December 15, 2019 ~ Third Sunday of Advent
Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy. ~ Isaiah 35:10a

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**Reason to Rejoice**

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

**Treasurers From Our Tradition**

We make transitions along life’s journey, and search for meaning. Watch an infant take those first wobbly steps. Inevitably they are toward the arms of a dear one, and the gleeful smile and wordless laughter let us know that the baby understands that the whole world is renewed in an instant. Parents may see that wide-eyed smile again some years later as they flip car keys in the teenager’s direction, and by God’s grace at in-between moments of forgiveness and affirmation.

Sacraments open a window to the blessings of everyday life and help us claim their deep meaning. A voice from a fiery bush warned Moses to take off his shoes because he stood on “holy ground.” Your first steps, your first word, taking your place at the family table, stirring to new love, forgiving and being forgiven: all of this is holy, laden with meaning, full of possibilities. Sacraments are not escape pods from the realities of the everyday; rather they invest us ever more deeply in life and recruit us for the kingdom inaugurated by Jesus. We take baby steps all our life long. In the world of sacrament, they are always directed toward the arms of a loving God, and always on the common holy ground of a community’s life.

**Special Collection**

*Retirement Fund Helps Senior Religious*

This weekend the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken. Your gift will help defray some of the costs needed to care for our elderly religious and relieve the genuine financial crisis in many religious congregations. Whatever you give will be greatly appreciated. Please be generous. Most importantly, please remember in your prayers the more than 500 women and men religious living and serving in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

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**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Update**

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to our 2019 AAA. If you haven’t donated yet, please consider making a donation.

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**The Look of Love**

What does love look like?
It has feet to go to the poor and needy.
It has eyes to see misery and want.
It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others. — St. Augustine

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**Please Pray for our Holy Father’s Intention for December**

**Pope’s Intention (December):** The Future of the Very Young. That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.
Today’s Readings

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).
Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).
Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).
Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).


Perspective

A mountain shames a molehill until they both are humbled by the stars.

~ Old adage

Ministers Schedule

Dec 21 - 22, 2019
Saturday, 5:15 p.m.
Readers - Barbara Villanueva, Jeanette Chafe
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Barbara Villanueva, Amy Mohler, Luzviminda Grajales, Mary Josue, Jeannette Chafe

Sunday, 6:00 a.m.
Readers - Judy Labaria, Nenette Murata
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Naomi Quioco, Teng Sullivan, Tess Gallardo, Albert Chin, Miguel Herrera, Rizalina Fernandez

Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
Readers - Vida Ventura, Julius Vedasto
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Therese Guintu, Julius Vedasto, Cathy Bohol, Vida Ventura, Albert Chin, Tessie Gallardo

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Readers - Renniel Santos, Julie Santos
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Ligaya Gementera, Celso Mangoba, Rose Mangoba, Miguel Herrera, Malou Pulanco, Ben Banatao

Sunday, 12:00 p.m.
Readers - Jim Blacksten, Cristin Salangsang
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Sandra Cea, Mary Josue, Jeannette Bird, Evelyn Bird, Fe Macatangay, Trini Raymundo, Evelyn Bird

Sunday, 5:15 p.m.
Readers - Charles Rosh, Zachary Duldulao
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Zachary Duldulao, Teng Sullivan, Luzviminda Grajales, Mary Josue
St. John of the Cross (c. 1542-1591)

December 14

How beautiful the experience of love for God and neighbor, a fire deep within! How disheartening when love suddenly cools and our souls grow dark, our prayer arid. How painful when misunderstanding, even rejection, comes our way, sometimes from those we least expect. For all such “seasons of the soul,” an inspiring fellow-pilgrim is the poet and mystic John of the Cross. As a young Carmelite, he was recruited by Teresa of Ávila for her Discalced (“barefoot,” evangelical poverty) Carmelite reform, striving to renew the Church from within after the Protestant Reformation had led countless religious away. John suffered unspeakably harsh abuse, even imprisonment, from friars who rejected this reform. Yet during these times of deepest suffering, John composed spiritual masterpieces that still guide souls to God, their titles reflecting his own painful yet ultimately victorious journey: from The Dark Night of the Soul through The Ascent of Mount Carmel to his Spiritual Canticle and The Living Flame of Love. John summarized his spirituality simply: “Put love where there is no love, and you will find love.”

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### Schedule of Sacraments

**Eucharistic Celebrations**
- Sundays ~ 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
- Family Mass on 2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
- Tagalog Mass on 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
- Charismatic Mass and Healing Service on 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday through Friday ~ 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.
- Saturdays ~ 7:30 a.m. & 12:10 p.m. ~ 5:15 p.m.

**Sacrament of Baptism (infants and children)**
- Baptismal Prep Class ~ Every 1st Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
- Sacrament of Baptism ~ Every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

**Sacrament of Marriage**
You must first be a registered and active parishioner for at least six months prior to arranging a marriage at St. Patrick. Arrangements for this celebration must be made at least six months in advance. No date may be reserved without first consulting with the Pastor.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**
- Tuesdays and First Fridays ~ 11:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
- Saturdays ~ 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

### Parish Meeting Schedule

- Adult Choir
- Altar Servers
- Charismatic Prayer Group
- Forever Young Ministry
- Legion of Mary ~
- Patrician Meeting
- Liturgical Lay Ministers
- Our Lady of Fatima Devotees
- Parish Pastoral Council
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Young Adult Choir (SPYCO)

- Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
- 3rd Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
- Sundays, 1:30 p.m.
- Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
- Sundays, 2:00 p.m.
- Last Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
- as announced
- 1st Saturday, 2:00 p.m.
- 1st Monday, 6:15 p.m.
- 1st Friday, 6:00 p.m.
- 4th Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
- Fridays, 6:00 p.m.

### Devotions

- Sacred Heart ~ Every First Friday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for public adoration from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Our Mother of Perpetual Help ~ Tuesdays after the 12:10 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Masses
- Divine Mercy ~ Daily at 4:45 p.m.
- Santo Niño Devotion ~ 2nd Friday after the 5:15 p.m. Mass

### Welcome to St. Patrick!!

Welcome to all of our out-of-town visitors,
Thank you for worshipping with us!!

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### Mass Intentions for Dec 15 - 21

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### Saints & Special Observances

Saturday: optional memorial ~
- St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 24:2-7; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2,8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT