

February 2, 2020

The Presentation of the Lord

Reflections for the Week

THE ROAD TO GOD

There is but one road to lead us to God—humility; all other ways would only lead astray, even were they fenced in with all virtues.—Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux

Today's Readings

First Reading — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

Psalms — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

Gospel — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 - 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Please pray for our parishioners & extended family: Rest in Peace:

Judy Laxen, Dorle & Paul Gross, 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

Jan. 31 thru Feb. 6, 2020 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri.	12:10pm
Sat.	4:15pm
Sun. Arnold Carlos (RIP+)	9:30am
Sun.	11:30am
Mon.	12:10pm
Tues. Benjamin Flores (RIP+ & Birthday)	12:10pm
Weds. Barbara Turrentine (RIP+)	12:10pm
Thurs.	12:10pm

Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

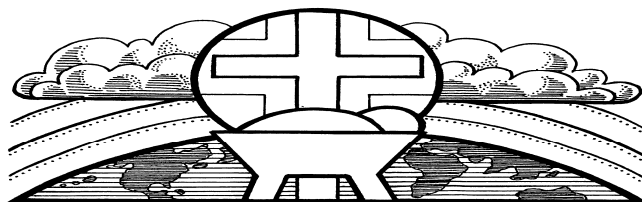
Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles;
Monday: St. Blaise— Bishop; & St. Ansgar – Bishop, Fourth Week in Ordinary Time;
Wednesday: St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
Thursday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
Friday: First Friday of the Month
Saturday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

SAINT AGATHA (died 251) -February 5

“Of noble birth and great beauty,” so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman’s offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means “good,” goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty-or not! So brutal the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Long invoked as protector against earthquakes-Mount Etna erupted as she was being tortured-recent attention has focused on the particularly cruel torture decreed for Agatha, the cutting off of her breasts.

This has inspired cancer survivors to promote Saint Agatha as patron and intercessor for women courageously facing breast cancer, for their families and the multitude of supporters who participate in fund-raising marches and races, and of course, for the dedicated. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S.



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Dear Parishioners—Collection Counters Needed

Recently, Dave Freitas gave us the annual financial report, showing that, through our weekly collections, the annual raffle, and special donations, this community continues to provide the funds to meet our financial needs. But, we also need volunteers to count the collections and other income and prepare a weekly bank deposit. This requires two volunteers to devote a few hours on a Sunday to count, record, and deposit the collections and other funds received during that week. Ideally, there should be at least 16 volunteer's. This would spread the burden so that no one would have to count more than once every couple months. In reality, the number of counters has declined to just 7 (all of whom have been counters for several years). This means that we often can't meet the archdiocesan audit requirement that the counting be done by at least two persons. It also makes it very difficult to set up schedules as not everyone is available every month. We need participation in this task from all segments of our community. Please consider volunteering. For more information **Contact Dave Freitas @ d.freitas@gte.net or Joe & Joan Humphreys @ joehum@gmail.com** for more information.

PLEASE Parishioner's Close All Church Doors If you are the last one to walk out of church. We need to save our Church Warm!!!!

Religious Education: Confirmation Classes for High School Confirmation: St. John of God is currently underway **each Sunday** during the 11:30 AM Mass. It is not too late for additional students to join the class. Please contact **Kathy Ohm** (415-902-5022) email: kathvohm@gmail.com for more information.

Pre-K and First Communion: 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 1 hour classes per-week, preparation time, Now till May 24, 2020. Catechist training through the Archdiocese is available. Contact **Beverlie Leano at torreano82@gmail.com**

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 apriority in our church for more information visit: 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 this money helps pay for your Refreshments.**

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

Dear Friends, Job Openings

- 1. Parish Secretary: St. John of God-Is** looking for a part-time (M-F) Parish Secretary who is a self-motivated-person with administrative skills. Job Duties Include: perform a full range of administrative secretarial responsibilities; Maintain office Record-Keeping systems; a full range of office functions including effective interface with parishioners and visitors. Required are excellent Communication skills, general computer knowledge and the ability to multi-task. Please send resume to Fr. Kabipi at: akabipi@yahoo.com or to the Office at: stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net
- 2. Principal Keyboard Musician—**St John of God is looking for a part-time Principal Musician with keyboard & vocal skills. Responsible for leading the community &/or accompanying the community for weekend services (Saturday PM; Sunday AM), Holy Days & other services (infrequent). Required are the ability to work independently in a self-motivated & self-directed manner working collaboratively with the Director of Parish Music Paul Riofski at: sjogmusic@aol.com Please send resume to Fr. Kabipi :akabipi@yahoo.com or to the Office at: stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net

Reminder :February 26 is
Ash Wednesday the

FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

7:00 TO 8:30 PM -In the **340 Irving St. Meeting Room** –The Book of Revelation – See Paul Riofski to get your copy of the Commentary. BIBLE STUDY Friday Evenings.

Converging Roads Health Care Ethics Conference- Catholic Medicine in a Secular Society. The St. John Paul I Foundations, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Region XI of Catholic Medical Association, and St. Patrick's Seminary & University, Present the Second **Converging Roads** Health care ethics conference. On Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 8:15am - 6:00pm at St. Patrick's Seminary & University. The conference theme is Catholic Medicine in a Secular Society, and continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered. For More info-Information Cards by Bulletins or visit: convergingroads.com .

Retrouvaille-A lifeline for Marriages Help!

The Retrouvaille Program consists of a weekend experience combined with post-weekend sessions. It is designed to provide the tools to help put your marriage in order again. The main emphasis of the program is on communication between husband & wife. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and to examine your lives together in a new and positive way. It is for couples with troubled marriages including separated or divorced couples who want their marriages to work. On scheduled weekends beginning Friday evening, & closing with Mass or CMD devotional service Sunday evening. For More Infor: www.helpourmarriage.org you enter the Church. Our first weekend Feb. 28- March 1, 2020.

Second Collections- Up-Coming:
February 1-2 Hospital Ministry

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.