

November 5, 2017
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for the Week

*"No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ."
~Pope St. Leo the Great*

Today's Readings

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First Reading — Do we not have one father? Did not the one God create us? (Malachi 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10).

Psalm — In you, Lord, I have found my peace (Psalm 131).

Second Reading — You have received not a human word but the word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13).

Gospel — Call no one your father on earth; you have but one Father, the one in heaven (Matthew 23:1-12).

Readings for this Week

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18

Please pray for our parishioners & extended family

**Full Recovery for Elizabeth Wilson
Bob Donjacour, Special prayers**

Rest in Peace: Judy Laxen

Msgr. Labib Kabti, Fr. Bill Brady,
Msgr Mickey McCormick (former Pastors at SJOG)
Pat Hoffman, Joe Humphreys, , Maureen Francis,
Ethel Friedrichs , Mary Dunn, Mike Marty,
Martha Ayoub, Patrick Lee, Josephine Small and her
daughters Sheila and Mary;
Teresa Hyatt, Dalia & Estela Becerra.
Blessings to all our members who reside in
assisted living & care facilities.

Mass Intentions

November 3—Nov. 9, 2017 (Fri thru Thur)

Fri.	John Corry (Healing)	12:10pm
Sat.	Thomas Moran + Lena McGee-O'connor (RIP +)	4:15pm
Sun.	Judy Laxen (RIP+)	9:30am
Sun.	Laura Sutherland (Healing)	11:30am
Mon.	Sean Cody (RIP+)	12:10pm
Tues.		12:10pm
Weds.		12:10pm
Thurs		12:10pm

Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time ends
Tuesday: Election Day
Thursday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Friday: St. Leo the Great
Saturday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day

THE GREATEST AMONG US

Whom do you admire? Is it the President of the United States or a movie star or a billionaire? These are people whom the world exalts as great. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, they have places of honor wherever they go. Would you like to follow in their footsteps? The scriptures for today offer different examples for us to follow. Jesus tells us that the greatest among us are the servants. These are the people we are to honor and imitate. We are called to be like Paul, who worked hard to serve the needs of his communities, and Jesus, who gave his life in service to the world.

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Adult Faith Formation
SERIES ON THE OCCASION OF THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
PROTESTANT REFORMATION (1517-2017)

Thursday Evenings

November 9 and December 7

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Collins Hall

More info: Paul Riofski sjogmusic@aol.com

The Archdiocese Has a New Website

<https://sfarchdiocese.org> or <https://sfarch.org>

The name is the same, but the look is fresh, the functions are improved, and the photos are beautiful. The archdiocesan website is your source for news, information, events, secure online giving, access to all offices and services, and support in knowing and living the Catholic faith. The recent Consecration of the Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Rosary Rally are celebrated with a photo gallery, many Marian resources, the archbishop's homily and interview, and links to video of the October 7 events as they were livestreamed.

When typing in the address of this website for the first time, be sure to type "https" (as shown above), which displays that the address is secure. This is the address to share with others.



All are Welcome to JOIN the community

For coffee, tea and treats
after all masses on Sunday

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 to 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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What is the name of the pope's cathedral? If you said the Vatican, or St. Peter's, you were off by a few miles, since the answer is the Basilica of St. John, the Lateran, the "Mother Church" of all the churches of the world and the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. It takes its name from the Lateran family, the Trumps of their day, who somehow ran afoul of the Emperor Nero. He seized all their property, including their vast Roman palace and estate. We don't know how Plautius displeased Nero so badly, but eventually all the Lateran property came to Constantine, the first Christian emperor, through his wife, Fausta. Early in the fourth century, when Christianity was at last legalized, Constantine gave the property to the church. Soon the great meeting halls were expanded and adapted.

Over the centuries, the church building has been sacked by armies, ruined by fire, torn down, and rebuilt. The oldest and most unchanged part of the Lateran is a vast, separate baptistery with steps leading down to a huge green basalt pool. Imagine what a triumphal moment the dedication of this public church building was for a community that had worshiped in secret for so long! This Thursday's feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica is really about the tradition of consecrating space for worship, and so by extension, a feast for your parish church building and, given the beautiful second reading, for its baptistery as well.

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Community & Collections

Second Collections:

St. Patrick's Seminary	November 5
Hospital Ministry	November 11
Campaign for Human Development	November 19

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⚡ ST. JOHN OF GOD SANCTUARY COMMUNITY ⚡

1986-2017: Thirty-One Years of Immigrant Advocacy and El Salvador Support

In 1985 the members of the St. John of God community embarked on an eight-month course of prayer and discernment 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 their stories, and informed themselves about moral and legal issues regarding political asylum. In January 1986, over 90% of the parishioners voted in favor of Sanctuary. Since Palm Sunday 1986, our community has reaffirmed the covenant, which articulates the vision of faith taught by our brothers and sisters of El Salvador and Guatemala.

Christ's call is to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need. In response to this call, the members of the St. John of God Community enter into this covenant to provide sanctuary -- support, protection, and advocacy -- to Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees who request haven out of well-founded fear of persecution and possibly death if they are returned to their homeland. We do this out of concern for the welfare of these refugees, regardless of their official immigration status. . .

St. John of God Covenant of Public Sanctuary, Palm Sunday, 1986

As in the early years, Sanctuary work focuses on advocacy, emergency aid and accompaniment for immigrants in San Francisco and the Bay Area and support of development projects in El Salvador.

☀ Report on Projects ☀

Guided by the Spirit, we have continued the Sanctuary commitment to solidarity through:

Human Rights Advocacy and Accompaniment: Funds were given to the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity and Faith in Action to sustain their work of human rights advocacy for all people, regardless of their immigration status. Members of the St. John of God community have accompanied our immigrant sisters and brothers in deportation, asylum, detention and bond hearings. Through accompaniment and solidarity, as well as our prayerful support, our sisters and brothers know they are not alone in their fight and that they have the support of faith-based communities.

Development: Funds were given to anti-gang efforts at Santa Rosa of Lima Church in San Salvador. The funds enable parish teens to continue their high school education in a collaborative project with the Ministry of Education. The teens study in a supportive environment that is safe from gang-related threats and intimidation. Of the 97 students in the program, 43 will graduate this December and the remaining 54 will graduate next year. Also, funds given to Voices on the Border were used to support a women's group in Morazán, El Salvador, that provides workshops on women's rights and counsels domestic violence victims.

Direct Support: In the past year funds were given to the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN), for legal and social services for local immigrants. This nonprofit is a leader in providing legal and social services to low-income Latino immigrants.

☀ Please Support SJOG Sanctuary Work in 2017-2018 ☀

Please make checks payable to **St. John of God (in memo line put "C.A.R. Fund")**

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We invite parish community members to join us.