



December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

“I baptize with water, but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” (Jn 1:23)

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Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We’ve never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we’ve never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John’s Gospel we hear: “There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him.” The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God’s promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist’s spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let’s commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

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.

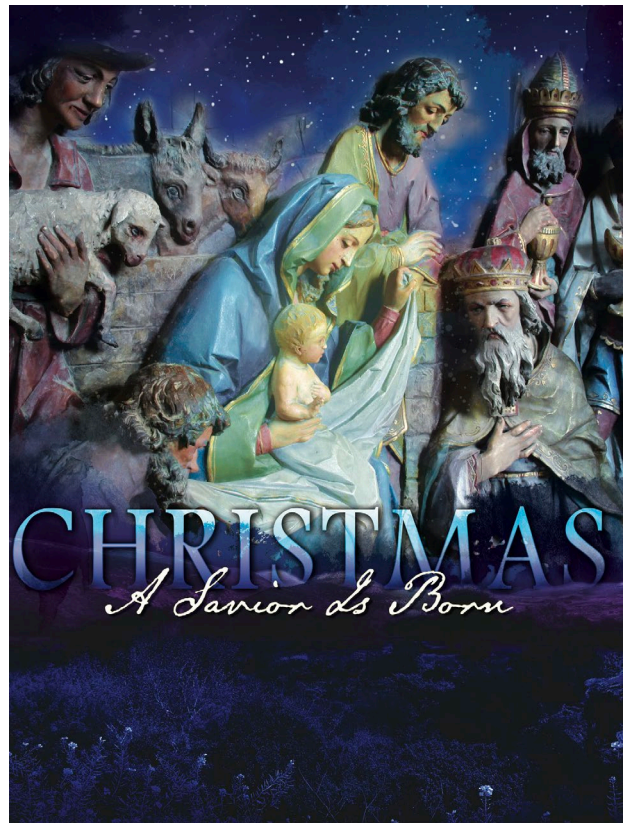
FAMILY MASS!

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

- + Sunday, January 21, 2024
- + Sunday, February 11, 2024
- + Sunday, March 10, 2024
- + Sunday, April 14, 2024
- + Sunday, May 19, 2024

- 4th Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 1st Grade
- Kindergarten



Christmas Celebrations at St. Dunstan Church
Christmas Eve Masses: 4:30 pm with Pageant & 9 pm
Christmas Day Masses: 7 am, 10 am & 11:30 am



December 17- 23, 2023

Sunday 7:00 am For Parish
 10:00 am Quigg - Franco Family (dec)
 11:30 am Joseph & Albina Caimotto

Monday 6:30 am Jolene Lariosa
 8:00 am Mary Casey
 5:10 pm Lucy Priapdi

Tuesday 6:30 am Mark De Jesus (living)
 8:00 am Rafaela Estrada
 5:10 pm Homer Zuraek

Wednesday 6:30 am Mass of Thanksgiving
 8:00 am Abraham Matthew
 5:10 pm Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday 6:30 am Margarita & Raquel Torres
 8:00 am So Jeo Cheon
 5:10 pm Kathleen & Michael Basquel

Friday 6:30 am Wally Mansor Viray (living)
 8:00 am Victorio Dizon
 5:10 pm Gilbert Isais

Saturday 8:00 am Adelina Oliva
 5:00 pm Mary Halligan

We Pray for the Deceased Members of our Parish Family
Jim Rooney & Tom Venezia

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

12/16 Saturday
 5:00 PM **L Pascual**, F Gutierrez, G Tantillo, A Woolen, T Phipps
12/17 Sunday
 7:00 AM **V Rapues**, B Albright, S Bosso
 10:00 AM **G Magoolaghan**, M Muzzi, K Whitfield, E Whitfield, L Whitfield
 11:30 AM **S Yeo**, M Haven, L Aragon, G Simpao, L Simpao

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

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal
Thank you to all our parishioners who contributed to this year's Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.
We are so happy and grateful to announce that we have reached our goal! Our assessment of \$112,000 has been paid in full to the Archdiocese of San Francisco.
With sincere appreciation, we thank you for your support.



Weekend Collection:
December 2 & 3: \$9,352.00
Online Giving: December 2 & 3: \$3,352.00

December 9-10: \$6,358.00
Online Giving: \$2,030.00
Thanksgiving Collection: \$4,060.00

This weekend's second collection is 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

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent
 Thursday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Saturday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
 Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK
God sends a John the Baptist into every person's life — someone who prepares His way, who calls out His truth. Look for the John the Baptist in your life. Pray you can be this person for someone else.

Prayer for Week 3 of Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles - "Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

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 Marinaro, 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, Virginia Victoria Rivera