

# November 3, 2019

## Thirty-first 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** — Lord, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).

**Psalm** — I will praise you name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).

**Gospel** — Today salvation has come to the tax collector Zacchaeus' house (Luke 19:1-10).

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### Readings for the 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: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14;  
Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: 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

**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

November 1 – 7, 2019 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri.	Peter Looney (RIP+)	12:10pm
Sat.	Rose Capili (RIP+)	4:15pm
Sun.	Merlita Aguilar Alarcon (RIP+)	9:30am
Sun.	Tomas Fulgentes (RIP+)	11:30am
Mon.	Lowing Family (RIP+)	12:10pm
Tues.	Paul Tran (RIP+)	12:10pm
Weds.	Lowing Family (RIP+)	12:10pm
Thurs.	Judith Peebles (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: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
National Vocation Awareness Week;  
Daylight Saving Time ends
- Monday: St. Charles Borromeo
- Tuesday: Election Day
- Saturday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Every week, some treasures from our tradition are shared here. Where does all this history come from? The history of God's people of prayer is always coming to light, mostly because scholars have dedicated their lives to research. They translate and ponder prayers and songs; explore the places used for worship; look at the vessels, books, & vestments; and read works from legal documents to letters and diaries. In the 1930s, Hitler's rush to arm Germany closed seminaries as priests and seminarians alike were drafted into service.

One professor, Father Josef Jungman, forced from his classroom, spent the war years in an Austrian library. His careful work disclosed much of what we know of the history of the Mass. His great work, *The Mass of the Roman Rite*, describes the evolution of Eucharistic celebration and inspired generations of scholars to explore a tradition surprisingly rich and varied. It was said of him that he had a command of the past that cast new light on the present, and opened up a clear direction to the future. His contributions to the Second Vatican Council helped shape the way that we worship today. At the end of his life, in 1975, his studies completed, he told a friend that he was waiting patiently for the Lord's knock at the door to take him to the heavenly banquet. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



### 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 have started. If you have a son or daughter or know of anyone who might be interested in preparing for confirmation, please contact Kathy Ohm - phone (415 902-5022) or email: [kathhohm@gmail.com](mailto:kathhohm@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 11:30am 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

**Kitchen at Raphael House:** After nearly 25 years, we're at a critical juncture 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](mailto: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.*

### Coffee Hour for Nov.3

There will not be a Nov.3rd Coffee Hour! Due to the Party we had for Father last Sunday and the Party for Victoria Nov 2nd there will not be a Coffee Hour Because Janice needs a little me time.

### 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 : [sanjosewwme.org](http://sanjosewwme.org) or contact **Ken & Claranne** at **408-782-1413** or [applications@sanjosewwme.org](mailto:applications@sanjosewwme.org) .

### 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 : Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, and Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, and the time is 8:45am - 5:15pm. Contact (415-699-8348 or Email [fcath@gmail.com](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:srllaguna@doc1633.org) [www.daughters-of-charity.com/retreats/](http://www.daughters-of-charity.com/retreats/)

**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](http://www.usccb.org)



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-Nov. 3 Hospital Ministry  
Up-Coning:  
Second Collections Nov.10, 2019 Saint Patrick Seminary**

# ⚡ 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.

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### ☀ 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](mailto:plasseadrienne@gmail.com)  
Accompaniment Organizer—Muriel Scala [murielscala@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 40<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:friendsafuera@im4humanintegrity.org) to get matched with an imprisoned immigrant.

# **THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

**ST. JOHN OF GOD – SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

**SEVEN THURSDAYS NIGHTS**

**6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

**October 10, 2019**

**PART I**

**THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF REVELATION  
THE INAUGURAL EXPERIENCE OF THE COSMIC CHRIST**

**October 24, 2019**

**PART II**

**THE SEVEN EPISTLES  
THE SEER ADDRESSES THE CHURCHES**

**November 21, 2019**

**PART III**

**THE HEAVENLY VISIONS  
THE CALL TO PRAISE**

**December 5, 2019**

**PART IV**

**THE PATTEN OF SEVEN – THE COSMIC LITURGY  
THE VISION OF HEAVEN AND THE NIGHTMARE**

**January 16, 2020**

**PART V**

**THE INTERLUDES  
INSIGHTS INTO UNIVERSAL SALVATION?**

**January 30, 2020**

**PART VI**

**THE COSMIC BATTLE  
SUDDENLY I SAW THE LAMB**

**February 13, 2020**

**PART VII**

**BEHOLD I SAW THE NEW JERUSALEM  
THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB**

# **THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

**ST. JOHN OF GOD – SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

**The Book of Revelation (The Apocalypse) sets the standard for the liturgical praise of God as Cosmic event with Global implications. In the midst of conflict and division, the Seer of Revelation experiences the peaceful dominion of God in a time of Imperial wrath. 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. We are called to stand for what is right and just in the midst of oppression and fear. Revelation is our definitive invitation to the wedding of the Lamb who comes to marry us in the fullness of time. This is a Book of Prayer, Praise, Comfort, and Vision.**