filled event of 500 years of Christianization of our country, the Philippine Church gives her gift and gratitude in the person of Archbishop Auza.”

As we continue our Advent journey remember this:

SMILE will always be the best medicine to make us feel younger.
PRAYER will always be the best solution to minimize the stresses around us.
LOVE will always be the best gift in this world to be happy.
And GOD will always be the best partner along our journey.

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT?
Honor your loved ones, whether living or deceased, with a gift of a leaf on our Tree of Life. Each leaf costs $500 with a $25 engraving charge. The order form is on page 5. For more information, please contact the Parish office at (415) 664-8590.
HOLY NAME WEEKLY CALENDAR  
Week of December 8, 2019

Sunday, Dec 8, 2019
10:00 AM  Choir Practice      Pastoral Center
1:30 PM  Homebound Mass       Flanagan Center

Monday, Dec 9, 2019
10:00 AM  Line Dancing Group    Flanagan Center
1:00 PM  Sewing Group      Pastoral Center
6:30 PM  SVdP Meeting      Pastoral Center

Tuesday, Dec 10, 2019
10:00 AM  C/E Class      Pastoral Center
10:00 AM  School Confessions     Church
10:00 AM  Lectio Divina      Pastoral Center
6:30 PM HN Preschool/School Staff Yoga   Flanagan Ctr.
7:30 PM  Legion of Mary        Pastoral Center

Wednesday, Dec 11, 2019
10:00 AM  C/E Class      Pastoral Center
5:00 PM  Preschool Christmas Show  Gym
7:30 PM  Chinese Bible Study    Pastoral Center

Thursday, Dec 12, 2019
11:30 AM  Senior Club      Flanagan Center
12:00 PM  San Francisco Probation Officers Mass chapel
6:00 PM  HN Christmas Schow Church
7:00 PM  RCIA      Pastoral Center

Friday, Dec 13, 2019
3:00 PM  8th Grade Potluck     Pastoral Center
6:00 PM  Fil-Am Christmas Party Flanagan Center

Saturday, Dec 14, 2019
10:00 AM  Chinese Ministry Christmas party set-up Flanagan Center
1:00 PM  Chinese Min. RCIA Green Room
2:30 PM  Chinese Ministry Social Flanagan Center
3:00 PM  Chinese Mass        Church
3:00 PM  Chinese Ministry Christmas Party FlanaganCenter
5:00 PM  Youth Ministry      Pastoral Center

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YOUR HEALTH MATTERS!

Your Health Matters  
It’s All in your Head

Stroke is a disease that affects the arteries leading to and within the brain. It is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the United States! Stroke is a medical emergency. Every second counts, because time lost is brain lost! Know these stroke warning signs and share them with others:

1. Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
2. Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
3. Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
4. Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
5. Sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

An easy way to remember is FAST

FAST is an acronym used as a mnemonic to help detect and enhance responsiveness to the needs of a person having a stroke. The acronym stands for Facial drooping, Arm weakness, Speech difficulties and Time to call emergency services.

Facial drooping: A section of the face, usually only on one side, that is drooping and hard to move. This can be recognized by a crooked smile.

Arm weakness: The inability to raise one’s arm fully

Speech difficulties: An inability or difficulty to understand or produce speech

Time: If any of the symptoms above are showing, time is of the essence; call the emergency services and go to the hospital immediately.

If you or someone with you has one or more of these signs, don’t delay! Call 911 or the emergency medical services (EMS) number immediately so an ambulance-ideally with advance life support-can come.

To your health,
Angela Testani R.N.

DECEMBER 9, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Not a Holyday of Obligation/Patronal Feastday of the United States of America

Today we praise God for the hope & possibility that Mary embodies, as we turn to our Blessed Mother to learn from the first and most important relationship Jesus Christ experienced among us.

This solemnity is the Patronal Feastday of the United States of America. The obligation to attend Mass has been lifted
As a Christian, we celebrate Christmas because it is intimate, which is what we celebrate at Christmas. For Christians, in Christianity there is an important distinction between permeability. doing so condemns their privatized religion and lack of social responsibility. A couple of days later I came across a tongue-in-cheek summary of a management consultant’s report on those who had applied to lead the earliest Christian Church:

*John: Says he is a Baptist, but definitely doesn’t dress like one. Has slept in the outdoors for months on end, has a weird diet, and picks fights in public with religious leaders.

*Peter: Has a bad temper, even has been known to curse. Had a big run-in with Paul in Antioch. Aggressive. A loose cannon.

*Paul: Powerful, CEO type of leader and fascinating preacher. However, short on tact, unforgiving with young ministers, harsh, and has been known to preach all night.

*Jesus: Has been popular at times, but once when his following grew to 5000 he managed to offend them all and it dwindled down to some faithful women and his best friend. Seldom stays in one place very long.


In today’s Gospel we hear what a fierce character John the Baptist was. He lets the Pharisees and Sadducees have it with both barrels. These groups were the publicly devout churchgoers of their day. They were often hypocrites, professing one thing and doing another. We know they regularly demanded observances of ordinary Jews that they did not live out themselves. No wonder John disliked them so much.

Their religious observance was a charade, focused on their needs, their souls, their salvation. They were going to get to heaven, and everyone else be damned! They even come out to the wilderness to get baptized. This was like going to salvation mega-store. They buy and everyone else be damned! They even come out to the wilderness to get baptized. This was like going to salvation mega-store. They buy

For Christians, however, there is no such thing as private faith. We should always be careful of hymns that only ever speak about “me and Jesus against the world.” Inheriting the promises made to Israel and seeing them as intended for all God’s children, we believe we are saved AS A PEOPLE. For us, it is “we and Jesus for the world.”

If we have no interest in justice, development, and peace for our world. If we don’t care to know our fellow parishioners. If all we want is to be left alone, to come to Mass, say our prayers and save our souls, then we need to hear the story of Christmas all over again.

May this Advent, then, see John the Baptist do what he does best: “comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.”

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