Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. 
Baruch 5:5

Welcome to Holy Name!
We are a Stewardship Parish! If you worship with us each week or are new to our neighborhood, please register online at: http://holynamesf.org/parishregistration. You will be on our mailing list and let us know you are willing to support your parish though your time, talent and treasure – the privilege of every Catholic.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH SAN FRANCISCO is a welcoming multicultural and liturgical community that celebrates our Christian Faith. In the spirit of the “Joy of the Gospel” we work together promoting Catholic values and teachings. Our parish encourages a strong devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, who gives us an example of faithful discipleship and a generous stewardship way of life.

Join Us!
MISA DE GALLO (DAWN MASSES)
December 16-24, 2018
5:30 AM
in Flanagan Center
Second Sunday of Advent
God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.
— Baruch 5:7

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).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
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,
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

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

LECTIO DIVINA
Read: Baruch prophesizes the return of God’s people to a day of glory and honor, thanks to the hand of God. God who initiates the good work in every soul will bring it to completion, unless of course , we block his path by our unwillingness to collaborate with God.
Reflect: Every human being will see the salvation of God, we are told. But will every human being choose the same? What good is receiving a gift if the recipient refuses to use it? The old adage of “you can take the horse to the water, but you cannot make it drink” is worth recalling. It is one thing for God to offer us his salvation, but the onus is on us to prepare ourselves to receive the same and profit from it. John invitation to people is to miss the amazing advent of God’s salvation, but to prepare themselves assiduously to receive the same with maximal effect.
Pray: Ask God for the gift of true repentance.

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RICHES
Riches are the instrument of all vices, because they render us capable of putting even our worst desires into execution.
— St. Ambrose

MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK of December 09, 2018
Sun 09 7:30 AM  Mass for the People
9:30 AM  Thomas Miller†
11:30 AM  Peter Dacre†
Mon 10 7:30 AM  McEllistrim & O’Connor Families†
9:00 AM  James T. Keeley†
Tue 11 7:30 AM  Dorothea Ziegler†
9:00 AM  Roger Pendenza Family L/D
Wed 12 7:30 AM  Heli Rozario Family
9:00 AM  Special Intentions of Connie Mertes
Thu 13 7:30 AM  Antonio Nascimento†
9:00 AM  Special Intentions of Pat Relampagos
Fri 14 7:30 AM  William & Eva Clark†
9:00 AM  Special Intentions of Margaret Costello
Sat 15 7:30 AM  Lindamira Rosario†
9:00 AM  Deane and Conefrey Families L/D
5:00 PM  Narciso Sumaylo†

LET US PRAY FOR:

We pray for the Sick...that they may experience God’s Love and Healing.

We pray for those who have Died...that they may be granted a home in heaven.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH
COFFEE AND DONUTS SCHEDULE
December 2018
9  Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors   Roberta & Leo
16  Holy Name School   Natalie C.

No coffee and Donuts Hospitality on Dec 23 & 30

NO COFFEE AND DONUTS HOSPITALITY ON
Dec 23 & 30
**God is with us all the way. Keep the faith!**

In every situation we may face. So, cast your worries away because God provides the solution to meet it. God has enough support to give in times of need.

**Make faith your weapon.** If God permits the challenge, He will personally lead you to it. If faith is your weapon, then you will have no fear.

**Somebody suggested some possible signs outside the church:**
- Before the mass begins.
- We have the same schedule of masses, but modified our Confession schedule to give the priests few minutes more of their time.
- On this Second Sunday of Advent we have our Rite of Welcome for our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) candidates who will be presented at the 5PM mass this Saturday. Welcome on your Catholic journey!
- Another Christmas party is happening this weekend for our Music Ministry right after the 5PM mass, organized by our Music Ministry Coordinator, Carl Vengco, who is also conducting a Canto’s training session the same day.
- Our Sunday afternoon will be filled with music as our BVM Shrine Ministry sponsors their annual Choir Competition in our church. We welcome all the participating choirs, especially those who are coming from across the bay.
- On this Second Sunday of Advent we have our Rite of Welcome for our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) candidates. We have two catechumens and four youth Confirmation candidates who will be presented at the 5PM mass this Saturday. Welcome on your Catholic journey!
- We have posted a new Schedule of Masses and Confessions in the acrylic frames outside the church. We have the same schedule of masses, but modified our Confession schedule to give the priest few minutes more of their time before the mass begins.
- Somebody suggested some possible signs outside the church:
  - Gambling is a sin. Bet you can’t give it up.
  - There are some questions that can’t be answered by Google.
  - Let us help you study for your final exam.
  - Speak well of your enemies. After all, you created them.
  - Let us help you study for your final exam.
  - Speak well of your enemies. After all, you created them.
  - Merry Christmas to our Christian friends.
  - Happy Hanukkah to our Jewish friends.
  - Happy Ramadan to our Muslim friends.
  - To our atheist friends, good luck!
- Make faith your weapon. If God permits the challenge, He will provide the solution to meet it. God has enough support to give in every situation we may face. So, cast your worries away because God is with us all the way. Keep the faith!

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**FAITH FORMATION**

**CATECHESIS**

Director: Sr. Cristina Ovejera, FdCC

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**REFLECTION:**

**Sparks of Advent Light**

“Advent calls us to be alert in this season – when God comes to us through a gentle, defenseless child -that all of us are ultimately defenseless. All of us need the gentling of the other… The things we need to lead a good life are waiting around us. Name ten graces that are surrounding you at this moment in time. Recognizing them may be the greatest grace of them all.”

-Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB

**Advent Giving Trees** Thank you one and all for getting a gift tag from our parish’s Advent Giving Trees. Your gifts will be gratefully received by the clients of Janet Pomeroy Center, by the poor and homeless served by St. Vincent De Paul Society, by the children coming to our Religious Education Program. Please bring back your gift with the tag attached, place it under the Advent tree on weekends or submit in the Pastoral Center during the week in care of Sr. Cristina. We have set the deadline to have all the gifts back on December 13th. May God bless you and your family this Advent season and always.

**Volunteers to wash altar linens** First of all we thank Maria Lee for coordinating this important ministry for many years; we appreciate her invaluable service. Thanks to Ding Carbonel for accepting our request to be the new coordinator. This may be a simple service, but it entails time spent and attention given so that altar linens and towels will be available for all Mass celebrations, both in the church and in the chapel. We need more volunteers for this ministry. Please contact Sr. Cristina OR Ding Carbonel for more information.

**Grief and Consolation Ministry in the Archdiocese** Opportunities for Help with Holiday Grief: Help is available throughout the Archdiocese. You may visit Grief and Consolation web page, sfarchdio cese.org/grief. All are welcome to the following gatherings: Wednesday, December 12, 10:00-11:00AM at Alma Via, 1 Thomas More Way (on Brotherhood Way), with Sr. Jeanette Lombardi, OSU, as facilitator. Or on Wednesday, December 19, at St. Gabriel Parish, with Sr. Bernadette Hart, RSM, as facilitator. For more information, please contact Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher, RSM, at 415-681-6153, her email is tlgallagher@mercy.wmw.org.

**Religious Education Program** Advent Confession and First Reconciliation The students will celebrate this sacrament on Sunday, December 16th, at 10:45AM in the chapel of the Pastoral Center. It will mark the First Reconciliation of children preparing for their First Holy Communion during the Easter season. We encourage the parents to be present during this important time in their children’s sacramental life.

**New Officers of Holy Name Senior Club** Fr. Arnold has appointed the following to the leadership of our parish’s active, creative and fun loving Senior Club: Pat Relampagos – President; Cecilia Bermudez and Caridad Wright – Vice Presidents; Cely Orque – Treasurer. They will be officially installed during the Club’s Christmas party on Thursday, December 20th. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Lina Hidalgo and Marge Finney, past VP and treasurer, respectively, for their generous service through the years. We know that you will continue to be active members of the Club. Congratulations and Thanks!
RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS
Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today’s second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

HOLY NAME LADIES AID SOCIETY
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.

Archdiocese of San Francisco
ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2018
Thank you to all who have already sent in their generous donation to the 2018 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. As of 11/29/2018 we have received $67,471.00, surpassing our goal of $66,137.00 by $1,334.00. All donations received from now until the end of the year will come back to Holy Name Parish. For More Information regarding the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, please contact the parish office at (415)664-8590 or the Archdiocesan Office of Development at (415) 614-5580 development@sfarchdiocese.org

SALVE REGINA MUSICALE
Theme: Pasko sa bahay ni Maria
(Christmas at the Marian Shrine)
Where Various Choirs from the Bay Area will sing Christmas Carols
Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 2:00 PM in the Church
For more information: please call (415)516-0561

HOLY NAME TREE OF LIFE
Looking for a Christmas gift?
Honor your loved ones whether living or deceased with a gift of a leaf on our Tree of Life. The Holy Name Tree of Life us a bronze tree trunk with approximately 400 leaves. Donations to the Tree of Life go towards the much needed Capital Improvement Fund.

Each leaf costs $500 with a $25 engraving charge. We suggest a maximum number of characters to 5 lines, up to 25 characters per line including spaces. Leaf color choices are gold, silver or bronze.

You may send your request along with your check to the Parish office (1555 39th Ave. San Francisco, CA 94122).

For more information, please call (415)664-8590 or drop by the Parish office during business hours and the Staff can give you more information or help you make your selection, or help you with wording and processing your leaf donation.

NEW CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE AT HOLY NAME
Saturday
4:20 PM—4:50 PM
Sunday
9:10 AM—9:25 AM
11:10 AM—11:25 AM
Or by appointment: Please call the Parish office at (415)664-8590.

PARISH SUMMARY REPORT

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Stewardship Corner
God Planned for Us
As we approach Christmas, many of us will be asked, “What do you want for Christmas?” We, in turn, should be thinking about what we’re giving to others. Some joke that that’s what December 24th is for. Unfortunately, some don’t plan ahead in regard to their gift-giving. As a result, when they’re ready to go shopping, they don’t have enough money put aside to buy the gifts they want to give. Because of poor planning, they may give inappropriate gifts. God didn’t give his left-overs, nor did he have a haphazard plan. His gift to us was in the Person of his Son, Jesus. He was in on the plan from the beginning, and with joy he came to earth to be our Savior. God wasn’t caught short of funds; he gave his Son who gave his life for you. What gift could be more appropriate? Christ is exactly what each of us needs!

Grow As Stewards

PRAYER . . . . Lord, open my eyes and heart so that I can truly appreciate the gift of your Son Jesus. Thank you for including me in your plans. In your name I pray. Amen.

DISCERN . . . . Consider the simple gift of YOU – who needs your attention? Be it a family member, a friend, a neighbor, or that person tugging on your heartstrings, present the gift of YOU.

ACT . . . . We don’t have to put on special glasses or search far and wide to find the meaning of Christmas. Just answer the call of our baptism to live as a steward and pray, serve, and share.

HOLY NAME WEEKLY CALENDAR
Week of December 9, 2018

Sunday, Dec 9, 2018
12:30 PM Choir Competition Church/PCER
1:00 PM 5th Grade Christmas Party Flanagan Center

Monday, Dec 10, 2018
10:00 AM Line Dancing Flanagan Center
1:00 PM Sewing Group Pastoral Center
6:00 PM Sound the Alarm Meeting Flanagan Ctr.
7:30 PM SVdP Meeting Pastoral Center

Tuesday, Dec 11, 2018
10:00 AM C/E Class Pastoral Center
10:00 AM Lectio Divina Pastoral Center
7:30 PM Legion of Mary Pastoral Center

Wednesday, Dec 12, 2018
10:00 AM C/E Class Pastoral Center
11:30 AM School Rehearsal Church
5:30 PM Choir Practice Pastoral Center
7:00 PM RCIA Pastoral Center
7:30 PM Chinese Bible Study Flanagan Center

Thursday, Dec 13, 2018
10:00 AM Christmas Show Rehearsal Church
12 Noon Senior Club Flanagan Center
6:00 PM HN School Christmas Show Church

Saturday, Dec 15, 2018
9:00 AM Chinese Advent Retreat Flanagan Ctr.
1:00 PM Chinese Ministry RCIA Green Room
2:30 PM Chinese Ministry Social Flanagan
3:00 PM Chinese Mass Church
4:20 PM Confessions Church
CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES
Monday, December 24, 2018
4:30 PM (Family/Children’s Mass)
11:30 PM Christmas Carols
(Holy Name Choral Ministry)
12:00 Midnight Concelebrated Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES
Tuesday, December 25, 2018
7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM

NEW YEAR’S DAY MASS
The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Tuesday, January 1, 2019 9:00 AM
SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Sunday:  7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (Family Mass), 11:30 AM
Saturday:  7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM (Chinese), 5:00 PM (Vigil)
Weekdays:  7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
Holy Days:  7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 7:00 PM

Confessions:  9:10 AM—9:25 AM and 11:10 AM—11:25 AM
on Sunday & 4:20 - 4:50 PM Saturday or by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Wednesday—9:30 AM—12 Noon

Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotions: Friday after 9:00 AM Mass
Perpetual Help Devotions: Saturday after 9:00 AM Mass
First Saturday Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
begins at 8:30 AM with the Rosary, then Mass & Benediction

Baptisms by appointment
Baptismal Preparation—Every 1st Saturday of the month in the Pastoral Center - 1:30 PM—You need to register for the class ahead of time.

Baptism Ministry (Sewing Group): Every Monday 1-3 PM in the Pastoral Center Event Room

Marriages:  Contact Pastoral Center 6 months in advance.
Sundays 12:30-2:30 PM, Flanagan Center

R.C.I.A. (Chinese): Every Saturday—Green Room—1:30 PM

Lectio Divina: Tuesday 10—11 AM (Pastoral Center)

Bible Study Group (Chinese): Every Wednesday—7:30 PM
Flanagan Center

Parish Pastoral Council: contact Fr. Arnold Zamora
St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting— every Monday at 7:30 PM
(Pastoral Center)

Holy Name Ladies Aid: every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 11:45 AM (Pastoral Center)

Senior Club: every Thursday at 11 AM (Pastoral Center)

Holy Name Choir Practice: every WEDNESDAY at 5:30 PM in the Pastoral Center

The Gabriel Project: Contact Rose Tang (415)793-0967

Blood Pressure Screening: every 2nd Wednesday from after the 7:30 AM Mass until 11 AM (Pastoral Center) except July & August

Hospitality: Every Wednesday after the 7:30 AM and 9 AM Masses in the Pastoral Center except July & August