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Third Sunday of Advent — December 17, 2023

GAUDETE SUNDAY



Rejoice
always.
Pray
without
ceasing.
In all
circumstances
give
thanks....

*I Thessalonians
5:16*

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Daily Mass: 8:45am Mon.—Sat.

**Sunday Masses: Sat. Vigil at 5pm,
Sundays at 8am, 10am, and Noon (Chinese)**

All Masses Livestreamed except Sunday 8am

**Confessions: 30 minutes before
Saturday Vigil and each Sunday Mass**

Office Hours: Mon.—Fri., 9am — 4:30pm

**Baptisms: 2nd Sat. of month, 12:30pm
(Registered Parishioners only)**

**Baptismal Prep: 3rd Sat. of month, 10:00am
(Registered Parishioners only)**

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Lord, Let Us
Be Bearers
of Your Light!



Illuminating the Path

In this Sunday's Gospel, we encounter John the Baptist, a pivotal figure who came to testify to the light. This light is not just a physical entity but a profound metaphor for the clarity and vision that Jesus Christ brings into our lives. When we embrace Christ, our perception of the world undergoes a remarkable transformation. . . .With Christ as our guiding light, we navigate life's journey with greater clarity, avoiding obstacles that once tripped us up. Our understanding of the world, our relationships, and our purpose becomes clearer under this heavenly light.

John's role in this narrative is crucial yet humbling. He understood that he was not the light; he was merely its witness and bearer. His mission was to transmit this light to others, not to claim it as his own. In this, John exemplifies a profound humility that we are called to emulate.

The light of God that we may carry within us, that brightens the lives of those around us, is not of our own making. It is a divine gift, passing through us like rays through a windowpane. Our task is not to boast of this light as if it were our own achievement, but to humbly acknowledge its true source and purpose. We become conduits of this heavenly light, tasked with spreading it without claiming ownership. . . . Like John, we are called to be humble messengers, illuminating the world with the light we have received. This light enables us to see the beauty and truth in God's creation, to discern our path more clearly, and to help illuminate the way for others. It is a reminder that in following Christ, we not only walk in light but also become bearers of that light to the world. Our journey, therefore, becomes a testament to the transformative power of Christ's light, guiding us and others towards the path of truth, clarity, and ultimate fulfillment.

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Pastor's Column

800th Anniversary of the Nativity Scene – It was Christmas eve in 1223, near a cave in Greccio, Italy, that St. Francis staged the first Nativity scene. For St. Francis, who had traveled to the Holy Land, the caves of Greccio reminded him of the landscape of Bethlehem. So the saint came up with the idea of creating a living Nativity scene. He asked that a donkey and an ox, some hay and a manger be brought to the cave on Christmas Eve and invited other friars and people from the village. There were no statues; the Nativity scene was enacted and experienced by all who were present. Pope Francis commenting on the Nativity Scene said that *“in a particular way, from the time of its Franciscan origins, the Nativity scene has invited us to ‘feel’ and ‘touch’ the poverty that God’s Son took upon Himself in the Incarnation. Implicitly, it summons us to follow Him along the path of humility, poverty, and self-denial that leads from the manger of Bethlehem to the cross.”* To mark this special 800th Anniversary, Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence for those who pray before a Nativity scene at a Franciscan Church from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th to the Feast of the Presentation on February 2nd. A plenary indulgence is the removal of punishment due to our sins. To be properly disposed to receive this indulgence, one should go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. Franciscan churches in the Archdiocese of San Francisco are: the National Shrine of St. Francis, St. Boniface, and Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame.

Chapter 11 Notice – As many of you have heard, after the State of California lifted the statute of limitation in child abuse cases, the Archdiocese received more than 500 lawsuits that occurred 30 or more years ago involving priests who are no longer active in ministry or are deceased. To facilitate settlements with abuse survivors, the bankruptcy process was the best solution for providing fair and equitable compensation to the innocent survivors who were harmed. Although there may be opportunists who choose to take advantage of this and make a false claim, this process will have a Claim Reviewer who will review each claim. To ensure that every victim is aware of this opportunity to file a claim, the Court has ordered the Archdiocese to publicize this via all media until Feb 20, 2024. So you'll see in our bulletin every other week, a Sexual Abuse Claim ad. As the Archbishop has encouraged us to do, let us continue to hold victims of priest's sexual abuse and all abuse victims in our prayer, for their healing and well-being. And let us pray also for our Church, that we may acknowledge our sins and strive to be better stewards and servants of God.

—Fr. Dan



WHO DOESN'T LOVE CAROLING?

JOIN FAMILY CAROLING AROUND ST. ANNE'S HOOD!

DEC 20 ~ 5:15PM-6:15PM ~ 1390 14TH AVE

JOIN THE
FAMILY FUN
SPREAD CHRISTMAS
CHEER



GETTING MUSICAL
& LESS MUSICAL
PEOPLE TOGETHER

WITH RANDELL RENTAR, MUSIC DIRECTOR,
CASSANDRA CONDE, VOCALIST & OTHER TALENTS!



**INNER SUNSET FAMILIES
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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SIGN UP NOW

REHEARSAL SUNDAY DEC 17 12:15-1:15PM





Saint Anne Parish
MASS INTENTIONS
 WEEK of December 17, 2023

Sunday, December 17

- 8:00am** Agnes and Henry Maring (D)
- 10:00am** People of the Parish
 Birthday, Adam Nino Jimenez
- Noon** People of the Parish
- 5:00pm** *Christmas Novena Mass*

Monday, December 18

- 8:45am** Fr. Gerry Van Overbeek (D)
- 6:00pm** *Christmas Novena Mass*

Tuesday, December 19

- 8:45am** Fr. Mario Rosso (D)
- 6:00pm** *Christmas Novena Mass*

Wednesday, December 20

- 8:45am** Joseph Chen (D)
 William Quigley (D)
- 6:00pm** *Christmas Novena Mass*

Thursday, December 21

- 8:45am** Bernice Sabin (D)
 David Liu (D)
- 6:00pm** *Christmas Novena Mass*

Friday, December 22

- 8:45am** Alice Liu (D)
 Mary Deely (D)
- 6:00pm** *Christmas Novena Mass*

Saturday, December 23

- 8:45am** Confraternity of Saint Anne
- 5:00pm** *Christmas Novena Mass*
 Soo K. Lieu (D)

Please Note that in 2024, we will go back to offering only **one intention per Mass**. However, there are still lots of openings for Mass intentions in January and beyond.
 Visit the rectory or call 415 665-1660 x22 to offer a Mass on behalf of a loved one or yourself.

Previous Week's Collections

- 1st Collection, Dec. 10, 2023— \$2,897.00
- Immaculate Conception Dec. 8, 2023— \$376.00
- Religious Retirement Fund— \$886.00
- Christmas Flowers— \$165.00

This Week's Second Collection
Property and Insurance Fund

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
 For on-line giving, visit: www.stanne-sf.org

- **Sun, Dec 24 – Christmas Vigils**
 Family Mass @ 5pm;
 Vigil Mass in Chinese @ 8pm.
- **Mon, Dec 25 – Christmas Masses**
 12am Midnight, 8am, 10am & Noon (Chinese)



U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

In re: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, Case No. 23-30564

Notice of Deadline for Filing Claims: February 20, 2024

YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR OTHER CLAIM AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

On August 21, 2023, The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, a California corporation sole, aka Archdiocese of San Francisco (the “Debtor”), filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”).

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be received by February 20, 2024, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Debtor.

Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before August 21, 2023, must be filed on or before February 20, 2024, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before August 21, 2023.

For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit <https://omniagentsolutions.com/RCASF>, or contact Omni Agent Solutions, Inc., the Debtor’s claims agent via email at RCASFinquiries@omniagnt.com or by phone at 888-480-6507 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or 747-293-0084 (International), between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Pacific Time), Monday through Friday.

****If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, please also visit the website at <https://sfarch.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 Filing****

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

2023 Goal: \$49,348

Donations as of 12/12/23: **\$46,709**
(95% of Goal) WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

Please help us meet our goal by donating directly online at SFArch.org/AAA or by dropping off a check made out to

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2023
 at the rectory or in the weekly collection basket.