December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent
“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”
— Mt 24:44

Mass Times
Monday — Saturday: 12:15 PM
Sunday: 11:00 AM
Wednesday: 7:00 PM

Confessions
Monday—Saturday: 11:00 AM—12:00 Noon
Wednesday: 5:30 PM—6:30 PM
Also by appointment

National Shrine Hours
Historic Church: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  Monday - Saturday
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  Sunday
Open Certain Holidays
Porziuncola Chapel: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Wednesday - Saturday
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  Sunday

Saturdays in the Porziuncola Chapel:
Holy Rosary Sodality at 2:30 PM & Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM

First Saturdays in the Historic Church
St. Padre Pio Prayer Group  10am—1pm
Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  10:50am—12pm

Marriages at the Shrine  * By special permission  * All inquiries: Please contact the Shrine office for Rector’s initial assessment  * Note: Arrangements at least six months in advance
Baptism  * Contact the Shrine office for details

Church & Office: 610 Vallejo Street (at Columbus) San Francisco, CA 94133
Office: (415) 986-4557  Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Email: info@shrinesf.org  Website: ShrineSF.org

Elevator Access: Please ask the Rector or one of our Shrine volunteers if you need assistance with our Main Church elevator, or automatic door for the Porziuncola Nuova chapel.
**SUNDAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — All the peoples shall stream toward the Lord’s house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

**Psalm** — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

**Second Reading** — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11–14).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

**DAILY MASS READINGS**

**Monday:** Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
**Tuesday:** St. Francis Xavier
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24
**Wednesday:** St. John Damascene
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27
**Friday:** St. Nicholas, First Friday
Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
**Saturday:** St. Ambrose; First Saturday
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1

**Mass Intentions — DECEMBER 1 to 7**

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**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS**

**December 2019—The Future of the Very Young**

That every country takes the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

**DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Help the National Shrine in beautifying our environment – as a sign of praise of the Incarnate Word, our newborn King—Emmanuel.

**YOUR DONATIONS** will assist the Shrine in adorning both the historic St. Francis church and the Porziuncola Nuova chapel with beautiful flowers.

Feel welcome to submit prayer intentions with your donation for a deceased or sick loved one or for prayers for yourself or others.

On an envelope, please identify your donation for “CHRISTMAS FLOWERS”.

Along with your gift by cash or check *(payable to National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi)*, please provide: 1) the name of the person who is the intention of the offering, 2) whether deceased, sick, etc., and 3) your name and contact information.

OFFERING ENVELOPES may be placed in the Collection basket at Mass or deposited in the center aisle Donation box in the rear of the church. You may also mail your donation.

**DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Note: Credit Card donations may be submitted online at ShrineSF.org

In gratitude, all your intentions will be prayed for during Advent and the Christmas season. The National Shrine will post the dedicated names in our bulletin.
ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP
First Saturday of every month. The next meeting is December 7 in the Shrine church
10:00am Open church
10:15am Begin
10:30am Relic Veneration
10:50am Exposition/Adoration; Confession, Rosary
11:50am Benediction
12:15pm Holy Mass
Brief meeting after Mass
All are welcome. Questions, call the Shrine office at (415) 986-4557, or email info@shrinesf.org

Reflections on the Wisdom from St. Francis
by Fr. Bobby

Exult because the Most Holy Father of heaven, our King before all ages, sent His Beloved Son from on high, and He was born of the Blessed Virgin Holy Mary. (St. Francis, Office of the Passion)

St. Francis knew he could never understand fully the mystery of Christ’s incarnation, or how deep God’s love for the human race really is. So he took a lot of time each year focusing on the reality of that love and opening himself to being transformed by it. He knew what Advent was all about—stopping long enough to catch his breath and remember who God is and who he was before God. Francis loved preaching the word of God, but he always realized that if he didn’t take time to silently adore the Word made flesh, he would soon give in to pride and vainglory. The vision of Jesus as a child, vulnerable and trembling in the cold, taught Francis the greatest lesson about humility, a lesson he tried to put into practice in his own life and teach to his brothers and sisters. God bless and keep you!

Fr. Robert Barbato, OFM Cap. is the pastor of Old Mission Santa Inés in Solvang, CA.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND
Gentlemen, do you wonder what it’s like to serve God as a Capuchin Franciscan?

The Western Province offers several "Come & See" weekends throughout the year, offering single Catholic men a chance to discern a possible Capuchin vocation.

A vocation retreat is a great opportunity to meet Capuchin Franciscan priests and brothers, talk to some of our students in formation and see first hand what our life is like.

These retreats are held at San Lorenzo Seminary in Santa Ynez, California and typically begin on a Friday at 5:00 PM and end by noon on the following Sunday. The next Come & See weekend is scheduled for:

December 13th-15th, 2019

For more information contact: Fr. Peter Banks, OFM Cap.

Order of Friars Minor Capuchins (O.F.M. Cap.)
www.olacapuchins.org

Discerning a vocation?
Could a friar’s life be for you?
Contact: Fr. Peter Banks, OFM Cap.
Email: peterbanksofmcap@yahoo.com; Phone: 805.686.4127
Website: www.BeAFriar.com

Want to talk about your vocation questions?
Fr. John, the Shrine Rector can be available—contact the Shrine office. Peace
**RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION**

Next 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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**ST. NICHOLAS DAY PRAYER SERVICE**

Friday, December 6, 2019, 6:00 PM  
**Location:** St. Patrick’s Seminary, 320 Middlefield Rd. Menlo Park

Join Archbishop Cordileone and the Benedict XVI Choir in prayer and preparation for the joyful coming of our Lord Jesus, featuring the "O" antiphons. The O Antiphons are an ancient Christian prayer used at Vespers on the last seven days of Advent. Each verse begins with the o, invoking the name of Christ under different titles.

Richard Sparks will conduct the BXVI Choir in the beautiful chapel of St. Patrick’s Seminary & University. All are welcome to this free event. Registration is requested for planning purposes, at [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-nicholas-day-prayer-service-the-o-antiphons-tickets-65465478007](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-nicholas-day-prayer-service-the-o-antiphons-tickets-65465478007).

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**Blessing of St. Francis of Assisi**

“God bless you and keep you. May God smile on you, and be merciful to you; May God turn his regard towards you and give you peace. May God bless you.”

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**CATHOLIC RESOURCES**

**RELEVANT RADIO:** San Francisco—Bay Area – KSFB – 1260 AM, plus now on 101.7 FM  
**Live Stream:** [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com), Click at the top of the webpage  
**TV MASS:** Sundays at 6:00am on KTSF Channel 26 and KOFY Channel 20.

**Archbishop Cordileone’s New Video Channel:**


**EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) Videos**— Television, Online Live Streaming & Radio  

**VATICAN YOUTUBE CHANNEL**  
[https://www.youtube.com/user/vatican#p/a](https://www.youtube.com/user/vatican#p/a)

**BIBLIACLERUS**  
[http://www.clerus.org/bibliaclerus/index_eng.html](http://www.clerus.org/bibliaclerus/index_eng.html)

“This program offers Sacred Scripture, its interpretation in light of Sacred Tradition and the teachings of the Magisterium, with appropriate theological commentary and exegesis.”

**CATHOLIC CATECHISM COMPENDIUM**  

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Any and all signs, posters, fliers, pamphlets, booklets, etc. must be submitted to the Rector for review, possible edit or revision, and necessary authorization before the desired materials can be properly posted, displayed or distributed on the properties of the *National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi*. Furthermore, any and all Solicitation, petition signing, and promotion of any and all entities outside of the Nat'l. Shrine itself is prohibited without prior approval of the Shrine Rector. It is also Shrine Policy that the removal, altering, and or discarding of any and all approved signage, posters, pamphlets, booklets, etc. will be by Shrine Rector authorization only. Any and all materials that do not abide by this Policy of the Rector: Fr. John De La Riva, OFM Cap., will be removed and confiscated.

*Please note: The St. Francis Church, the Porziuncola Nuova Chapel, and the Rectory residence together constitute the properties of the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi.*