

September 21—27

"Faith is the greatest of romances."

Reflections for the Week

The 25th week in Ordinary Time

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalm — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;

Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9;

Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

- Henry David Thoreau

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; 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.

Mass Intentions:

September 19-25 (Fri-Thurs.)

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| Fri. | Mary Andrews (Birthday) | 12:10pm |
| Sat. | Peace in the World | 4:15pm |
| Sun. | John Laxen (Eternal Blessings) | 9:30am |
| Sun | Fr. Labib | 11:30am |
| Mon. | Brendan O'Donovan (RIP) | 12:10pm |
| Tues. | Tom Hannon (RIP) | 12:10pm |
| Wed. | Marie Hannon (Living) | 12:10pm |
| Thurs. | Our Jewish Sisters and Brothers | 12:10pm |

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Tuesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio); Autumn begins

Wednesday: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5775 begins at sunset

Friday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian

Saturday: St. Vincent de Paul



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!

Images of virgen de los remedios and sto. Cristo del perdon

The most popular devotion is Pampanga's Crusade of Charity and Penance, which was entrusted under the patronage of Virgen de los Remedios and initiated by Bishop Cesar Maria Guerrero, who incidentally is from Manila. With the devastation of World War II, Pampanga became a center for communism and breeding ground of socialism. There was a huge gap between rich and poor, thus peasants and farmers were up in arms against their landowners. Thus in 1952, Bishop Guerrero set the image of Nuestra Senora de los Remedios to visit every church and chapel around the diocese that brought together the faithful in prayer with non-stop recitation of the rosary.

Fr. Norman's Archdiocesan Patroness from the Philippines, Virgen de los Remedios will be coming to St. John of God on October 14, 2014. Fr. Ray Reyes, the SF Archdiocese Vicar for Clergy (who served here at SJoG and is the ex-Pastor of St. Anne's of the Sunset) will be coming together with other Bay Area Filipino devotees to grace the occasion and attend the 4:15 Vigil Mass. There will be a potluck after the mass! More information to come, so stay tuned!

Mass Intentions

Familiar with the tradition of Mass Cards for the Deceased? Mass Cards for the Living are a wonderful way to send the gift of a Mass for a variety of different occasions~ birthdays, baptisms, weddings, for health and for healing. Stop by the office and order one for the special person in your life!

St. John of God is on Facebook !

Many of our community members and those looking for a new church are using the social networking application : Facebook. It is a very beneficial way to keep up with your family, the community and share pictures of events you enjoy. Log on and "LIKE" our page!

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

Hispanic Pastoral Council of Archdiocese of SF

On Friday, September 26 at 5PM Auxiliary Bishop William Justice will celebrate a solemn Mass in Spanish at St. Peter's Church in the heart of the Mission to honor our immigrant community, followed by an informative gathering on issues related to immigration and Calif Driver's Licenses for immigrants.. Contact Lorena Melgarejo (415) 724-4987 for info.

Restorative Justice Ministry Announcement

The Archdiocese of San Francisco Restorative Justice Ministry, dedicated to serving Victims and Survivors of Violent Crimes, Offenders and their Families, is hosting a one day call-to-action San Francisco Bay Area ReEntry Conference & Resource Fair on Saturday, September 27, 2014, from 8AM until 3PM, at St. Mary's Cathedral Event Center in San Francisco. Please register by visiting www.rentryaction.org or call 415-614-5570. There are flyers and post cards in the back of the church for more information.

Interview Gatekeepers 101

Catholic Networking meets on Tuesday, September 30th at 7-9pm in the Aquinas Room, St. Dominic Church 2390 Bush St., SF "You finally found it. The perfect fit. You submit your resume for your dream job and eagerly await the phone call. You didn't make it past the gatekeeper. Why? Come find out. Anne Marie DePaul, a former Vice President of Human Resources, shares the reasons applicants are screened out before they even have a chance." Meet with other awesome career changers!

A Special Day for Women

Edith Stein: Seeker of Truth is the story of a remarkable 20th century saint ~ a German Jewish philosopher turned Catholic convert who became a Carmelite nun and was eventually martyred in Auschwitz. Come be inspired by the woman who quest for truth brought her to the foot of the cross and to the heights of holiness. Saturday, October 24 9-4PM Cathedral of St. Mary 111 Gough St., SF \$35 (includes all day, study materials and lunch)

Voices of the St. John of God Community

It is very difficult to define the word "miracle". Miracles could be considered expressions of the supernatural. Also, we can say that a miracle is a phenomenon in which the heart obeys an interior force: the will of God! Padre Pio's life was full of miracles, but the nature of the miracles were always divine. For this reason, Padre Pio invited people to thank God, the only source of miracles. "For my yoke is easy and my burden light" (Mt 11,30).

Padre Pio's Holy Feast Day is on Tuesday.



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