



December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)

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We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

-Fr John Muir

Prayers of Protection for Our Men and Woman in the Service In continued prayerful support of our men and women in the military, please call the rectory with name, rank, and branch of service and location (if allowed) of your loved ones who are serving our country.

Christopher Bruzzone, SPC, Army Combat Medic

1LT Daniel Realini, US Army

Eric M. Warren, US Air Force

Major Deron T Warren, DO, US Air Force, MC

Tom Harold Purple, US Army

Adam J Helmers, US Navy

Gregory M Grogan, PO1, USCG-R

Michael Obregon, CPL, USMC

Luigi Lorenzo, 2nd Lieutenant US Airforce

Enrico Enriquez US Army

Jacob Arnold, Sergeant, US Army

Ben Soto, US Airforce

Ken Soto, US Air National Guard

James Raphael R. Cepriano, US Navy

John Lorenzo R. Cepriano, US Navy

Dominic Galarza, US Army

Michael Laemmlein, US Navy

Matthew A. Martinez, 1st Lieutenant US Army

Katie Kramer, Staff Sergeant, Nebraska National Guard



St. Dunstan Parish Prayer

God, our Father, we are all your children. Jesus, our Brother, you taught us to love. Holy Spirit, by Your Light, may our parish family grow. St. Dunstan, pray for us.

Children of the Parish, ages 5-14 are invited to take part in this year's Christmas Eve Mass and Pageant on Sunday, December 24 at 4:30 pm. Please call the Parish Office at 650-697-4730 or email secretary@saintdunstanchurch.org for more information.

FAMILY MASS!

One Sunday each month through May, St. Dunstan School grades K through 8 will take a turn hosting the monthly Sunday Family Mass at 10 am. A reception will be held in the parish center immediately after the Mass. We welcome everyone to the Family Mass.

10 AM FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE & HOSTING CLASS

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| + Sunday, December 10, 2023 | 5th Grade |
| + Sunday, January 21, 2024 | 4th Grade |
| + Sunday, February 11, 2024 | 3rd Grade |
| + Sunday, March 10, 2024 | 2nd Grade |
| + Sunday, April 14, 2024 | 1st Grade |
| + Sunday, May 19, 2024 | Kindergarten |

St. Dunstan's T.E.R.E.S.A. Committee

"Little Stars Shine Brightly" Christmas Giving Trees 2023 Benefiting Society of St. Vincent de Paul ~ St. Dunstan Conference & St. Vincent de Paul's ~ Catherine's Center

This year we will be setting up our Christmas Giving Trees in our Church commencing November 26, 2023. We will be collecting gift cards and monetary donations as they are greatly needed for the families of Society of St. Vincent de Paul and also residents of its Catherine's Center. Should you wish to donate, please select an ornament(s) from the trees and purchase the gift cards listed on the ornament.

We need gift cards from Target, Walgreens, Safeway, or Trader Joe's in \$25 denominations. If monetary donations are preferred, please make checks payable to "St. Dunstan T.E.R.E.S.A. Committee". You may deliver all donations to the rectory Please drop off all gifts card or monetary gifts by December 13, so that the gifts will be ready to be personally delivered by to the SVDP families and Catherine Center residents in time for Christmas.

YOUR KINDNESS WILL MAKE SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS WISH COME TRUE! THANK YOU !! THANK YOU !!

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way. Make straight the path. Invite him in.



December 10- 17, 2023

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| Sunday | 7:00 am | For Parish |
| | 10:00 am | Emma & George Meagher |
| | 11:30 am | George & Molly Figone |
| Monday | 6:30 am | Generoso Pabalan & Arsenio Hubilla |
| | 8:00 am | Mary Casey |
| | 5:10 pm | Adelina T. & Vicente Correa, Sr. & Edmund Medenilla |
| Tuesday | 6:30 am | Peter De Lucca |
| | 8:00 am | Bob Keefe |
| | 5:10 pm | Giovanna D'Angelo |
| Wednesday | 6:30 am | Antonio Morelos |
| | 8:00 am | Salvatore & Rosina Alioto |
| | 5:10 pm | Joanne Poulin |
| Thursday | 6:30 am | Clare & Peter Lynch (living) |
| | 8:00 am | John Farrell |
| | 5:10 pm | John M. Agius |
| Friday | 6:30 am | Roberto & Beatrice Lascano |
| | 8:00 am | Lorna Dankwerth |
| | 5:10 pm | Doris & Reno Camilleri |
| Saturday | 8:00 am | Joseph I. & Michelina Bosso |
| | 5:00 pm | Russ Nott |

We Pray for the Deceased Members of our Parish Family

Thank you to our Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers For Serving at this Weekend's Masses.

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| 12/9 Saturday | |
| 5:00 PM | H Cook , A Cook, P Sundberg, A Woolen, E Lumanlan, |
| 12/10 Sunday | |
| 7:00 AM | V Rapues , R Tanjuakio, V Tanjuakio |
| 10:00 AM | J Cardon , G Maldonado, R DiRicco |
| 11:30 AM | L Roxas , J Roxas, C Caimotto, M Haven, L Aragon |

Many thanks to our ushers and greeters at this weekend's mass. If you're interested in helping, please contact Ann at the rectory.

Many, many thanks to all of you who supported the recent Holiday Boutique. Here are the lucky winners of the Holiday Boutique Raffle!

- 1. Grand Prize Winner of \$4,000: Holly Borghello**
- 2. 2nd Prize Winner of an Apple iPad: Steven Quigg**
- 3. 3rd Prize Winner of \$400: Dr. Laura Sandoval**



Weekend Collection:

December 2 & 3: TBA

Online Giving: December 2 & 3: TBA

This weekend's second collection will be for the Retirement Fund for the Religious

Next weekend's second collection will be for the Parish Maintenance & development Fund

Thank you for ALL your support !

December 2023 Second Collections

December 3 : Christmas Flowers for the Church

December 10: Retirement Fund for the Religious

December 17: Parish Maintenance & Development Fund

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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| Sunday: | 2nd Sunday of Advent |
| Monday: | St. Damasus I, Pope |
| Tuesday: | Our Lady of Guadalupe |
| Wednesday: | St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr |
| Thursday: | St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church |
| Next Sunday: | 3rd Sunday of Advent |

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) is run primarily at the parish level, allowing each parish to participate in the work of the Archbishop to provide for the vital services and ministries needed in the Archdiocese of San Francisco and beyond. The money you contribute has a far-reaching impact in your parish, your Archdiocese and beyond. Think about making a pledge to help your parish, the Archdiocese and the Universal Catholic Church. To date St. Dunstan Parish is \$25,000 short of reaching this goal of \$112,000. This campaign ends on December 31, 2023.

If you have not yet contributed to this year's Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, please consider doing so today. Any shortfall will have to be paid from parish operating funds.

Thank you for your support.

We pray for the sick members of our parish family and for those who care for them:

Susan Silvera-Dunn, Nafal Jweinat, Emily Marshall, Mary Spiteri, Annie O'Sullivan, Wilma & Heather Aragon, Vonnie Spencer, Maria Teresa Rosario, Kathy Montiel, Ida Marinero, Letty Santa Cruz, Mike Phipps, Karen Neal, Joel Rivera, Diane Vanoncini, Eric B. Garcia, Peggy Winkenbach, Jr, Barbara Cappel, Irene Aubright, Christine Monahan, Paul Leung, Arthur Starrh, Margaret Armstrong, Valentino Regal, Christine Regal, Matilda An, Carolina Cedia Orantes, Lori Coustier, Carole Weldon, Rosa Mallare, Doug Wright, Joan Walsh, Cheryl Spray, Conchita Chao, Lucrecia Merida, Joshua Liu, Andrew de los Reyes, Marchita Obregon, Carmel Richard, Frank Richard, Fiona Selig, Geronimo De Los Reyes, Fernando S. De Los Reyes, Cruz David Lagomarsino, Dave Marquez, Denise Fricano, Terry Marquez, Dominic Cannuli, Rosemarie Regal, Yolanda Viteri, Flordeliz Sanchez Ledesma, Luke Skall, Ed Phipps, Willie Manalang, Consuelo Robel, Gary Wilson, Baby Leon Regal, Michael Regal, Sharon Alejo, Rolando Lopez, Olivia and Grace Hallermann, Meaghan Douglas, Cynthia Aclaro, Antonio Borlat, Dawn Rossi, Kathy Wilson, Rolando Lopez, Fr. Brendan Hally, Claro Zulueta, Marcelina Gatchalian, Harry Aubright, Barbara Vas, Charlie Silva, Imelda Arceo, Samuel Williams, Baby Winston Regal, Carlos Yegros Ocanipos, Dorice Mallia, Gladys Tordaro, Sylan Joanne Newsom, Alicia Abell, Ralph Sternick