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December 16, 2018 ~ 3rd Sunday in Advent



Come Celebrate Novena Masses Simbang Gabi



In Preparation For Christmas



*With Mary
Welcoming
and Sharing the
Light*

**Weekday Masses @ 7:00 pm
Weekend Masses @ 5:00 pm**

PRESIDERS:

Sat., Dec. 15 ~ Fr. Dan Nascimento, St. Anne of the Sunset
Sun., Dec. 16 ~ Fr. Xishou "Simon" Jin, Holy Name of Jesus
Mon., Dec. 17 ~ Fr. Francis Kabibi, St. John of God
Tue., Dec. 18 ~ Fr. Ray Reyes, Vicar for Clergy ADSF
Wed., Dec. 19 ~ Fr. Peter Zhai, St Anne of the Sunset
Thu., Dec. 20 ~ Fr. Arnold Zamora, Holy Name of Jesus
Fri., Dec. 21 ~ Fr. Joseph Illo, Star of the Sea
Sat., Dec. 22 ~ Bishop Daniel Walsh, St Anne of the Sunset
Sun., Dec. 23 ~ Fr. Peterson "Pete" Tieng, St. Anne of the Sunset

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December 16, 2018

The Third Sunday of Advent

The King of Israel, the LORD,
is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.
— *Zephaniah 3:15b*

REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!

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Pastor's Column

Why Prepare for Christmas with a Novena? – One of the things that Spanish missionaries introduced to the Philippines was their custom of Misa de Gallo or "Rooster's Mass," a celebration in anticipation of Christmas. The Filipinos call this Simbang Gabi, which means "Night Mass." Although in many places and in the Philippines these Novena Masses are offered in the early morning, usually 4am, so that farmers and laborers can celebrate mass and celebrate with rich foods before heading off into the fields, today many churches including ours have adapted this celebration to be held in the evening, after work. As the West celebrates its



Christmas with Christmas trees, the Filipinos adorn their homes with *parol*, derived from the Spanish word *farol*, which means "lantern." It is an ornamental, star-shaped Christmas lantern made out of bamboo and paper, illuminated by a candle inside. This is believed to have originally been used by worshippers to light their way to church in the early morning, as well as to symbolize the Star of Bethlehem. It also symbolizes the victory of light over darkness and the Filipinos' hope and goodwill during the Christmas season. One way to look at these 9 days of prayer is that they indicate that we are in unison with Mother Mary, who bore Christ for 9 months in her womb before bearing Christ to the world. So as we celebrate these 9 days, we are also preparing our hearts, our souls to receive Christ, so that as Jesus is born on Christmas day, He too may be born in our hearts. Our parish celebration of Simbang Gabi will begin on Dec 15 and conclude on Dec 23. The weeknight masses (M-F) will be at 7pm, and the weekend evening masses (Sat & Sun) will be at 5pm. A reception will follow each evening. You're all welcome to attend and to prepare your hearts to receive Jesus.

Advent Reconciliation Service - Besides the regular time for Confessions on **Saturday at 4pm**, during Advent we will also make this **Sacrament available in between masses on Sunday morning**. Pope Francis wrote, "*if much time has passed [since you've been to confession], do not lose another day. Go, the priest will be good. Jesus is there, and Jesus is more benevolent than priests, Jesus receives you, he receives you with so much love. Be courageous and go to Confession!*"

Parish Christmas Celebration – Our Annual Parish Christmas celebration was held last Sunday, Dec 9, following our 10:30am mass. I'd like to thank **Michelle Liwanag**, who chaired the event, the School Parent Volunteers who helped set up and clean up, and SAPTO for sponsoring the event. I also want to thank **Santa** for coming and taking pictures with our families. **Mr. Wai Wong** was the photographer, and **Mrs. Min Min Wong** and their son, **Quinn**, were his elves. Thank you all for a wonderful celebration!

- Fr. Dan



Masses for the week

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December 16 to December 22, 2018

Sunday, December 16

7:30 Parishioners of Saint Anne
9:00 Joseph Tsoy (D)
10:30 Telesfora & Arturo Gorospe
and Mary Anne Zamora (D)

Noon Rev. Mario Russo (D)
5 p.m. *Simbang Gabi* Mass

Monday, December 17

6:30 Sr. Celicia Deng (D)
8:45 Juan Canto, Jr. (D)
7 p.m. *Simbang Gabi* Mass

Tuesday, December 18

6:30 In honor of the 60th Jubilee
of Mother Celine, LSP

8:45 Herman Canto (D)
7 p.m. *Simbang Gabi* Mass

Wednesday, December 19

6:30 Harjuno Djunaidi (D)
8:45 Patrick Molloy (D)
7 p.m. *Simbang Gabi* Mass

Thursday, December 20

6:30 Mrs. Yee (D)
8:45 Ninfa Guevara, birthday
7 p.m. *Simbang Gabi* Mass

Friday, December 21

6:30 James Sweeney (D)
8:45 Bernice Sabin (D)
7 p.m. *Simbang Gabi* Mass

Saturday, December 22

8:45 Confraternity of Saint Anne
and Susy, intention

5 p.m. *Simbang Gabi* Mass

Alice Liu (D)

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Bishop Walsh
Rev. Tieng, LRMS

Rev. Nascimento
Rev. Zhai, SVD
Rev. Xishiu Jin

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Rev. Tieng, LRMS

Bishop Walsh

Christmas Cards and Christmas Lunch for Inmates

The **Restorative Justice Ministry** of the Archdiocese ministers to those in prison and those affected by crime. At Christmas, everyone wants to send Christmas cards to those they love and to friends who are far away. You can help by providing blank seasonal cards that incarcerated men and women can fill out and mail. Our annual Christmas Cards Drive supplies cards to people in the San Francisco County Jail and the Juvenile Justice Center. The cards can be commercial products or handmade and homemade. Please bring them or send them by December 14 to this address (Any monetary donation will help cover costs for this ministry):

The Archdiocese of San Francisco
Attention: Restorative Justice Ministry
2018 Christmas Cards Drive
1 Peter Yorke Way,
San Francisco CA 94109.

On December 24 (11:00 am – 2:00 pm) is the **Holiday Lunch** at the **Juvenile Justice Center** for incarcerated youth (boys and girls 12 to 18 years old) and their families. You are welcome to participate or donate by contacting Julio Escobar, Restorative Justice Ministry escobarj@sfarch.org sfarchdiocese.org/rjministry 415-614-5572

St. Anne School will be celebrating our **100th year** of educating students in the Catholic tradition this next school year (**2019-2020.**) Come and be a part of the great things happening at our school. We are now accepting applications for students entering Preschool through the seventh grade for the coming 2019-2020 school year. If you are looking for an outstanding education for your child, you should visit our website and tour our school. Discover what a Catholic education can offer your child and your family. School tour dates are listed on our school website: www.stanne.com. Tuition assistance is available.

Looking for Gifts? Our Gift Shop is open Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and after the 5:00 p.m. Mass; and on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Sr. Mary Francis and her assistants are always happy to assist you!

Last Week's Collection

Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, 2018—\$ 473.00
1st Collection, December 9, 2018—\$ 4,192.00
Retirement Fund for Religious—\$ 1,105.00

This Week's 2nd Collection

Property and Insurance Fund

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2018
Assessment—\$56,321.00
Total Donations Received - \$51,427.00

For on-line giving, visit: www.stanne-sf.org
Thank You All for Your Generosity!



5pm Christmas Vigil Mass Dec. 24

At this Mass we have a live pageant depicting the birth of Jesus with a real family portraying the Holy Family. Your children are invited to participate. We need children who can be angels, shepherds, and the three kings.

If your child wishes to join us, please call

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ST. ANNE REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass

Sat., 5pm; Sun: 7:30, 9, 10:30am & 12pm (Chinese)

Daily Mass

Mon - Fri: 6:30am & 8:45am
Sat: 8:45am (Devotion to St. Anne)

Holy Days of Obligation

6:30am, 8:45am, 12 noon & 6pm

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

1st Friday following 8:45am Mass until 10am

Reconciliation: Sat., 4 - 4:55pm or by appointment

Baptism: 2nd Saturday @ 12:30pm

Preparation Class: 3rd Saturday @ 10am in Rectory

Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - 4:30pm

Church Hours: Mon—Fri: 8am-4pm

Sat.: 8am-6pm Sun: 7am-1:30pm



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass

Monday, December 24th Vigil: 5:00pm
Mass in Chinese: 8:00pm
Midnight Mass: 12:00am

Christmas Day Mass

Tuesday, December 25th 7:30am
9:00am
10:30am
Mass in Chinese: 12:00pm

New Years Day Mass

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 9:00am
Only 1 Mass today

St. Anne Mission Statement

We, the people of Saint Anne, envision a Christ-centered community, enriched by the gifts of a diverse heritage. We remember the past and are open to the future; living out the Gospel values with enthusiasm, joy and celebration under the protection of Saint Anne.

We commit ourselves to sharing the mission belonging to all followers of Christ: caring for one another and reaching out to those in need.

We commit ourselves to revitalizing our parish community; to participating meaningfully in the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, to developing a strong sense of stewardship; and to regularly evaluating our work and ministries.



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