

**November 23-29**  
**Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

*"I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink," Matthew 25:35*

**Reflections for the Week**

*The 34th week in Ordinary Time*

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**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

**Gospel** — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thanksgiving Day (suggested):

Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;

**The Feast of Christ the King** was intended to call the world back to Christ as the sole power of the world, to bring back a flock that had been scattered by many negative forces of the growing industrial, scientific, and war-torn world of the early twentieth century. It is fitting that, as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear about Christ the Shepherd who cares for us and who, likewise, will be there at the end of time. Interestingly enough, as the Gospel illustrates, our own destiny is determined by the way we have been "shepherds" to the rest of the flock.

**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](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:  
November 21-27(Fri-Thurs.)**

Fri.	Jullian Frances Jimenez (Birthday)	12:10pm
Sat	Celebration of Life Norman Vitug	4:15pm
Sun.	Claudia Larma (Healing)	9:30am
Sun	Gene Needham ((RIP/BD)	11:30am
Mon.	Elizabeth Wilson (Life Blessings!)	12:10pm
Tues.	Nelfa Laguda (RIP)	12:10pm
Wed.	Anne&Pat O'Connor (50th Annv)	12:10pm
Thurs.	All Religious Women (Blessingss)	12:10pm

**Saints and Special Observances**

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time;

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions

Tuesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



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**With heartfelt thanks....**

The Sanctuary Committee wants to thank the parish community for your participation and your great generosity during Sanctuary Weekend on October 25-26! The funds raised will fund youth education and advocacy for marginalized communities in El Salvador as well as legal support and accompaniment of immigrants in the Bay Area.

*Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received.  
Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.*

**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!

Ticket sales have started 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:evagrius77@gmail.com) 415-516-9675).



### *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

### This Saturday Night!

**Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood November 22** : Starting at 4:15pm in the chapel with a Thanksgiving Mass, Fr. Norman Vitug's Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood will be celebrated by the SJOG community and our many Filipino friends. After the Mass cross the courtyard and join the PARTY! Good food, music and dancing! Please come and join us at 6PM for the dinner and reception in Collins Hall. RSVP (415) 566—5610.

### **You do not want to miss this event!**

**Sunset Stationery** on 9th avenue near Lincoln Way is closing it's business after 37 years. Everything is on sale with discounts of 20% - 50% off the merchandise. Drop by for the sale and to say good-bye to the owner, Vickie, of one of the Sunset's most long-standing businesses. Another loss for the Inner Sunset ~ Please Support Local Businesses!

### SAVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES

**Saturday, November 22** at Mercy High School: Craft Sale 10AM-3PM Mc Auley Pavilion. Great handmade Items! Parking is available.

### Saturday, 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](mailto:judithfl@aol.com)

### Saturday, December 13

**Kimochi's Silver Bells Arts Crafts Festival.** St. Mary's Cathedral 10AM-4PM

### 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.

### Happy Thanksgiving!

The Parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday.  
Mass Schedule Thursday: 10AM and 12:10  
Friday: 12:10