

November 18-24, 2018
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for the Week

It is one of the glories of the Bible that it can embrace many meanings in a single passage.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

Readings for the Day [Click Here](#)

First Reading — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

Gospel — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:

Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Remember in your Prayers our Parishioners:

Judy Laxen Martha Araj Ayoub
Josephine Small Dalia Becerra

For Healing For:

*Edith Bucoy, Elizabeth Wilson, Pat Hoffman,
Joe Humphreys, Maureen Francis,
Ethel Friedrichs, Mike Marty, Martha Ayoub,
Patrick Lee, Teresa Hyatt, Estela Becerra,
Shirley Dela Cuz.*

...and a special reminder to pray for those we know now living in care facilities.

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

Fri.	12:10pm
Sat Edith Bucoy (Continued Healing)	4:15pm
Sun. Josephine Small (100yrs! RIP)	9 :30am
Sun.	11:30am
Mon. Michael Spaz Kelly (2014 RIP)	12:10pm
Tues.	12:10pm
Weds.	12:10pm
Thurs Elizabeth Wilson (Healing)	12:10pm

Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

Birthday, RIP, Blessings, Marriage, Get Well
(Contact the Office)

Saints and Observances

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Cecilia; Thanksgiving Day

Friday: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro

Saturday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

November is a month of remembrance for the dead, and cemeteries have long been a focus for prayer. Our tradition holds great respect for bodily remains, since the body was created and redeemed by God, was once the "dwelling place of the Holy Spirit," and has a destiny of life with God in glory. The funeral practices of the early church contrasted greatly with those of the pagans, who had a great dread of the dead body. The ancient Christian funeral liturgy ended with the relatives and friends giving a final kiss to the body. It expressed affection and showed their faith that the grave would not be the last word. This kiss horrified pagans, who thought that any contact with the dead was degrading.

Every year on their loved one's "birthday to life," the Christians would return to the place of their burial to mark their profound communion with those whose lives were hidden in Christ. Typically, they buried the dead with their faces turned toward the east, symbolizing the rising of the Sun of Justice, Christ, at the end of days. They were attracted to the catacombs or burial grounds just as we are today. They would often celebrate the Eucharist at the tomb. Before long, as soon as Christians were allowed to build places for worship, they relocated cemeteries from beyond the city walls to surround the church. This was not so much because the church made the ground holy, but because the bodies of the saints hallowed the ground on which the church was built, a subtle but beautiful difference.

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ANNUAL FUNDRAISER NEWS

IT'S TIME FOR THE ST. JOHN OF GOD RAFFLE! WILL YOU PLEASE HELP?

We will distribute tickets the weekend before Thanksgiving drawing will be held **December 23**.

The parish counts on this income from the annual fundraiser to end the year in the black – especially this year with extra expenses due to sewer line replacement.

Would you like to help underwrite the cash prizes and other expenses for the raffle?

All underwriters will be acknowledged,

unless you let us know you want your contribution to be anonymous.

Any contributions in excess of the amount needed to cover raffle expenses will increase the net gain for St.

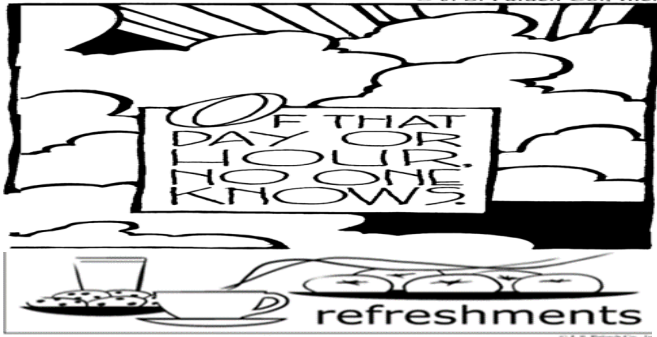
John of God. Please send your check (payable to St. John of God Church and marked "for raffle underwriting") to Susan Fox, 684 4th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94118 or drop it in the collection basket at church. ***If you prefer, you may make your underwriting gift online at www.sjog.net.***

Just click on "Donate Now" and choose "raffle underwriting."

If you would like to help distribute tickets to parishioners or make announcements at Masses, contact Carrie LaBriola at mclabriola@aol.com.

Abundance of Thanksgiving Opportunities Catholic Charities

Join Catholic Charities in providing holiday cheer to those in need. To volunteer for any of the opportunities below, contact Carol Laughlin, Volunteer Services Manager, at claughlin@CatholicCharitiesSF.org, 415.972.1236; or Nina Taggart, Volunteer Coordi-



Sign up (or ask Janice) How You Can Help with the Coffee Hour (after 9:30 Mass).

Please Register with St. John of God

In a continuing effort to keep our community informed, if you have moved or changed your address/phone since the publication of The People Finder in 2014 please send a quick note to the office with your new contact information: stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net

Special Festive Mass of Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 22, 2018, 9:30-10:30 AM
Come give thanks to God with your fellow parishioners! (The regular 12:10 daily mass will take place as usual)

Choir rehearsal schedule

November-December:

- Monday, November 26 (usual fourth Monday)
- Monday, December 10 (usual second Monday)
- Monday, December 17 (NONE on December 24)

Adult Faith Formation

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

sessions: Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, 340 Irving
Bible Study: Fridays, 6:30 to 8:00 PM, 340 Irving

**SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

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.-
Rev. Fr. Thomas L. Seagrave