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**Notes:**

# St. Catherine of Siena Church

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## Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2017

Prepare the way of the  
Lord,  
make straight his paths.

— *Mark 1:3*

### PHONES:

Rectory/Parish Office: (650) 344-6884  
School: (650) 344-7176  
Convent: (650) 342-4780

### MASSES:

Sunday: 5:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil)  
7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12 noon  
Weekdays: Monday to Friday: 7:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m.  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m.  
Holy Day (Observed) as announced in bulletin

### OFFICE HOURS:

9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Monday-Friday)

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays from 4:00 pm. to 4:45 p.m.

### BAPTISM:

Please call the Parish Office two months in advance of  
planned date.

### MARRIAGES:

Couples intending to marry should call the parish office  
at least six months prior to the marriage date.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please call the Parish Office to speak to one of the  
priests.

### STAFF:

Rev. John Ryan, Pastor  
Rev. Toan Nguyen, Parochial-Vicar  
Rev. P. Gerard O'Rourke, In Residence  
Rev. Mr. Roy Twitty, Deacon  
Sr. Antonella Manca, M.S.C., School Principal  
Silvia Chiesa, Pastoral Associate - Religious Education,  
Confirmation, Small Christian Communities  
Nancy Rogers  
Music & Liturgy Director 650-344-6884 x114  
Marlin Ang, 650-344-6884  
Office Manager/Executive Secretary  
Ann Ponty, Parish Bookkeeper  
Nancy Ingram, Volunteer Bookkeeping Assistant  
Nick Fleres, Church Maintenance  
Gertrude Sisk, Sacristan

### NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

**Gospel** — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of  
The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19


Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;  
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

“One Lord...One Baptism...One God and Father of all”.

Ephesians 4

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**ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT  
NEXT WEEKEND**

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will visit our parish next weekend. On Friday, December 15, Archbishop will celebrate Mass at 9 AM for St. Catherine's School children. He will visit all classes during the day. That evening, he will celebrate the Opening Mass for the "Simbang Gabi" Advent Novena at 7:00 PM.

Archbishop will return to us on Sunday, December 17th to celebrate the 10:30 AM Mass. There will be an opportunity to greet the Archbishop in the Parish Center after Mass (Approximately 11:30 -11:45 AM). So plan ahead! Try to attend the 10:30 AM Mass if possible, and /or come to the reception.

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**ADVENT - SECOND WEEK**  
Give comfort...speak tenderly...  
Prepare the way...

*"Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God."*  
First Reading: Isaiah 40:1

*"...be eager to be found with out spot  
Or blemish before him, at peace."*  
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:14

*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."*  
Gospel Reading: Mark 1:2

**Advent Angel Tree**  
Please take a tag from the tree in the front of church near the chapel.  
Except during Sunday Masses, it is safest to return Gift Cards to the parish office or drop them in the mail slot to the left side of the door.



Please note if there is a DUE DATE so we can deliver your gift on time.

**Advent Volunteers**  
Sign up on the volunteer list near the chapel to carry a banner or light the candles on our Advent Wreath at Sunday Masses.



**STOCK DONATIONS**  
This is a time of year when some parishioners make gifts of Stock to our parish. We have Stock donation forms available in the office.  
Contact Fr. John or Marlin.  
Your generosity is appreciated at all times.

**The Second Collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.**  
"Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger member can continue the good works of their elders!

**St. Catherine of Siena Men's Club  
Annual Christmas Dinner  
Thursday, December 14, 6:30 PM  
Sappore Italiano Restaurant  
Cost: \$50**

All men of the parish are invited. It will be a great celebration!  
For reservations, contact School Office at 650-344-7176.  
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Tickets available for Annual Instant Wine Raffle  
1/100 chances to win lots of premium wine.  
Raffle ticket Cost: \$100/ticket

**Advent/Christmas 2017**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions):**  
Saturday, December 16: 4:00 PM—4:45 PM  
Saturday, December 23: 12 Noon—1:00 PM  
4:00 PM—4:45 PM

**"Simbang Gabi" Christmas Novena:**  
December 15—23 at local parishes: St. Catherine of Siena, Our lady of Angels, St. Bartholomew, St. Gregory, St. Mark/Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Luke, and St. Matthew.

Mass at 7 PM, Confessions from 6:15 PM—6:45 PM  
Novena at St. Catherine of Siena Parish  
December 15, 16 & 23.

**Christmas Masses:**  
Christmas Eve (Sunday, December 24)  
4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 12 Midnight  
(11:30 PM— Christmas Concert)  
Christmas Day (Monday, December 25)  
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon

**St. Catherine of Siena School**



**Now enrolling.**  
**Kindergarten—7th Grade.**  
**Schedule a tour or Shadow date.**  
**Learn about the great things going on.**  
**Tel #: 650-344-7176.**  
**Email: Office@stcos.org**  
**Website: ww.stcos.com**

**BIBLE STUDY**

The Bible Study Group (Thank God It's Monday) completed reading of the first five books of the Old Testament ("the Pentateuch") last week. The Group will vacation until next year, resuming Monday January 15<sup>th</sup> again in the Siena Room on Monday nights at 7:00 PM. The Agenda will be:

- ⇒ The World of Biblical Israel
- ⇒ Introduction to the New Testament
- ⇒ The Gospel of Mark

Attendance at TGIM has doubled over the past years but we welcome new Members with open arms- especially young parents and High School students from the local public schools.

**CATCH-UP SUNDAY**  
**Continues throughout this year**

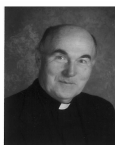


This special collection is an on-going appeal till the end of the year to help defray the deficit we still have in our Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.

**Our Assessment:** \$167,599.00  
**Received as of 12/3/2017:** \$154,400.00  
**Still Needed:** \$ 13,199.00

**Huge thanks** to parishioners who have made very generous gifts in recent weeks. We are much closer to meeting our Assessment because of your generosity. I know more will respond this month. You may do so either directly to the Archdiocese or to our "Catch-Up Sunday" appeal.

*Fr. John*



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**DECEMBER 9—16 , 2017**

<b>Sat</b>	8:00 AM	Birthday Blessings for Maria Harriette Williams (12/9)
	5:00 PM	All Parishioners
<b>Sun</b>	7:30 AM	Birthday Blessings of Dorothy Freethy (12/10)
	9:00 AM	Rosita Flores †
	10:30 AM	Violeta Lamis and Hllaria Jordan †
	12 Noon	Shirley Lott †
<b>Mon</b>	7:00 AM	Carolyn Zullo-Giannini † (12/11)
	12:05 PM	Martin Kelly †
<b>Tue</b>	7:00 AM	Tony Rodriguez † (12/12)
	12:05 PM	Birthday Blessings for Silvia Chiesa
<b>Wed</b>	7:00 AM	Virginia & Laurie Houts † (12/13)
	12:05 PM	William (Bill) Harman †
<b>Thurs</b>	7:00 AM	Special Intention of Rich, Cindy & Brad Morris (12/14)
	12:05 PM	Adolph Raggio †
<b>Fri</b>	7:00 AM	Tony Rodriguez † (12/15)
	12:05 PM	Birthday Blessings for Calyxta Ann Gardner Ang
<b>Sat</b>	8:00 AM	Adele Franco † (12/16)
	5:00 PM	Adelaido Nepomuceno †

**LET US PRAY** that all the departed especially Fr. Flavian Welstead, OFM Cap, Bernie Mullins, that they may enter into the reign of everlasting joy and for those who are sick or recuperating, especially C.J. Scheley, Bernadine Ames-Marvel, Sallie Bernstein, Vita Maria Catalano, Donna Jochen, Luc Hernandez, Elisha Yeager, George Dolim, Nicole Killigrew, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Marianne Mueller, Lexie O'Keefe, Gayle Taylor, Rebecca Lott, Max Akiyama, Valeria De Santis, Daniela Dimitri, Lim Siok Kim Go, Nerry Albuquerque, Anastasia Adao, Louise Vilotti, Bob Vogel & Peter Quigley, that they may soon be well.



**Collection for 12/2 & 12/3.....\$10,711.00**  
**School and CCD.....\$ 1,797.00**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**From the Parish Green Committee...**

<http://www.cecburlingame.com/programs>  
<http://www.cityofsanmateo.org> > Living Sustainability  
 The above sites will provide you with some good ideas for recycling, reusing and disposing.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Monday: Bible Study**  
Meets every Monday evening, 7 PM  
Coordinator: Dr. Tom Kilbridge  
*Will resume on January 15.*

**Tuesday: Tuesday Prayer Group**  
Maria Assumpta Chapel, 6:30 PM  
Coordinator: Judy Miller  
**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
Every last Tuesday of the month  
School Library, 7:00 PM  
Conference president: Gretchen Lott

**Wednesday:**  
**Religious Education— Grade K-6**  
3:45 PM— 5:00 PM, Church  
**Grade 7-8**  
7:00 PM—8:15 PM, Siena Room  
**RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation)**  
7:00 PM, Library  
Fr. Toan Nguyen, Spiritual Adviser  
**Perpetual Help Novena Prayer Group**  
Maria Assumpta Chapel, 5:30 PM

**Thursday: Junior Legion of Mary**  
Maria Assumpta Chapel, 3:10 PM  
Coordinator: Sr. Corinna Catalano, MSC

**Friday: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
First Friday Adoration after 12:05 PM  
Mass. Benediction at 6:00 PM.  
Maria Assumpta Chapel.  
**Sacro Costato Missionary Sisters & Lay Associates**  
First Friday Adoration in the Convent  
7:00 PM

**Saturday: Yoga**  
11 AM-12 Noon, Siena Room  
Instructor: Gretchen Lott

**Sunday: Hospitality during School year**  
Please join us for a cup of coffee or juice and a donut in the parish auditorium after the 9 AM & 10:30 AM Masses on Sunday.

**ROSARY everyday after the 12:05 PM Mass and Saturdays after the 8:00 AM Mass.**

### Traveling Crucifix—Vocation Ministry



*Thanks for helping us continuously pray for an increase in vocations to Church ministry, as well as, for the spiritual well-being of those who already serve our church as priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers especially for our St. Patrick's Seminarians. Please call the parish office at 344-6884 to take the Traveling Crucifix home and help us pray for vocations to the priesthood.* Taking the crucifix home this week:  
**12/10 7:30 AM Ken & Nancy Ingram**



## MUSIC MINISTRY

Practice continues for our 2 Special Choirs of the Christmas season. New singers are welcome to join us.

Practices for *Simbang Gabi* Choir will be Tuesday from 7:30 PM—8:30 PM.

Practices for Midnight Mass Choir will be every Thursday from 7:45 PM –9 PM.

### Regular Rehearsal Schedules:

- Junior Choir rehearses every Tuesday after school
- Children's Choir rehearses every Thursday after school
- 10:30 AM Choir rehearses every Thursday at 7 PM
- Noon Choir rehearses every 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 6:45 PM

Contact Nancy at the organ or call the Church office at 344-6884 or email at [music@stcsiena.org](mailto:music@stcsiena.org).



*Come celebrate with Us....*

### "Simbang Gabi"

**A NOVENA OF ADVENT MASSES  
December 15-23**

Masses will be celebrated at St. Catherine's on December 15, 16 and 23rd, 7 PM. Other days, Masses will be celebrated at the other Deanery 10 Churches.

**Note: Opening Mass on Dec. 15 will be celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone. Dinner reception follows at the St. Catherine's Parish Center.**

"*Simbang Gabi*" is sponsored by the following Churches of Deanery 10: Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady of Angels, St. Bartholomew, St. Catherine, St. Gregory, St. Luke, St. Mark, St. Matthew. Through "*Simbang Gabi*", the deanery hopes to offer a deeper spiritual experience leading to a more meaningful Christmas season for all. This celebration of faith also hopes to strengthen the bonds between cultures and parishes, thereby strengthening fellowship and family life in our community and deanery.

### The Archdiocese Has a New Website

<https://sfarchdiocese.org> or <https://sfarch.org>

The name is the same, but the look is fresh, the functions are improved, and the photos are beautiful. The archdiocesan website is your source for news, information, events, secure online giving, access to all offices and services, and support in knowing and living the Catholic faith.

**Archbishop's Hour**, every Friday at 9 a.m. on KSFB 1260 AM Immaculate Heart Radio. Visit [http://www.sfarchdiocese.net/archbishops\\_hour](http://www.sfarchdiocese.net/archbishops_hour).