

March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

Reflections for the Week

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Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. *2 Timothy 1:10b*

Today's Readings

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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.

Mar. 6 thru Mar. 12, 2020 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri	Marianne Henderson (RIP+)	12:10pm
Sat.	William Henry Memorial (RIP+)	4:15pm
Sun.	Evelyn Fenske (RIP+)	
	Janice Mortenson Cousin	9:30am
Sun.	Dolly Arguelles (Birthday)	11:30am
Mon.	(RIP+)	12:10pm
Tues.	(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.

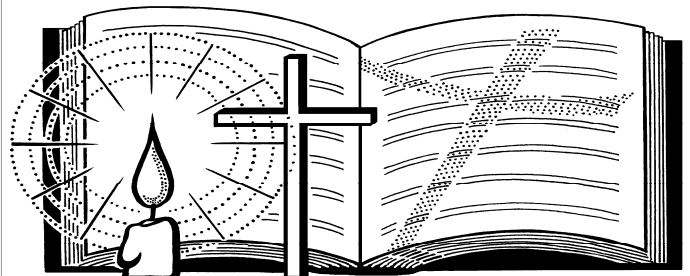
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins; International Women's Day
- Monday: St. Frances of Rome; Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
- Friday: Abstinence - & Washington's Birthday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION CHANGE

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion.

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**SATURDAY-SUNDAY, MARCH 7-8, 2020
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**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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**CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE
MONDAYS, 7:30 TO 9:15 PM)**

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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 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

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.

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

**EXPERIENCE THE SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION DURING LENT**

Saturdays from 3:15-3:45, Father Kabipi

During the Lenten Retreat, Father Landry

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 at: akabipi@yahoo.com or to our Office email: 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 & 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 our Office at: stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net

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 1st. You can respond by phone and online beginning March 12th in multiple languages. Census 2020 Toolkit and Resources for Congregations available at: [tps://www.sfinterfaithcouncil.org/](https://www.sfinterfaithcouncil.org/)

Second Collections- Up-Coming:

March 21-22 Catholic Relief Services

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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