December 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent

A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

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 10 AM — 1 PM
Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 10:50 AM — 12 PM

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** — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the Lord (Isaiah 11:1-10).

**Psalm** — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

**Gospel** — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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**Mass Intentions — DEC. 8 to 14**

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**NOTE THE DATES**

**ADVENT CONCERTS**

Sunday, Dec. 15
- 2PM Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellringers
- 7:30PM Schola Chorale

Sunday, Dec. 22
- 7 PM Praise & Glorify Choir

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR LITURGIES**

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24
- 7:30 PM Vigil Mass

Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25
- 11 AM Mass of the Nativity of the Lord
- Shrine closes at the conclusion of Mass

**PUBLIC NATIVITY DISPLAY**

Enjoy the Shrine’s Christmas crèche at the front entry of the historic church, from the evening of Sunday, Dec. 8 through Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020

**NOTE: THURSDAY, DEC. 26**: The Shrine church, chapel and office will be CLOSED.

**VIGIL FOR PEACE: TUESDAY, DEC. 31 NEW YEAR’S EVE**

Confessions: 6PM—7PM
- Mass: 7:15PM
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8PM (Midnight Benediction)
- Peace Prayer Blessing

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

Wednesday, January 1, 2020—Holy Day of Obligation
- 11 AM Mass; Shrine closes after Mass

**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.

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

Hail, O Lady, Holy Queen, Mary, holy Mother of God, who are the Virgin made church... (Salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

St. Francis knew the Virgin Mary as someone who could help him listen to the Word of the Lord and open his heart to God’s will. Francis put his newborn order, the Friars Minor, beneath the special protection of Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Angels, so that all his brothers could also turn to her in their desire to follow her Son, Jesus Christ. It was the Franciscan theologians who defended Mary’s immaculate conception and were jubilant when this was declared a doctrine of the Church in 1854. May Mary, our Mother, guide all of us during this time of Advent to find our life in Christ her Son. 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: peterbanks@ofmcap@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**

Today (Sunday) the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious is being taken. The women and men Religious of the Archdiocese are appreciative of any help you can give and count on your assistance as they face retirement with limited resources. More importantly, though, 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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**S.S. PETER & PAUL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

**January 2020**

**Location:** 666 Filbert St, San Francisco

The Laura Vicuña Pre-K (ages 3-5 years) and the kindergarten of Saints Peter and Paul School will host their annual open house on January 12, 2020 from 10AM-12PM. Applications for the fall of 2020 will be available at that time. An open house for all of SSPP School will be on January 29th at 6PM.

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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 KTCSF Channel 26 and KOFY Channel 20.

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


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

**BIBLIA CLERUS** [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 COMPRENDIUM**


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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. If 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.*