

October 18-24 2015
Twenty—Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for the Week

Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love.

—St. Paul of the Cross

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Today's Readings

First Reading — My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Gospel — Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]).

Readings this Week

- Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-45
- Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
- Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
- Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

October is the month of The Rosary

Please pray for the healing of

Our parishioners and extended family:

Fr. Tom Seagrave, Mons. Labib Kaboti, Maureen and Don Francis, Mary Dunn, Mike and Gabriel Marty, Patrick Lee, Judy and Charlie Liteky, Jim and Nancy McDonald, Josephine Small, Teresa Hyatt, Pat Hoffman, Dorla Gross, Dalia & Estela Becerra and all our 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

It's always great to hear from friends ~ why not send a card or place a call to let them know you're thinking and praying for God's healing. Mass requests also available..

Mass Intentions:
October 16-22, 2015 (Fri-Thurs.)

- Fri. Bridget Cahill (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm
- Sat. Gerald Rowley (RIP Anniversary) 4:15pm
- Sun. Adele Caunan (Healing) 9:30am
- Sun. Buenafe Balingit-Tulud (RIP Anniv) 11:30am
- Mon. Rose&Susan McSkane (Thank-you!) 12:10pm
- Tues. Anna&John McGuirk (Thank-you!) 12:10pm
- Weds. Gayle Manfre (Special Blessing) 12:10pm
- Thurs. Paul Corcoran (Thank-you!) 12:10pm

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

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday Ordinary Time
World Mission Sunday
- Monday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
- Tuesday: St. Paul of the Cross
- Thursday: St. John Paul II
- Friday: St. John of Capistrano
- Saturday: St. Anthony Mary Claret; Blessed Virgin Mary



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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

- October 18 World Mission Sunday
- October 31-Nov 1 Sanctuary 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

SJOG FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY: FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015

For this fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 SJOG has an operating **GAIN**, a net **GAIN** of **\$6,168**. This operating gain is money that is in our checking account. The **SJOG** account balances are listed below. Thank you for your generosity.

Here are summary numbers for fiscal year 2015 and 2014:

FISCAL YEAR ending June 30, 2015	FISCAL YEAR ending June 30, 2014
NET operating income = \$281,596	= \$274,953
NET operating expenses = <u>\$275,428</u>	= <u>\$263,536</u>
Net operating GAIN = \$ 6,168	Net operating Gain = \$ 11,417

For this report, the 2015 and 2014 income and expenses are **NET** amounts. Donations for painting and Donations to Sanctuary [Central America Relief] NOT INCLUDED.

INCOME

-For 2015 Fiscal Year, Offertory & hospital ministry donations are \$149,883. This is \$1,782 less than last year.

SJOG received about \$6,000 less in weekend offertory donations than the previous fiscal year. However, there was an increase in Easter and hospital ministry donations, so net decrease is only \$1,782 less than last year.

-For 2015 Fiscal Year, NET Raffle Fundraiser income is \$2,223 more than last year.

-During the Fiscal year, UCMED increased the annual contract for Catholic hospital chaplain to \$51,194. Result is net annual income increase of \$5,417.

Fund Raising Raffle

-In Dec. 2014 SJOG had net income of \$27,297 from the raffle fund raiser.

-In Dec. 2013 SJOG had net income of \$25,074 from the raffle fund raiser.

sSJOG would have an operating loss every year without the raffle fund raising income.

EXPENSES

For 2015 Fiscal Year, the two largest expenses for SJOG are the salary costs for priests at \$108,899 and hourly wages for lay employees, including musicians at \$76,229. In FY2015, wages for lay employees and musicians are \$6,146 less than last year. In FY2015, the total costs for priests, including supply priests to be hospital chaplains at UCMED increased by \$9,238. The primary cause of priest cost increase was payment for training away from SJOG, vacation time and Father Alan sick leave.

-The salary for all Archdiocesan priests is \$35,200. **SJOG pays the annual salary for two priests plus medical insurance plus the cost of extra supply priests**, so that we can have a pastor for the parish and fulfill "24/7 duties" of a hospital chaplain at UCMED.

-In July 2015, Archdiocese established a "paid sick leave" accrual for all employees.

- Average monthly operating expenses for SJOG are \$22,952. The unrestricted funds in the checking and saving account will pay 2 ½ months of operating expenses.

-Upcoming repairs in 2016 Fiscal Year: This year, SJOG will replace the HALL sewer line, the floor in the Red [Ben's] room, and install new toilets, floor and toilet partitions in the women's restroom in the Hall. There is sufficient money to cover these expenses.

SJOG Bank Account Balances as of June 30, 2015 as of June 30, 2014 as of June 30, 2013:

SJOG CHECKING Account	= \$ 49,884	= \$ 40,987	= \$ 27,706
SJOG SAVINGS Account	= \$ 14,068	= \$ 14,063	= \$ 14,057
SJOG CAR Account (CAR use only)	= \$ 238	= \$ 470	= \$ 960
SJOG Renovations Projects (restricted)	= \$ 3,164	= \$ 21,936	= \$ 13,394

Grow / increase the number of SJOG parishioners.

SJOG parishioners are generous and SJOG expenses are reasonable. Today however, we have fewer parishioners than past years and we need at least the same amount of operating income as last year in order to break even. For SJOG to successfully continue as a parish, we need to increase the number of people who actively participate and attend mass at SJOG.

Please invite friends to attend SJOG. Please contact Dave Freitas, the Finance Committee Chairperson at (415) 661-2536, if you have any questions about the parish finances or this report.

Around the Community, City and the Bay

Sanctuary Weekend: October 31-November 1 4:15, 9:30, & 11:30 Masses.

St. John of God parishioner and Sanctuary Committee member Tessa Rouverol Callejo will share a reflection on her trip to El Salvador in May 2015 for the Beatification of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero. Tessa is currently the FAITHS Program and Civic Engagement Officer at The San Francisco Foundation (TSFF) where she directs a civic engagement and capacity building program serving Bay Area faith-based organizations and leads the foundation's Immigrant Integration grant making.

At the Sanctuary Weekend Masses on October 31 and November 1, there will also be a commissioning and blessing of those in the St. John of God Community who are participating in the Archdiocesan program to assist immigrants who are or will be preparing to seek approval under the Deferred Action program. There will be a **second collection** to support the Saint John of God Sanctuary programs.

Please wear your red Oscar Romero shirt (or another red shirt) in honor of Blessed Oscar Romero of El Salvador and those who have died working for a world of justice and peace.

History of SJOG Sanctuary Covenant

In 1985 the members of the St. John of God community embarked on an eight month course of prayer regarding the plight of the Central American refugees coming to the Bay Area. Members studied Archbishop John R. Quinn's 1983 Pastoral Letter on Central America, participated in house meetings in which refugees shared stories and informed themselves about the moral and legal issues regarding political asylum. In January 1986, over 90% of the parishioners voted in favor of Sanctuary.

Cultivating Disciples!

Faith Formation Conference

Friday, November 6, 2015 & Saturday, November 7

Santa Clara Convention Center

www.faithformationconference.com/

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Married Couples. Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion of your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Call David & Karen at 650.350.1469 or go to www.sanfranciscowwme.org. **2015 San Francisco /Santa Rosa Weekends:** Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park: Nov 20-22. Space is limited; apply early.

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SPECIAL NOTICE: On November 8, 2015 Archbishop Salvatore Cordilone will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. John of God.

**THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE MASS
ON THAT SUNDAY AT 10:30AM.**

Please plan on attending! There will be a reception after the mass to meet the Archbishop!

LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

St. John of God is a small but beautiful Catholic Church in the Sunset Area. It serves UCSF hospital among all patients not only in the Bay Area but in the entire California. The ministry of spiritual healing is being supplied to the patients as well as their families. One of which is their chance to proceed down and pray or hear Mass at St. John of God.

Still, there are occasions where there is a confusion as regards to the Church's structure because of its Lutheran origin. The Catholic Church was able to buy it long time ago and the structure so to speak remained the same.

It is along this line where I am asking your support to donate to a particular project which can aid in making an identification mark towards our Catholicity: a Crucifix with a Corpus. The Crucifix is an important sacred object inside the Church. It is on the crucifix where we witness an image of a God who gave it all to us in the name of love. It is through it also where we see the loving forgiveness of God. And ultimately, it is through it where we can be one in the suffering and death of Christ. It is an opportunity for us to pray for our sick brothers and sisters to the Crucified Christ. Suffering is not a scandal, but a means of perfecting love intended to our sick loved ones.

Fr. Art Albano, the pastor from St. Mary's Cathedral, found a beautiful wooden crucifix which fits SJOG altar wall at the Carmel Mission Church in Monterey. It is approximately 4 1/2 ft. tall. The wooden cross is either made from mahogany or walnut black. And the Corpus is a linden type of wood.

The Carmel mission had it already for sale five years ago. Maybe, this Crucifix is really meant for our Church. And what adds to the drama is that, the cross was made in Slovakia amazingly by a man with only one hand. It costs \$3,900.

A certain parishioner offered her credit card in order to purchase it already and is willing to be reimbursed later for the donations which hopefully will be passed. Any assistance you could extend in order to realize this cause will be very much appreciated.

May the crucified God bless and heal all your sick loved ones.

Sincerely,

Fr. Norman G. Vitug
Administrator