OH, THAT YOU WOULD REND THE HEAVENS AND COME DOWN, 
WITH THE MOUNTAINS QUAKING BEFORE YOU, 
WHILE YOU WROUGHT AWESOME DEEDS WE COULD NOT HOPE FOR, 
SUCH AS THEY HAD NOT HEARD OF FROM OF OLD.

~ Isaiah 63:19b; 64:2–3
### First Sunday of Advent

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.—Mark 13:33

#### TODAY’S READINGS

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<td>We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).</td>
<td>Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).</td>
<td>God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).</td>
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#### READ THE CATHOLIC BIBLE FOR ONE YEAR

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We pray for the Sick …that they may experience God’s Love and Healing. Tom Abdella, Evangeline Agbunag, Nick Aguila, Lennie Aguirre, Sofia Aguirre, Rosa Maria Alonso, Laura Andrade, Gina Arrenas, Eunice Ausman, Julianne Beach, Joan Boike, Dalmacio Briones, Jr., Dorothy Briones, Pauline Bohff, Janet Cariganal, Remedios Cupachin, Joseph Chu, Ron de la Cruz, Kathy Doherty, Isabel Dominguez, Patricia Dominguez, Gloria Etchelet, Mr. & Mrs. Rodolfo Ezequiel, Bob Fisher, Lourdes Gatchalian, Connor Gavney, Genoveva Guevarra, Theresa Ick, Mark Kirkham, Richie Kreps, Steven Lee, Dimple Lim, Amelia Lippi, Leny Lopez, Flory Magat, Arturo B. Martín, Neil McCullagh, Pat McGuigan, Tom Miller, Amy McNally, Mary Medina, Jesus Morales Montilla, Ann Murphy, Jeffrey Ng, Inge Nordstrom, Neil O’Sullivan, Susan Sumayo, Manuel Pacheco, Felicidad Ríndes Paez, Josephina Palarca, Maryanne Piwowar, Soledad Rico, Maria Salas, Antonio Savedra, Michael Joseph Suntar, Maureen Sweeney, Lawrence Tan, Dodie Teague, Victoriana Tolentino, Aurora Urmeneta, Lauretta Venenciano, Mona Wageck

We pray for those who have Died…that they may be granted a home in heaven. Nancy Pisani, Marilyn Gary Mulkeen, Bridie Hagan, Miguel Antonio Arana, Joan Ratcliffe

#### ACE COLLECTION

Today’s Second Collection is the ACE COLLECTION for the benefit of our Parish School. Your generosity is much appreciated by our school children.

#### RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

Help care for elders. “Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders,” writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long term needs. Please give to next week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

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**Are you a new parishioner? Or just never registered?**

You may register online at [holynamesf.org](http://holynamesf.org/parishregistration/)

You may also call (415) 664-8590 or drop by the Parish office (1555 39th Ave./Lawton St.) 9 AM-4 AM, Monday-Friday.
Welcome to the New Year of the Church as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the new Liturgical Year (Year B). We have come to the last month of the year, and that calls for a start of something new. Our excitement starts to build up ushering in the joy that Christmas brings. As we start the new Liturgical year, we will be commissioning our Liturgical ministers. I would like to acknowledge some of our ministers who completed Liturgical Ministry Training during the Fall. As part of the training, they received instruction on Eucharistic Theology as well as a practicum in proclaiming the Word (Lectors) and Holy Communion in the parish and to the homebound (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion). Ministry of Lectors or Readers: Johanna Bualat, Louis Chan, Susan Logan, Julie Lozano, Julia Lui and Leonel Nascimento. For the Ministry of Eucharist or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Johanna Bualat, Catherine Gilmore, Emerita Reyes, and Rose Tang. These ministers are now certified for service within the Archdiocese for a period of three years.

On the First Sunday of Advent, we are also blessing our Advent Wreath. As the Advent Wreath is always made from evergreens, it makes me think of another “green grass” that has been a concern in our neighborhood. As you may know, the City is considering issuing a permit for a marijuana dispensary in the Sunset District, between 22nd and 23rd Avenues on Irving Street. It is our concern having a marijuana dispensary in our neighborhood. The dispensary is within our residential area, and is close to schools and accessible to children. If you agree to ban the marijuana dispensary in the Sunset District, you can contact the Board of Supervisors, call 415-554-5184 or email Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org before Dec 5th, which is the date for final approval. We had an insert in our Bulletin last week with all the information on who to contact. We also did a signature sheet for those who opposed the dispensary and we have collected at least 110 signatures from our parishioners.

This reminds me that we need to grow grass in the front yard of our Pastoral Center, but definitely not marijuana, even though planting and growing this type of grass will become legal in California by January of next year.

All the boys and girls in Mrs. Dover’s class are drawing. Mrs. Dover came over to Tommy and said, “What picture are you drawing?”

Tommy said, “A cow eating grass.”

“Oh, where’s the grass?”

“The cow ate it all.”

“Oh, where’s the cow?”

“It went to go look for more grass.”

(Paper submitted with NOTHING on it)

We may not have everything, but at least, we NEVER had nothing...

GOD is alive in us.

May all your prayers be answered and may you feel the LORD’s presence near you, not only today but always.

FAZtor’s Notes
By Fr. Arnold Zamora

FAITH FORMATION * CATECHESIS *
PASTORAL OUTREACH *
Director: Sr. Cristina Ovejera, FdCC
Crisfdcc2016@yahoo.com (415) 664-8590

Advent Hope
Hope is not for easy times. Advent reminds us. Hope comes only when hope is gone, when our hands are feeble and our knees are weak over what is coming upon our worlds. Then hope and only hope reigns supreme. Advent calls us to hope in the promise that God is calling us to greater things and will be with us as we live them.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children of Catechetical Age
At the 9:30AM Mass on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3rd, four children and youth will be accepted to the Catechumenate in our parish. They are all preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion. They will be welcomed to the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil Liturgy in the evening of March 31, 2018. Please pray for them, their parents, godparents, and the catechists who are accompanying them in this Journey of Faith and sacramental preparation.

RCIA Phase Two: The Catechumenate
The catechumenate phase marks the beginning of formal instructions in the faith. Prospective Catholics learn the basics of the faith and how to live the Catholic way of life. The catechumenate focuses on Jesus, his teachings, the Church, and the sacraments. The primary group that the catechumens meet is the team of catechists, who accompany them in a weekly session of knowing and deepening their Catholic faith. Moreover, it is the responsibility of the whole parish community of Holy Name of Jesus to accompany the catechumens with prayers. 

During this important journey towards Easter, please pray for our catechumens: Leslie Reyes Belmont, Allison Jennifer Cruz, Samuel Hirscher, Jerome Sumaylo. Please include them and their families in your daily intercessions. Thank you.

Adult Confirmation Also preparing for the Easter Sacraments is Maria Guadalupe (Marilu) Renteria. Let us pray the gifts of the Holy Spirit may strengthen Marilu in her continuing Journey of Faith, and keep her faithful. Come, Holy Spirit.

Different Outreach Projects during this Christmas Season
Nov. 18-Dec.12 Giving Trees
Dec. 9 Sandwiches for the homeless through Kingdom of Peace
Youth Ministry Knitting and Crochet Group’s crafts
Winter months

Advent Recollection Day All parishioners are invited to a day of prayer and reflection during the holy season of Advent. It will be on Saturday, December 16, at 9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon in the Flanagan Center. Snacks will be served throughout the morning. It will be guided by the Sr. Cristina. Lay Canossians are encouraged to make this day your own Advent retreat day. As we journey throughout this holy season, let us make time to reflect on the Advent practices of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love. Come, Lord Jesu. Come. Maranatha.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS
Starting JANUARY, 2018, the monthly Pre-Baptismal Prep class will be every Second Saturday of the month at 1:30 PM. Parents and Godparents who need to take classes are requested to sign up prior to the class by calling the Parish office at (415) 664-8590.

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First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017

These days most people keep vigils because they are anxious. We wait in hospital corridors for news of a sick relative. A parent stays up with an infant who may be teething or has a high temperature. We might even sit by the phone waiting to be reassured that a loved one is safe and well, or that we have passed the exam or got the job. Many of these occasions are highly stressed vigils. Some of the younger or more hardy ones amongst us sometimes keep vigils that are filled with excited anticipation, as when some of us sleep out to get tickets to a sports game or concert, or when we see the old year out and the new year in.

It was not long ago, however, that vigils were a much more common feature of people’s lives. We often kept vigil with the dead. We used to keep all night vigils of prayer, especially when parishes had perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Perhaps before any of us can remember, there were also vigils kept with the bride the night before her wedding, when she waited and watched for the sign of her approaching groom and his attendants. The Church has enshrined the experience of keeping vigil through the Vigil Mass on Saturday night, the Vigil Ceremony in the funeral rites and the most important one, the Easter Vigil.

This tradition starts with today’s Gospel where we are exhorted to be alert, keep awake and wait for the Lord to return. In a sense this is a strange Gospel to have as we prepare for Christmas. It is linked to the first preface of Advent which reads, “Now we watch for the day, hoping that the salvation promised us will be ours, when Christ our Lord will come in glory.” Our attention is, therefore, directed to a great future event, not the future feast we are about to celebrate.

This is unique. All other feasts of the Church either remember a past event, like those of Holy Week or Pentecost, or they are “title feasts” which proclaim a truth about God’s action among us which the entire church holds to be true, like Trinity Sunday. But it is the First Sunday of Advent. Rather than talk about the coming of Jesus at Christmas it helps us reflect on the final coming of the Lord at the end of time. It is the bridge between the “last days” of the Church’s year, which we have been celebrating over recent weeks, and the first days of the Church’s New Year.

And how does the Church ask us to approach this feast? As on a vigil. Not a vigil of anxiety, where we never want to hear the worst news. Not a vigil of excited anticipation where we pin our happiness on entry into an event. But a vigil of hope where we wait for the day, hoping that the salvation promised us will be ours, when Christ our Lord will come in glory.

HOLY NAME WEEKLY CALENDAR  Week of Dec 3, 2017

**Sunday, Dec 3, 2017**
- 10 AM LAOH Ornament Party  Flanagan Center
- 10:30 AM Religious Education  Pastoral Center
- 1 PM Lay Canossians Meeting  Pastoral Center

**Monday, Dec 4, 2017**
- 10 AM Monday Exercise Group  Flanagan Center
- 1 PM Sewing Group  Pastoral Center
- 7:30 PM SVDP Meeting  Pastoral Center

**Tuesday, Dec 5, 2017**
- 9:30 AM C/E Class  Pastoral Center
- 10 AM Lectio Divina  Pastoral Center
- 7:30 PM Legion of Mary  Pastoral Center

**Wednesday, Dec 6, 2017**
- 11 AM HNLA Meeting  Pastoral Center
- 6 PM HG Choir  Pastoral Center
- 7 PM RCIA  Pastoral Center
- 7:30 PM Chinese Bible Study  Flanagan Center

**Thursday, Dec 7, 2017**
- 11 AM Senior Club  Flanagan Center
- 4 PM Taekwondo  Flanagan Center
- 5 PM Voice Recital  Pastoral Center
- 6:30 PM Preschool Concert  Gym
- 7 PM RCIA  Pastoral Center
- 7 PM 1st Communion Meeting  School

**Friday, December 8, 2017**
- 10 AM Set up for Homebound Mass  Flanagan Center

**Saturday, Dec 9, 2017**
- 9 AM Chinese Advent Retreat  Flanagan Center
- 1 PM Homebound Mass  Flanagan Center
- 1 PM Chinese RCIA  Green Room
- 2:30 PM Chinese Social  Pastoral Center
- 3 PM Chinese Mass  Church
- 5:30 PM Youth Ministry with Mass  Flanagan Center

LIKE A CHILD
One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child’s. —St. Nicholas
ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all who have already sent in their generous donations to the 2017 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. We have successfully reached our goal. However, any and all donations received over our assessed goal will go back to our Parish.

Simply send in your donation check (made payable to AAA 2017), and mail or drop off to Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 1555 39th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122. Credit card donations may also be made by logging onto sfarch.org - please designate Holy Name of Jesus as your Parish.

For more information regarding the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, please contact the Archdiocesan Office of Development at (415) 614-5580 or our Parish office (415) 664-8590.

2018 MASS BOOK

The 2018 Mass Intentions book is now ready. Please mail your requests with (1) the Name of the person you wish to have the Mass said for, (2) please indicate if the person is (L) Living or (D) Deceased, (3) your name, address and phone number (4) enclose a check payment. The cost is $10 for each Mass offering and send to 2018 Mass Requests Holy Name of Jesus Church 1555 39th Ave. San Francisco, CA 94122.

SACRISTAN/SEXTON NEEDED

The parish of Holy Name of Jesus is calling for a new Sacristans/Sexton to cover the 1st and 5th weekends of the month (one sacristan for each weekend.

The candidate will be briefed on the responsibilities of a sacristan. After a screening with our Pastoral Vicar, Fr. Simon Jin, the candidate who wishes to serve in this ministry will be referred to the Pastor, Rev. Fr. Arnold Zamora, for further orientation.

If you have a deep desire to serve God’s church, please contact Lead Sacristan, Ramsey Ramos at (415) 205-4609 or the Pastoral Center at (415) 664-8590. The candidate will be briefed on the responsibilities of a sacristan. Come join a time-honored ministry in the Catholic Church! Thanks for your stewardship!

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE:

As of 11/28/2017 we have received: $65,377.00 which is $2,493.00 over our goal of $62,884.00

2017 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Sunday, December 24, 2017
5 PM (Family/Children’s Mass)
11:30 PM Christmas Carols
(Holy Name Choral Ministry)
12:00 Midnight Concelebrated Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Monday, December 25, 2017
7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM

NEW YEAR’S DAY MASS

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Monday, January 1, 2018
9:00 AM

SAN FRANCISCO CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

NEXT 2018 WEEKEND RETREAT DATES

January 27-28 (a few openings)
March 3-4 (20 openings)
April 28-29 (25 openings)

With the holidays approaching, we recommend registering early. Scholarships are always available for couples in need of financial support.
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.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (Family Mass), 11:30 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil)
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, 9:00AM, and 7:00 PM
Confessions: 15 minutes before 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses on Sunday & 4:30 - 5:00 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 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 10:30 AM (Flanagan Ctr.)
FIL-AM Club: Every 3rd Friday of the month, 7pm in the Flanagan Center.
HOLY NAME Choir Practice: every WEDNESDAY at 6:00 PM in the Pastoral Center
The Gabriel Project: Contact Rose Tang (415)793-0967
Youth Ministry: One designated Saturday a month 5 PM—7:30 PM including Mass. Contact person: Sr. Cristina & Team (415)664-8590
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