

# Weekly Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent - December 10, 2017

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

*Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated.*

With these words through the prophet Isaiah, God wants us to feel comfort and joy, just as we sing at Christmas: "comfort and joy, oh tidings of comfort and joy." Yes, God wants us to feel like a prisoner who hears that his sentence has been served and he is now free! That is why God has Isaiah proclaim to His people that their guilt is expiated. What a wonderful time we live in!

John the Baptist prepared the way when the time had come, and he pointed out Jesus, the Lamb of God.

At every Mass, the same Lamb of God is pointed out to us just before we receive Jesus in Holy Communion. And we are meant to lead others to the Lord also by the way we live our lives. What Good News we have. The world still hungers to hear the Good News of the Gospel.

## NEXT SUNDAY: 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading – Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

The Lord has anointed me, and sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all things, give thanks.

Gospel - John 1:6-8, 19-28

John the Baptist said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord.'"

## THIS WEEK

MONDAY, Dec. 11

- 10:00 am - Pedro - Collins Center
- 2:00 pm - Qigong - Collins Center
- 3:00 pm - Current Events - Collins Center

TUESDAY, Dec. 12

- 9:00 am - French - Collins Center
- 10:00 am - Knights Memorial Mass - Our Lady's Chapel
- 10:00 am - Italian - Collins Center
- 11:00 am - Exercise - Collins Center
- 1:00 pm - Bingo – Collins Center
- 7:00 pm - Young Men's Institute - Serra Room
- 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal - Green Room

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13

- 7:30 pm - Italian Catholic Federation - Serra Room
- 7:30 pm - Legion of Mary - Legion Room

THURSDAY, Dec. 14

- 10:00 am - Scrabble - Collins Center
- 10:00 am - Bridge/ Bridge Lessons - Collins Center
- 10:30 am - Beginning Bridge Lessons - Collins Center
- 1:00 pm - Knitting & Crochet - Collins Center
- 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal - Green Room

FRIDAY, Dec. 15

11:00 am - Exercise - Collins Center  
1:30 pm - Homebound Mass - Collins Center

SATURDAY, Dec. 16

10:00 am - Centering Prayer - Convent  
11:30 am - Advent League of the Sacred Heart Luncheon  
4:30 pm - Vespers & Benediction - Our Lady's Chapel

### **9:30 A.M. FAMILY MASS**

Today's coffee & donuts will be hosted by the Indonesian Prayer Group.

Next Sunday there will be no coffee and donuts.

### **RETIREMENT FUND for RELIGIOUS COLLECTION**



Support religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to this collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure the younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

Please place your special collection envelope in today's collection along with your donation to St. Cecilia Church.

Next Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm  
The Adult Choir will present "Lessons and Carols: A Musical Celebration of Advent"

### **2017 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

We are SHORT \$48,590 to reach our assessment of \$145,194 by the end of the year, otherwise, we will have to take the funds from our Sunday collections.

If you have not already responded to the Appeal, please do so now so that we may each do our fair share in supporting the Archdiocese. Gifts should be mailed to: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2017, Archdiocese of San Francisco, One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109. Please write "St. Cecilia, S.F." in the memo. You can also donate online at

<https://sfarch.org/archdiocesan-annual-appeal>

**MEMORIAL FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available inside the Church. The 11:30 am Christmas Day Mass will be offered for the people whose names are listed on the envelopes. Deposit envelopes near the Jessie Tree. Donations help offset the expense of flowers & Christmas trees for your church's Christmas environment.

### **YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP FEAST of ST. NICHOLAS THANK YOU**

The December 3<sup>rd</sup> celebration of the Feast of St. Nicholas was a resounding success. The record turnout made it a warm and joy-filled time even before Santa Claus arrived and stole the show! The turkey dinner was sumptuous. Thank you to all the volunteers who planned, decorated, prepared/donated food, loaned Christmas trees, and led the children's crafts and games. Thanks also to the Men's Club for furnishing the wine and beer. Lastly, we thank all who supported the Giving Tree. In addition to the tags that were taken, the YFG raised \$300 to support the worthy cause.

### **SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE**

St. Cecilia School will conduct several Open Houses for prospective parents. If you know of someone looking to begin Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year, please let the family know of our Open House.

Presentation & Tour

Tuesday, Jan. 30 (1st grade - 6th grade)

Applications for Grades 1 – 6 are currently available

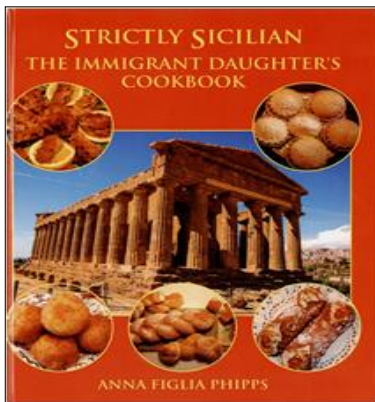
### **SCHOOL ADVENT PAGEANT - NEXT SUNDAY**

The children of our primary grades will celebrate the great season of Advent next Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass, presenting songs and skits which convey the saving power of God through the history of our salvation.

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST - NEXT SUNDAY**

Advent is a time of giving. The Men of St. Cecilia are giving the parish a special gift. You are invited to a Free Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, December 17, after the 9:30 am Family Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate as a parish family. Children are always welcome, as St. Nicholas always visits us.

### **COOKBOOK SALES BENEFIT OUR PARISH**



Last call for cookbook sales with proceeds going to St. Cecilia Church. An excellent gift for Christmas, and a wonderful addition for those who are cookbook collectors.

To purchase the cookbook, autographed upon request, please phone the Rectory with your name. The \$30 price from the sale will benefit our parish during this "Centennial Year".

### **ADVENT GIVING TREE**

All wrapped gifts are due this weekend! Please bring your gifts to the altar by Sunday, December 10th to ensure that everyone receives your gift on time. Please continue to pray for the adults and children at De Merillac Academy, Epiphany Center, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Boniface, St. Charles, St. Peter's, and St. Vincent's throughout the Advent season. Your thoughtfulness and generosity will definitely brighten everyone's day.

Thank you for your participation!

Contact Helen Roy, 415-420-3216 or [havroy@gmail.com](mailto:havroy@gmail.com), with questions.

## **D**id you know...

That St. Cecilia's has paid for a membership in [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) for you? Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) on a web browser, and click on "Register" (lower right of page). Enter our Parish Access Code: **RZDPQZ** along with your email, create a password (to log-in, later), and enjoy your Catholic faith with films and articles.

### **COLLINS CENTER CHRISTMAS BREAK**

The Collins Center programs will take a Christmas break. The last day of classes will be Tuesday, December 19, and the doors will open again on Monday, January 8.

## **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 9-11, in San Jose. For information visit: [sanjosewwme.org](http://sanjosewwme.org) or Ken & Claranne at [applications@sanjosewwme.org](mailto:applications@sanjosewwme.org) or 408-782-1413.

### **RECENT FUNERALS**

Josephine Sorini, John Mackenzie, Michael Mangan,  
Patrick Cassidy, Bridget Hagan, William L. Cooper,  
James McCarthy, Leticia Campos

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THEIR SOULS

## **Sunday Ministries for Next Weekend**

**5 P.M. Saturday Mass** - MUSIC: Frances Peterson; Presider: Fr. Liliedahl; Lectors: Marco Celi, Marlies Bruning; Euch. Min: Marco Celi, Marlies Bruning, Tina Celi, Kathie Wood; Altar Servers: Bryant Odena, Eddy Dudum, Brianna Kyne, Reilly Moriarty

**7:30 A.M. Mass** - Presider: Fr. Dandou; Lectors: Michael Biehl, Pauline Susanto; Euch. Min: Pauline Susanto, Patricia Barsotti, Lynda McCarthy; Altar Servers: Ella Parashis, Elena Gutierrez, Siobhan LaRocca, Isabella Turok

**9:30 A.M. Mass** - MUSIC: Holy Spirit Music; Presider: Fr. Summerhays - Lectors: Saint Cecilia Students; Euch. Min: Conrad Chu, Rita Mazzei, Fatima Singson, Michaela Vo, Connor Vo, Mimi Pratt; Altar Servers: Advent Mass Servers

**11:30 A.M. Mass** - MUSIC: Adult Choir; Presider: Fr. Taheny; Lectors: Wendy Ho, Mary Tsang; Euch. Min: Wendy Ho, Benjamin Kim, Kathy Atkinson; Altar Servers: Franki Alioto, Luke Wachowicz, Jocelyn Jaber, Jacob Cuevas

## **This Week's Mass Intentions**

### **Monday, Dec. 11**

7AM - Dan Casey

9AM - Marina Mascarenhas

5:30 - Bernice & Eugene McGreevy

### **Tuesday, Dec. 12**

7AM - Trent Walker

9AM - Jim & Margaret Kavanagh

5:30 - George Joseph Bing

### **Wednesday, Dec. 13**

7AM - Martin Mullins

9AM - Patrick Connolly

5:30 - Margarita Amarillas Robertson

### **Thursday, Dec. 14**

7AM - Philip C. Kwan

9AM - Margaret & Frank Lynch

5:30 - Daniel Joseph Sheehan

### **Friday, Dec. 15**

7AM - Dan Casey

9AM - Enes & Louis Greco

5:30 - Dr. Edward & Anthony Erigero

### **Saturday, Dec. 16**

7AM - Maura Gilsean

9AM - Msgr. Collins Anniversary Mass

5:00 - Dan Walsh