

February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for the Week

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Today's Readings

First Reading - God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalm - Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading - God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel - Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 - 9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48, 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

Feb. 14 thru Feb. 20, 2020 (Fri. thru Thur.)

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| Fri. | Aurora Ramos (Birthday) | 12:10pm |
| Sat. | (RIP+) | 4:15pm |
| Sun. | Peter Kolenda (RIP+) & Frank Doonan (RIP+) | 9:30am |
| Sun. | | 11:30am |
| Mon. | | 12:10pm |
| Tues. | (RIP+) | 12:10pm |
| Weds. | Ivan Scope (RIP+) | 12:10pm |
| Thurs. | | 12:10pm |

Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

Intention for Birthdays, Memorials, RIP, Blessings, Marriage, and Get Well.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; & Presidents' Day

Friday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Dr. of the Church

Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; & Washington's Birthday

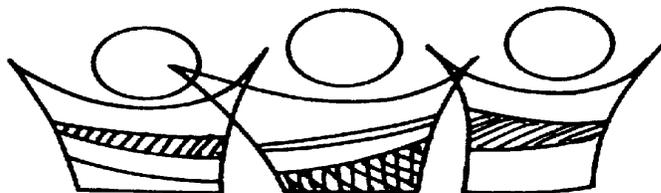
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Dear Parishioners—Please 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: kathyohm@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 Opening

Principal Keyboard Musician—St John of God is looking for a part-time Principal Musician with keyboard & vocal skills. Responsible for leading the community & accompanying the community for weekend services, 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

An Invitation from Father Kabipi

I invite all members of the following Groups to join me in leading us in our Stations of the Cross this Lenten Season. Stations will be every Friday Evening at 7:00pm and should be done by 7:30pm. This is my invitation to the Following Groups to lead us in the Stations of the Cross.

- February 28 Parish Council
- March 6 Finance Council
- March 13 Sanctuary Committee
- March 20 Choir
- March 27 St. Francis Cursillo
- April 3 Bible Study

Please arrive early so we start promptly at 7:00pm.

I wish you peace in this Lenten Season.

Fr. Narcis Kabipi *Fr. Narcis Kabipi*

**February 26 -Ash Wednesday
The Starting of Lent & Masses Are at:
12:10pm Ash Wednesday
7:00pm Ash Wednesday**

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.

Show Your Community Some Love – Ensure that every member of your household is counted in Census 2020 – including infants. All communities need love and support to grow and thrive. Join Catholic Charities and other faith-based organizations and social services in participating in the Census 2020, which can help bring a whole lot of heart to your community when it comes to jobs and road maintenance as well as funding critical social service programs that San Francisco residents rely on like affordable housing, early childhood education and food and nutrition assistance. The Census helps communities get funding they need so show your community some love and pledge to participate in the 2020 Census. Census Day is April 1st. You can respond by phone and online beginning March 12th in multiple languages. Census 2020 Toolkit and Resources for Congregations available @ [tps://www.sfinterfaithcouncil.org/](https://www.sfinterfaithcouncil.org/)

**Second Collections- Up-Coming:
February 29-March 1 Hospital Ministry**