

March 12-18, 2017
Second Sunday of Lent

Reflections for the Week
"The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve."

~ Matthew 4:10

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Today's Readings

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

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

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

Readings for 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

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

**Gilda Witherell : God's Blessing and Healing as
she goes through a procedure this week**

Bob Donjacour~ special prayers for healing!
Fr. Tom Burns, Msgr. Labib Kabti, Fr. Bill Brady,
Msgr Mickey McCormick (former Pastors at SJOG)
Joe Humphreys, Pat Hoffman, Maureen Francis,
Mary Dunn, Mike Marty, Dorothy Culp, Martha Ayoub,
Patrick Lee, Jim McDonald, Josephine Small, Teresa
Hyatt, Dalia & Estela Becerra
all our members who reside in assisted living
& care facilities.

Mass Intentions March 10-16, 2017 (Fri thru Thurs)

Fri. Gilda Witherell (Healing Blessing) 12:10pm
Sat. Melina DeSouza (Birthday Blessing) 4:15pm
Sun. SJOG Hospital Ministry Blessing 10:30am
Mon John Loh (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm
Tues. Richard Medina Wilson (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm
Weds. Betty Bridge (100 Yr. Old BD) 12:10pm
Thurs. Paul C. DeSilvey (RIP/Birthday) 12:10pm

Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

Birthday, RIP, Blessings, Marriage, Get Well

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins;
Girl Scouting Sunday
Friday: St. Patrick; Abstinence
Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION

"We used to be such good friends. How is it that you've moved so far away?" one man asked another. "Perhaps," the other replied, "you have moved away. By standing still." This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God's will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life's difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God's will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

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THIS SUNDAY!

Celebrate our Fiftieth Year!

St. John of God will officially celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of our church and community! These liturgies will honor our original mission as a Newman Center and the beginning of providing pastoral care to the patients at UCSF Medical Center.

There will be two liturgies this weekend:

Saturday March 11 at 4:15pm

ONE MASS ON SUNDAY March 12 at 10:30am

(PLEASE NOTE: no 9:30 or 11:30 Mass.)

POT LUCK TO FOLLOW Mass on March 12.

Whether you can bring something to share or not, we want you there ~ bring your family and friends! To celebrate!

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FLYERS ARE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

Lenten Retreat at Saint John of God

Facilitated by Sr. Alyssa Meis, Colleagues,
Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity
Evening Sessions, 7:00 to 9:00 PM,
Wednesday through Friday
March 29 through 31
Saturday Session, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM,
concluding with 4:15 Vigil Mass,
Saturday, April 1

(ATTENDANCE AT ALL SESSIONS IS NOT REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION.)

“The Wilderness Will Bloom” (Isaiah 35:1)

The wilderness is a beautiful image for our Lenten journey of renewal and preparation for the joy of Easter. Many places in our life and world we experience “the wilderness,” but in the wilderness we also experience HOPE. There are so many seeds hidden in the ground that just await the rain for the LIFE to spring forth.

Based on contemplative prayer with Scripture (*Lectio Divina*), this retreat will provide a sacred space for reflecting on our Lenten and Life Journey, allowing ourselves to be drawn back to the fullness of Love that lives, moves and breathes within all.

Blessings to you all as we begin our Lenten journey! -- Sister Alyssa

THANK YOU TO ALL PLANNERS, VOLUNTEERS AND ATTENDEES!

The Celebration was a great kick-off for a year of blessings and thanks!

New formation class for the permanent diaconate

September will begin a new formation class for the permanent diaconate (the end result is becoming a Deacon to assist in local parishes) SJOG? Yes!

*There is a whole application process:
Fire in the Heart, meetings, reviews, application,
ecclesial documents, recommendations, inquires,
Archbishop vetting and a calling of service!
If you are interested talk with Fr. Kabippi*

Next Sanctuary Meeting SATURDAY 3/18/17 5:15pm

Community & Collections

The **Liturgy Committee** meets the First Monday of the month through May/June, with dinner at 6:30 followed by the meeting proper at 7:15 PM

The **Parish Council** meets monthly on the third Monday at 7 PM, October through May/June.

Upcoming **Adult Faith Formation series** on
"The Interfaith Jesus,"

which will be particularly relevant to what is happening in our country and our world today.

It will be spread over four Thursday evening sessions (7:00 to 8:30 PM) in Collins Hall ~flyers in back of church.

Potluck at St. John of God!

Sunday, March 12, 2017 after the (one and only) 10:30 Mass
in the Parish Hall

Celebrating Our 50th Year!

Whether you can bring something to share or not, we want you there! Please come!

But if you can bring something...
and your last name begins with

A—G, please bring a main dish (doesn't have to be piping hot, or hot at all, and doesn't have to be fancy)

H—M, please bring salads or bread and butter (or other spread)

N—T, please bring desserts

U—Z, please bring beverages such as soda, water, juice, ice tea (wine? It'll be around 11:30 in the morning,
although it will be around 5:30 in certain places in the Atlantic Ocean)

Things one can eat with fingers, forks, or spoons will probably be helpful.

We'll have paper plates, cups, and bowls, napkins, and silverware. We'll also have SOME large bowls and serving spoons for various dishes, but if you're able to bring your own, that's even better.

Please bring your contribution to the Kitchen in the parish hall BEFORE the 10:30 Mass begins.

Please SIGN UP, either on the Potluck clipboard at the back of the church, OR by emailing Potluck Honcho MaryAnn Ring at speziale1926@gmail.com

**St. John of God
San Francisco, CA
Father Tom Bonacci, C.P., Interfaith Peace Project**

**Four Part Series
THE INTERFAITH JESUS**

In a day and age when so many powerful political “leaders” are inviting us to fear and hostility regarding the “strangers” in our midst, we turn to Jesus to discern his fundamental attitude of heart regarding the people powerful people fear and dismiss as less than human. Instead of seeing ourselves as first, we are called, as disciples of Jesus, to exalt the lowly and honor the “stranger” among us. Our four-week series explores the Interfaith Heart of Jesus to help cope with this dangerous tendency to see others as less than ourselves.

**Four Thursdays Evenings
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

**February 23, 2017
The God of All Peoples**

We will survey the “religion of Jesus” attempting to discover from his understanding and experience of Judaism his understanding of the human person, the World, and God.

**March 16, 2017
Did I not Set Free Your Enemies?**

We continue to explore the “religion of Jesus” from the perspectives of his early life as best as we can discern any historical reality from the New Testament sources. Even if the New Testament stories were developed or embellished, we might ask why and what do they tell us about the New Testament understanding of Jesus and his openness to people of diverse and varied faiths.

**April 27, 2017
Who Touched Me?**

Mark Chapter Five has often been called a “Gospel within a Gospel.” We will explore the journeys of Jesus portrayed in this rather marvelous text discerning the interfaith heart and soul of Jesus and the subsequent Jesus Movement.

**June 1, 2017
Seeing the Way Jesus Died**

We conclude our series by returning to the foot of the Cross in Mark 15: 22-39. In the aftermath of the death of Jesus, we encounter a most remarkable event concerning the Roman Centurion who presided over the execution of Jesus. We will explore the generous self-donation of Jesus as a model for what it means to be a person and disciple of interfaith love, respect and understanding.