

October 27, 2019

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for the Week

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.— *Sirach 35:17-18a*

Today's Readings

First Reading — The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalm — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The Lord will rescue me from every threat (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — All who exalt themselves will be humbled; all who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 18:9-14).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6;
Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27,
30-31; Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12a
Saturday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or
6:3-9;

Please pray for our parishioners & extended family:

Rest in Peace:

Judy Laxen, Josephine Small,
Martha Araj Ayoub & David Desch

For Healing:

Edith Bucoy, Pat Hoffman, Tom Johnson,
Annette Gabrielli, Maureen Francis,
Joe Humphreys, Mike Marty, Ethel Friedrichs,
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

October 25 – 31, 2019 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri.	Lowing Family (RIP+)	12:10pm
Sat.	Dalia Becerra (1 Yr. Anniv RIP+)	4:15pm
Sun.	(Healing for Father Kabipi's Father)	10:30am
Mon.	Lowing Family (RIP+)	12:10pm
Tues.	Jim Hemphill (Healing)	12:10pm
Weds.	Lowing Family (RIP+)	12:10pm
Thurs.	Lowing Family (RIP+)	12:10pm

Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

Intention for Birthdays, Memorials, RIP, Blessings,
Marriage, and Get Well.
(Contact the Office)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
Monday:	Ss. Simon and Jude
Thursday:	Halloween
Friday:	All Saints; First Friday
Saturday:	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day); First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Friday's Solemnity of All Saints and Saturday's Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The liturgical readings of this final month in the Church year are keyed to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus' saving acts. Nowhere is this more fully celebrated than in Mexico, where November 2 is the "Day of the Dead." Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to November, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not at all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with the *pan de muerto*, or "bread of the dead." A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the one who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith.—James Field, Copyright © J.



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FORMED Archdiocese of S. F.

New & Improved Come one & all : There will be an Information & Trainings Session by **Diana Powell**-Executive Assistant- after all Mass on the Weekend of Nov 9 & 10, 2019 with refreshments. This is to help parishes succeed in mission critical areas such as sacramental catechesis, men's outreach, strengthening marriages, and personal prayer. Pastors, DREs, Youth Leaders, Sacramental Prep Ministers, Volunteers, etc. will all benefit from the workshop.

Religious Education Classes

Confirmation Classes for High School

Confirmation: St. John of God will begin its confirmation class for young people ages 12-17 on Sunday, Sept. 29. If you have a son or daughter or know of anyone who might be interested in preparing for confirmation, please contact Kathy Ohm via phone (415 902-5022) or email: kathy-ohm@gmail.com. She has led our last 5 confirmation classes, and would be glad to talk with you and share more about our preparation program. FYI, in past years, we have had young people both from SJOG and other parishes join us for confirmation prep and the sacrament itself. Class will be held during the 11:30 AM Sunday mass and, if requested also during the 9:30 am mass on most Sundays this school year **Pre-K and First Communion Classes** These Classes will begin again starting Sun. Sept. 8, 2019 at the 9:30am mass. The Religious Ed Team is expanding and looking for instructors for the program who enjoy working with grades Pre-K - 6th grades. Commitment would be hour classes per week, preparation time, Sept. 8, 2019 - May 24, 2020. Catechist training through the Archdiocese is available. Contact Beverlie Leano at torreano82@gmail.com

Kitchen at Raphael House: After nearly 25 years, we're at a critical junction in our ministry of volunteering in the kitchen at Raphael House, a long-time San Francisco shelter for homeless families. Our volunteer participation has shrunk and we may not continue in 2020 if we don't get more folks to sign up soon. This is a manageable commitment-volunteering 3 to 4 Sundays a year is enough. Also a great opportunity for families with older kids. Interested? Come once and try it out! Contact Mark Reedy (408) 733-3734, Markr2121@aol.com.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Seven Thursday nights in Collins Hall 6:30 to 8:30 PM
Often feared for its violence and harsh imagery, the Book of Revelation is ultimately a Book of Comfort rallying the Community of Disciples to follow the Lamb whose death is our life. **PART I - THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF REVELATION: THE INAUGURAL EXPERIENCE OF THE COSMIC CHRIST.** Future Dates: November 21, December 5, 2019; and January 16, 30, February 13, 2020.

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

Today Father Kabipi's 50th Birthday Celebration - Sunday Oct. 27, 2019 One Mass Today at 10:30am A Catered Luncheon to Follow.

Saturday Nov. 2 Retirement Party for Victoria Tedder after the 4:15pm Mass.
It is a **Pot Luck for Desserts Only.**

Protecting God's Children: If you believe you are victim of sexual abuse, please call the Archdiocesan Clergy Abuse Hotline 415-614-5506. Clergy Abuse is very serious and a priority in our church for more information visit: www.usccb.org

Sunday Bulletin Married Couples: Give Thanks for Sacrament of Marriage and give your marriage a gift. Plan to go on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** and come back with a marriage that is refreshed & full of energy! The next **Marriage Encounter Weekends** include: **Nov 8-10, 2019 in Menlo Park, CA & Nov 15-17, 2019 in DANVILLE, CA.** For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website : sanjosewme.org or contact **Ken & Claranne** at applications@sanjosewme.org or **408-782-1413.**

Marriage Preparation Programs For The Engaged

A Program to Prepare Couples for the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Vincent's Marinwood, San Rafael, CA are having 4 -One day Sessions for Fall & inter the fee is \$325. The Saturday Dates for the different Sessions are : Nov. 2nd, Dec. 7th, and Jan. 4th, and the time is 8:45am -5:15pm. Contact (415-699-8348 or Email fcath@gmail.com.

Is God Calling you to be a Sister? Come to a **ONE DAY Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat** with the Daughters of Charity on **November 16th from 8:30am-6:00pm in Los Altos Hills, CA.** For Single Catholic Women ages 18-40. Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C. 650-949-8890 or 213-210-9903 srllaguna@doc1633.org
www.daughters-of-charity.com/retreats/



Please join us for coffee, tea, hot chocolate and pastries after the 9:30 Mass on Sundays. Janice, Coco and their friends welcome you with love and fellowship. Also Join the 11:30 Mass for their Coffee Hour with Coffee, Tea & Snacks. **Also be sure to Give Donation in the Tins marked Donation because these money helps pay for your Refreshments.**

Second Collections-Up-Coning:
Second Collections Nov.10, 2019 Saint Patrick Seminary (Archdiocesan Collection)

✠ ST. JOHN OF GOD SANCTUARY COMMUNITY ✠

1986-2019: 33 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 immigration status. With the increase in deportations and more restrictive immigration policies, members of the St. John of God community have accompanied our immigrant sisters and brothers in deportation, asylum, detention and bond hearings. Seven members of the parish traveled to El Paso and Tucson to provide hospitality to recently-arrived Latin American immigrants. We have also provided bus passes to needy immigrants and established pen pal relationships through "Friends Afuera" with some of those in detention centers. Through our accompaniment and prayerful support, our sisters and brothers know they are not alone.

Development: Funds were given to anti-gang efforts at Santa Rosa of Lima Church in San Salvador to help parish teens continue their high school education in a collaborative project with the Ministry of Education. The teens study in a supportive environment safe from gang-related threats and intimidation. Also, funds were given to Voices on the Border and used to fund a domestic violence prevention program in Morazán, El Salvador.

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 2019-2020 ☀

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

We invite parish community members to join us!

Committee Chair— Adrienne Plasse plasseadrienne@gmail.com
Accompaniment Organizer—Muriel Scala murielscala@yahoo.com



Saint John of God Sanctuary Committee



St. John of God “Sanctuary Café” Menu of Options for Further Involvement

STARTERS AND SMALL BITES

Pack the court for an immigrant’s asylum hearing or ICE check-in. To sign up for email notices of court dates, email lbarraza@im4humanintegrity.org and ask to be put on the list for A Su Lado (“by their side”) Bay Area. E-mail sara@faithinactionba.org and ask to be put on the list for Faith in Action-Bay Area.

Participate in a Freedom Campaign. Engage in public campaigns of individual immigrants fighting to get released from detention by attending press conferences, writing letters, organizing “pack the court” events, and bond fundraisers. E-mail lbarraza@im4humanintegrity.org to receive alerts and notices about Freedom Campaigns.

TODAY’S SPECIAL!

Write a monthly letter to an immigrant in detention to encourage them and send a monthly donation (\$30-\$60 suggested) for their commissary fund to buy essentials. See reverse side of this menu for more details; to sign up, go to:
<https://www.im4humanintegrity.org/accompaniment/>

SHARE PLATE

Form an accompaniment team for a newly arrived immigrant. The Nueva Esperanza Accompaniment Team (NEAT) program trains teams of five volunteers in faith communities to help recently arrived immigrants navigate the legal process, learn English, secure housing, apply for medical care, enroll in school, find employment.
<https://www.im4humanintegrity.org/accompaniment/>

MAIN COURSES

Write a check to provide legal representation for asylum seekers. We know that immigrants with attorneys are much more likely to win their asylum cases.

- ◆ Caracen SF: <https://carecensf.org/donate/>
- ◆ Catholic Charities CYO of San Francisco: <https://www.catholiccharitiessf.org/fundraising/page.html>
- ◆ Jubilee Immigration Advocates: <https://jubileelegal.org/support-us>
- ◆ Pangea Legal Services: <https://www.pangealegal.org/donate>
- ◆ ACLU of Northern California: <https://www.aclunc.org/donate> - Be sure to indicate that your gift is for immigration defense work. <https://www.aclunc.org/issue/immigrants-rights> (for info)

Volunteer to assist immigrants on the border. Faith communities providing hospitality at ports of entry sometimes receive hundreds of families per day. Two places where St. John of God parishioners have volunteered are listed below. (Note: minimum time commitments apply.)

- ◆ Casa Alitas in Tucson: To inquire about volunteering, contact alitas@ccs-soaz.org or 520-591-6390; for information, visit <https://www.ccs-soaz.org/agencies-ministries/detail/alitas-aid-for-migrant-women-and-children>
- ◆ Annunciation House in El Paso/Juarez: Annette Lomont from St. Agnes Parish is coordinating volunteer groups from San Francisco. Reach her at 415-844-0263 or annette.lomont@gmail.com. For more info, visit: <https://www.annunciationhouse.org>.

Join the next SHARE Foundation delegation to Central America in 2020! The SHARE Foundation will lead a delegation to San Salvador March 20-28, 2020 in honor of the 40th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Oscar Romero. For info: <http://www.share-elsalvador.org/>.



TODAY'S SPECIAL: Friends Afuera

... a few more details about writing to an immigrant in detention

Many detained immigrants face isolation and depression as a consequence of their unjust incarceration, separation from family, and the potential for indefinite and prolonged detention. At the same time, they need funds to buy essentials like writing paper, stamps, food, deodorant and other toiletries/hygiene products. The prices are very high in prison commissaries, especially those run by private, for-profit firms.

With the closure of the ICE detention facility in Richmond a year ago, there was increased need for support for immigrants being moved to ICE facilities far from their homes and families. Recently Governor Newsom signed a bill to close two more ICE detention facilities in the state (Mesa Verde and Adelanto) by June 2020 and our partner organizations are expecting an increased need to support detained individuals as more individuals are moved to distant facilities.

Several St. John of God parishioners are participating in this ministry and report that it is very rewarding for them personally and also very appreciated by those in detention. This weekend, the St. John of God Sanctuary Committee would like to recruit fellow parishioners to sign up to serve an additional five to ten immigrants through this program.

By becoming a friend on the outside, you can support an incarcerated immigrant. An individual or a small group may join Friends Afuera. To learn more: <https://www.im4humanintegrity.org/accompaniment/>. Scroll to the bottom for Friends Afuera and be sure to click on the link to the FAQ for full details. When you are ready to sign up, email friendsafuera@im4humanintegrity.org to get matched with an imprisoned immigrant.