

*March 1-7 2015*  
*Second Sunday of Lent*

**Reflections for the Week**

*Did you think about God today? Did you smile to God today?  
On Purim, be happy!  
And pray to God.*

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**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

**Psalm** — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

**Gospel** — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

**Readings this Week**

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;  
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16;  
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**A NEW IDEA**

Everybody thinks of changing humanity;  
nobody thinks of changing themselves.

—Leo Tolstoy

**Please pray for the healing of  
Our parishioners and extended family:**

Maureen and Don Francis, Joey Ayoub (Martha's son), Msgr. Labib Kabti, Sasha Panasik, Fr. Tom Seagrave, Jerry O'Leary, Mary Dunn, Mike and Gabriel Marty, Patrick Lee, Charlie Liteky, Jim and Nancy McDonald, Josephine Small, 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:  
February 27- March 5 , 2015 (Fri-Thurs.)**

Fri.	Maria DeMera (Rest in Peace)	12:10pm
Sat .	Maureen Garcia (Life's Blessing)	4:15pm
Sun.	Sonjel Scharff (Rest in Peace)	9:30am
Sun.	Eudisia Medina Wilson (RIP)	11:30am
Mon.	Sally and Jerry Cassidy (Healing)	12:10pm
Tues.	Ann McNally (Happy Birthday!)	12:10pm
Weds.	Arleen McKenna (Birthday!)	12:10pm
Thurs.	Laura Busby (RIP Blessings)	12:10pm

*Give the gift of a Mass Intention ~Life Blessings, RIP,  
Anniversary, Happy Birthday! Contact the office.*

**Saints and Special Observances**

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates : Full Communion  
Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel  
Wednesday: St. Casimir  
Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset  
Friday: First Friday; World Day of Prayer; *Abstinence*  
Saturday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity; First Saturday

**Lenten Daily Prayer**

*In your mercy, Lord, watch over me this day.  
Kyrie, eleison.*

*Guide me in your ways, lead me in your truth.  
Christe, eleison.*

*Bring me to the joy of heaven in your mercy,  
Lord. Kyrie, eleison.*

**Sunday Morning Hospitality:**

After 9:30 and 11:30 mass  
approx. 10:30 in Collins Hall  
approx. 12:15 in Ben's Room  
coffee, refreshments and friendship  
All are welcome!  
Bring a Friend ~

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. **PLEASE COME JOIN US!**

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## Around the Community, City and the Bay

Continuing our **2015 Lenten Speaker Series** on Pope Francis' vision of the church as documented in his apostolic exhortation, "**The Joy of the Gospel!**"

Our session this Friday February 27th will focus on why ministering to the poor and marginalized is an essential component of Francis' vision of the church and how SJOG can actualize this ministry, perhaps using the life of St. John of God as our blueprint.

Rev. Glenda Hope, a Presbyterian minister and retired CEO of Tenderloin Network Ministries and Safe House, will be our speaker.

6:30 to 8:00 PM Collins Hall

### Let's get crabby!

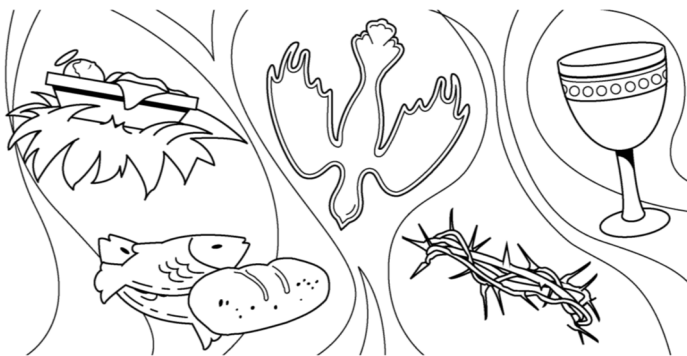
Sunday, March 1, 2015 - All Day | Cost: FREE\*

Fort Point | Fort Point, San Francisco

Presidio San Francisco Come to Fort Point at the base of the Golden Gate Bridge to **try your hand at Pier Crabbing** in the San Francisco Bay on alternating Saturdays from March through October. In this **weekly free class**, National Park Service workers will teach you how to use the nets, discuss bait and regulations, and then loan you the equipment let you try your luck on the Fort Point pier.

### FREE MUSEUM DAY: TUESDAY MARCH 3 9:30AM

The DeYoung Museum and The Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park and The Legion of Honor (Lincoln Park)



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**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

### To keep it simple this Lent, try the 1-1-1- Plan: one sin, one add-in, one give-up.

1. Concentrate or focus on one sin or fault that is getting the way of your relationships with God and with others.

2. Add one positive activity that will deepen your prayer and spiritual life (especially if you think you are too busy to put anything more into an impossibly busy schedule!).

3. Deny yourself something you really like or are attached to.

**The seven Deadly Sins:** *Pride* : an excessive love of self or the desire to be better or more important than others. *Lust* : an intense desire. *Gluttony*: over-consumption *Greed*: the desire for and love of possessions. *Sloth*: physical laziness or neglecting spiritual growth *Anger or Wrath* : uncontrolled feelings of hatred *Envy and Jealousy*: sadness or desire for the possessions, happiness or abilities of others.

**Add -In one thing** of God that you haven't been doing in your routine: mid-week Mass, Stations of the Cross as a family, Get up early and pray.

**One Give-Up** that is difficult but doable. Fast from fault finding and nagging. Give up impulse purchases. Give up fast food and donate the money you save.

"O Lord, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience and love."

*"What's left on the menu? Grains, vegetables, eggs (maybe), and fish. Imagine the joys of the Easter table after such a fast!"*

**March 11, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.~ Robert Lax: Poet-Mystic-Sage**, evening of reading, reflection and conversation with **Steve T. Georgiou**. No reservations required. Suggested offering, \$20. Santa Sabina Center, 25 Magnolia Avenue, San Rafael, 415-457-7727; info@santasabinacenter.org

## LENT / EASTER AT ST. JOHN OF GOD

### Lenten speaker Series (Friday nights in Lent)

(February 20, February 27, March 6, March 13, March 20, 27) **6:30PM**: Lenten Series on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel" .

### Celebration! Feast of Saint of John of God

at all three masses, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, and a blessing of all caregivers (doctors, nurses, and other health professionals, as well as those caring for the sick at home). Saturday and Sunday, **March 7-8**

**Reconciliation Service, Thurs, March 12, 7:30**

**Palm Sunday March 29** Fresh Palms!

**Holy Thursday April 2**

**Good Friday April 3**

**Holy Saturday April 4**

**Easter Sunday April 5**