

November 16-22

Arise, soldiers of Christ, throw away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ~ St. Cecilia

Reflections for the Week

The 33rd week in Ordinary Time

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Today's Readings

First Reading — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Gospel — Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10, or, (for the memorial of the Dedication

Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33)

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-4

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

FROM THE SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

The Lantern, a center for English language, computer and citizenship classes for immigrants, welcomes volunteers. Sr. Maire Sullivan, PBVM, who recently shared a reflection on the Sanctuary movement, would be glad to talk with you about the possibilities. (415) 401-7379. The center is located at 3106 Folsom Street @ Cesar Chavez, San Francisco, CA 94110.

Please pray for the healing of our parishioners and extended family:

Jim McLoughlin, Fr. Tom Seagrave, Jerry O'Leary, 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: November 14-20 (Fri-Thurs.)

Fri.	Josephine Whelan (RIP)	12:10pm
Sat	GeneRosa Flores (RIP)	4:15pm
Sun.	Paciano Aniceto (Bishop Emeritus)	9:30am
Sun	Michael DeSouza (90th Birthday)	11:30am
Mon.	Ramon Flores (RIP)	12:10pm
Tues.	Candido Laguda (RIP)	12:10pm
Wed.	Angustia Laguda (RIP)	12:10pm
Thurs.	Candido Laguda, Jr (RIP)	12:10pm

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Tuesday: Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Friday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Cecilia

Our Tradition

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple is principally based on the Protoevangelium of James, which has been dated by historians prior to the year 200 AD. The story relates that in thanksgiving for the birth of their daughter, Mary, Joachim and Anne decide to consecrate her to God, and bring her, at the age of three years, to the temple in Jerusalem. Mary's presentation in the temple draws parallels to that of the prophet Samuel, whose mother Hannah, like Anne was also thought to be barren, and who offered her child as a gift to God at Shiloh.

Mary remained in the Temple until her twelfth year, at which point she was assigned to Joseph as guardian. According to Coptic tradition, her father Joachim died when Mary was six years old and her mother when Mary was eight. While the story is a legend with no foundation in history, the point is to show that even in her childhood Mary was completely dedicated to God. It is from this account that arose the feast of Mary's Presentation.

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!

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – CAN YOU HELP?

Don't let the lovely weather fool you – summer is long gone and it's that time of year again – time for the St. John of God Raffle! We will begin ticket sales soon and the drawing will be held **December 21** – just in time for Christmas. The parish counts on the income from this annual fundraiser to end the year in the black. **Can we count on you to lead the way to another successful year?** Your early contribution will help underwrite the cash prizes and other expenses for the raffle. All underwriters will be acknowledged, **unless you let us know you want your contribution to be anonymous.** Any contributions in excess of the amount needed for underwriting will be allocated to general operations at St. John of God. Please send your check (payable to St. John of God Church and marked "for raffle underwriting") to Susan Fox, 684 4th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94118 or drop it in the collection basket at church. **If you prefer, you may make your underwriting gift online at www.sjog.net** Just click on "Donate Now" and choose "raffle underwriting."

RCIA (Religious Christian Initiation of Adults):

We're resuming this program for adults seeking information about baptism, confirmation, Eucharist or membership in the Catholic Church. Deacon Brian Bromberger has agreed to be the primary contact person for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), . The RCIA meetings will be taking place on Sundays after the 11:30 AM mass in Ben's Room (1 PM, time approximate). Please contact Deacon Brian (evagrius77@gmail.com 415-516-9675).

SECOND COLLECTION November 15-16

The Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD grants improved education, supports economic development and helps communities provide housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and aid those living on the margins of society. Please give generously to the CCHD Collection this weekend!

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 SF Bay

Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

November 22 : Mass and Dinner starting at 4:15pm.

Fr. Norman Vitug's Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood will be celebrated by the SJOG community and our many Filipino friends. There will be a Thanksgiving Mass followed by a PARTY! Please come and join us for dinner and reception at Collins Hall at 6PM.

Bring an appetizer or finger-food for all to enjoy!

You do not want to miss this special event!

RSVP (415) 566-5610.

SAVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES December 6 : Mass and Christmas Pot Luck 4:15pm

Join us for our Annual Christmas Celebration!

For more information contact: **Judy Laxen**, judithfl@aol.com

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! Food Bank Work Day

February 7th – St. John of God parishioners will once again have an opportunity to make a difference for the hungry in our City. On **Saturday, February 7th from 9 a.m. to noon** we will be working at the Food Bank's warehouse. Possible projects include sorting donated food, repackaging food, labeling cans and/ or packing food boxes for distribution to the poor. Please call **Liz Heaney at 415-596-0591** if you are interested in volunteering. The minimum age on Saturdays is 8 years old. This is a good opportunity to have your kids learn about giving back and volunteering.



Elizabeth of Hungary, (7 July 1207 – 17 November 1231) was a princess of the Kingdom of Hungary and a greatly venerated Catholic saint. Elizabeth was married at the age of 14, and widowed at 20. After her husband's death she sent her children away and regained her dowry, using the money to build a hospital where she herself served the sick. She became a symbol of Christian charity after her death at the age of 24 and was quickly canonized. Elizabeth is perhaps best known for her *miracle of the roses* which says that whilst she was taking bread to the poor in secret, she met her husband Ludwig on a hunting party, who, in order to quell suspicions of the gentry that she was stealing treasure from the castle, asked her to reveal what was hidden under her cloak. In that moment, her cloak fell open and a vision of white and red roses could be seen, which proved to Ludwig that God's protecting hand was at work. Her husband, according to the *vitae*, was never troubled by her charity and always supported it. Hers is the first of many miracles that associate Christian saints with roses, and is the most frequently depicted in the saint's iconography.