

# March 1, 2020

## First Sunday of Lent

### Reflections for the Week

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“The Lord, your God, shall you worship  
and him alone shall you serve.” — *Matthew 4:10*

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

**Psalm** — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission .

### Readings for the Week

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;  
Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;  
Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;  
Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;  
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

### 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.

### Feb. 28 thru Mar. 5, 2020 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri	Barbara Turrentine (RIP+)	12:10pm
Sat.	(RIP+)	4:15pm
Sun.	Eudosia Medina Wilson (RIP+)	9:30am
Sun.	(RIP+)	11:30am
Mon.	(RIP+)	12:10pm
Tues.	Pat McGreevy 57Yrs. (RIP+)	12:10pm
Weds.		12:10pm
Thurs.		12:10pm

#### Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

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

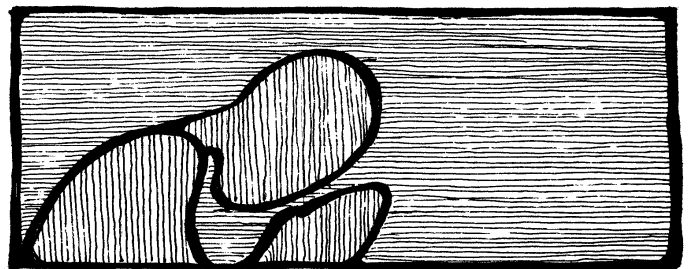
### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
- Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins
- Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel
- Wednesday: St. Casimir
- Friday: World Day of Prayer; Abstinence;  
First Friday
- Saturday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity; First Saturday

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

#### STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God -we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



**SATURDAY-SUNDAY, MARCH 7-8, 2020  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT;  
FEAST OF SAINT JOHN OF GOD**

All three weekend masses will include the Sacramental Anointing of the Sick and the Blessing of Caregivers (those in the healing professions and those caring for their loved ones in their homes and other settings).

**SAINT JOHN OF GOD LENTEN RETREAT,  
MARCH 21-24, 2020 "GRACE AND MERCY:  
CAN'T HAVE ONE WITHOUT THE OTHER"**

Led by Fr. Bart Landry, CSP

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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](mailto:d.freitas@gte.net) or **Joe & Joan Humphreys** @ [joehum@gmail.com](mailto:joehum@gmail.com) for more information.



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. No Coffee Hour March 1, 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

**Dear Friends, Job Openings**

**Dear Friends, Job Opening For Parish Secretary:**

**St. John of God is – 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. Narcis Kabipi @ [akabi-pi@yahoo.com](mailto:akabi-pi@yahoo.com) or to the Office @ [stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net) .

**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, 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](mailto:sjogmusic@aol.com) Please send resume to Fr. Kabipi: [akabipi@yahoo.com](mailto:akabipi@yahoo.com) or to the Office at: [stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net)

**EXPERIENCE THE SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION DURING LENT**

Saturdays from 3:15-3:45, Father Kabipi  
During the Lenten Retreat, Father Landry

**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

**FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT**

7:30 TO 8:30 PM, 340 IRVING MEETING ROOM  
(after Stations of the Cross, 7:00-7:30 PM in the church)  
The Book of Revelation – See Paul Riofski to get your copy of the Commentary.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. You can respond by phone and online beginning March 12<sup>th</sup> 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

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St John of God Sanctuary Committee

Invites You To Pray with us

The Immigrants' Stations of the Cross

Friday March 13 at 7pm

St John of God Church  
1290 Fifth Ave, San Francisco