

March 18-24, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Reflections for the Week

*I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.*
— Jeremiah 31:33

Today's Readings [Click Here](#)

First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or *Ezekiel 37:12-14*.

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or *Psalm 130*.

Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) or *Romans 8:8-11*.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or *John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*.

Readings for this Week

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21,
24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21;
Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;
Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13;
Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16;
(procession)
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

Please pray for our parishioners & extended family:

Full Recovery for:
Bob Donjacour, Christopher Lee-
Special prayers

Rest in Peace: Olga deSouza, Josephine Small
Judy Laxen , Mary Dunn

For Healing:
Elizabeth Wilson, Pat Hoffman, Joe Humphreys,
Maureen Francis, Ethel Friedrichs , Mike Marty,
Martha Ayoub, Patrick Lee, ; Teresa Hyatt,
Dalia & Estela Becerra.

Blessings to all our members who reside in
assisted living & care facilities.

Mass Intentions
March 16-22, 2018 (Fri thru Thur)

Fri.	F. H. Bucoy (Birthday Blessing!)	12:10pm
Sat.		4:15pm
Sun.		9:30am
Sun.	Howard Meehan (RIP+)	11:30am
Mon.	Ivan Scope (Birthday Memorial)	12:10pm
Tues.	Martin Joseph O'brien (RIP+)	12:10pm
Weds.		12:10pm
Thurs.		12:10pm

Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Tuesday: Spring begins
Friday: Abstinence;
St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

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Please use the envelopes in the pews for your intentions.

Please include your name and those you are honoring.

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Thank you for your generosity!

Retreat for Young Women with Dominicans at Menlo Park Saturday, April 21

Corpus Christi Monastery, 215 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park

Sr. Joseph Marie, O.P. 650-322-1801 ext. 19

Want to learn more about living your Catholic faith as a young, single woman in today's culture?

Janua Caeli is for you! The theme for this Retreat Day is "Fullness of Grace: How to Receive an

Overabundance of God's Gifts." The retreat master is Fr. Quan Tran, priest for the Diocese of Orange, and founder of Fullness of Grace, a ministry aimed at helping Catholics and other Christians grow in their spiritual life. The day of retreat will include talks, the opportunity for Confession and for one-on-one spiritual guidance, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, and the Divine Office prayed with the Dominican nuns. For more information and to register, visit our website at opnunsmenlo.org or contact Sr. Joseph Marie, O.P., above.

PRAYERS

Prayer to Our Lady of Mercy

Loving Mary, Help all who are in trouble.

Give courage to the faint-hearted,
console the sad, heal the infirm,
pray for the people,

Intercede for the clergy,

Have a special care for nuns.

May all enjoy your kind assistance.

Hear our prayers, O Mother,
and grant them all. Amen.

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 a revelation of God's Love. Amen.*

Retrouvaille Marriage Renewal Weekend

Friday - Sunday, April 13-15 Mountain View, California

415-893-1005 SF@Retrouvaille.org

helpourmarriage.org

Rediscover Your Marriage. Retrouvaille simply means "rediscovery." The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage.

Collections

March 18, 2018 Catholic Relief Services
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Holy Thursday Collections

At our evening Holy Thursday mass, on March 29 at 7:30pm there will be TWO collections:

A collection of clothing and canned food for At. Anthony's and a financial collection for Voice from the West, a charity for Palestinian villagers founded by our former pastor, Msgr. Labib Kobti.

Checks should be made payable to Voice From the West and may be put into the collection basket during the mass, left at the Parish Office or mailed to St. John of God, 1290 5th Avenue, SF, CA 94122
Thank you for your generous support!

March 30 Holy Land (Good Friday USCCB)

April 29 Black & Indian Home Missions/
Catholic Home Missions (USCCB)

Parish Calendar of Events and Meetings

Walk with Jesus

Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent: Feb 23,

March 9, 16, and 23

7-7:30PM

LENTEN COMMUNAL

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Friday, March 16, 2018, 7:30 PM
(including opportunity
for individual confession)