

*August 24-30*

*Patience is the companion of wisdom.*

*—St. Augustine*

## *Reflections for the Week*

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

**Psalms** — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

**Gospel** — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ" (Matthew 16:13-20)

### Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13;  
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 124:1-2, 4-5;  
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11;  
Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21;  
Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;  
Mt 16:21-27

### **Please pray for the sick of the parish and our extended family:**

Msgr. Labib Kobti, Fr. Tom Seagrave, Jerry O'Leary, Dalia Becerra, Maureen and Don Francis, Mary Dunn, Mike and Gabriel Marty, Patrick Lee, Judy and Charlie Liteky, Jim and Nancy McDonald, Chuck Witherell, Mary Purpura, Josephine Small, Teresa Hyatt, Mary Donnelly, and all our community members who reside in assisted living and care facilities.

This list and additional prayer requests may be found on the "Circle of Prayer" link on our Website [www.sjog.net](http://www.sjog.net); it is also available through email. To request prayers for someone and/or receive the "Circle of Prayer" by email please contact Judy Laxen at [judithfl@aol.com](mailto:judithfl@aol.com).

### Mass Intentions:

#### August 22-28 (Fri-Thurs.)

Fri.	Anne Lafranchise (RIP)	12:10pm
Sat.	Helen Kelly (RIP)	4:15pm
Sun.	Robert Doonan (BD/RIP)	9:30am
Sun.	John O'Neal (RIP)	11:30am
Mon.	Virginia M. Katigbak (RIP)	12:10pm
Tues.	Alphonsius Carr (RIP)	12:10pm
Wed.	Alphonius Carr (RIP)	12:10pm
Thurs	Vincent Walsh (RIP)	12:10pm

### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
Wednesday:	St. Monica
Thursday:	St. Augustine
Friday:	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

### The True Measure

When I die, God won't measure my head to see how clever I was. God will measure my heart to see how loving I was.

### WHO DO YOU SAY



**THAT I AM?**

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### **Bring a Friend ~ ALL ARE WELCOME !**

At St. John of God, we follow the example of our Patron Saint who opened his doors to all in need. We ask that all who come to seek God's Grace honor Universal Diversity when we come together to worship as a community. A special time is during the prayers of the faithful : We all meet each other with compassion and respect.

If you have a desire to join a community of wonderful friends who accept all,

**PLEASE COME JOIN US!**

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In many church buildings constructed in the early twentieth century, there is a window or statue of Pope St. Pius X. Often, these windows were purchased with coins collected by grateful children, since in 1910 a decree admitted much younger children to First Communion.

Before then, only teenagers were customarily confirmed and then admitted to the Eucharist. What we often think is ancient practice in fact sometimes has fairly shallow roots, in this case only ten decades. For centuries, Communion had marked the end of formal religious education, but a hundred years ago, Pius X located it at the point at which a child could express a desire for the sacrament and receive it with understanding. In 1917 a new code of canon law determined that age to be about seven, and this practice was observed almost everywhere until the beginning of the Second Vatican Council forty years ago.

### Be his body

Jesus revealed God so completely that he *is* God. That's the amazing thing about the Incarnation: God, about as above human beings as you can get, became one. But the wonder doesn't stop there. The Incarnation goes on in Christ's presence in those who believe in him. You, a follower of Jesus, give body to him in the world. That was the same thing the preacher, confessor, and church reformer Saint John Eudes recognized in the 17th century: "The Christian life is the continuation and completion of the life of Christ in us."

### *The Saint John of God Prayer*

*Dear God, through the intercession of St. John of God, patron of the poor and the sick, grant me the grace this day to greet every person that I meet with understanding and compassion. Reveal to me their needs and give me the means and inspire in my heart the humility and generosity of St. John so that I might be to them revelation of Christ's love. Amen*

*~ Rev. Thomas L. Seagrave*

## Around the Community City and Bay

### The Gala Outdoor Event of the Year!

Come Join the St. John of God and the Arab American Catholic Communities for the Annual Community Weekend **September 5,6,&7.** (weekend following Labor Day)

A 3-day weekend at the beautiful CYO Center in Sonoma County. Includes miles of hiking and biking trails, two swimming pools, modern dining hall and lodge, five quality prepared meals, music and ethnic dancing on Saturday night, outdoor Community Mass on Sunday. Children \$10, youth \$20, adults 18-to- 99 \$110. Financial assistance is available for anyone who needs it. Call Werner Schmidt 415-823-5325 or email : newtech13@yahoo.com

### CHOR PRACTIC: MONDAY . AUGUST 25 7:30pm

Come join us in the church for choir practice! No experience necessary ~ just a love of music and singing!

### Senior Lunch Monday—Friday (doors open 9am)

In Collin's Hall across from the church. Enjoy healthy eating and exercise. Call Larry to reserve a lunch for you a day in advance. 415-759-9507

### Voices of the St. John of God Community

There are many Ministries here at SJOG that you can become involved with:

**Hospital Eucharist Ministry:** Communion is made available daily to patients at the UC-MedCenter, served by volunteers.

**Cursillo:** Retreats are offered 3 times a year. Persons of different faiths gather for a 3-day weekend retreat to focus on the meaning of being Christian.

**Lectors:** Lectors are scheduled to read the first and second readings at each Sunday Mass.

**Music Ministry:** New Members welcome! If you love music and would like to sing at the Sunday or Holiday Masses this is a terrific way to join in.

**Outreach Ministry: Project Open Hand Senior Lunch Program:** Lunch service M-F, 11:30AM

**Support Groups:** Alcoholics Anonymous, C.A. and S.A.. Meetings held at the hall throughout the week.

**Raphael House Dinners:** Volunteers prepare and sefe dinner to homeless families living at the Raphael House.

**SF Food Bank:** Let no one go hungry. Bring food items to church or the office.