

# March 22, 2020

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Reflections for the Week -FILL US

Open wide the windows of our spirits and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain Thee with all our powers of adoration.

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).

**Gospel** — The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

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### Readings for the Week

- Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

### 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. 20 thru Mar. 26, 2020 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri	Martin Joseph O'Brien (RIP+)	2:10pm
Sat.	(RIP+)	4:15pm
Sun.	(RIP+)	9:30am
Sun.		11:30am
Mon.		12:10pm
Tues.	Daniel Mc Mahon (RIP+)	12:10pm
Weds.	(RIP+)	12:10pm
Thurs.	Alfredo Mendoza (RIP+)	12:10pm

### Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

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

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
- Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo—Bishop
- Tuesday: World Day for Truth Concerning Human Rights Violations
- Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
- Friday: Day of Abstinence

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

#### THE LIGHT

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



**Due to this Corona Virus Precautions through out the San Francisco Area we are Canceling the Following till Further Notice:**

**Friday Night Bible Study During Lent  
Saint John of God Lenten Retreat  
Station of the Cross are Canceled  
Coffee Hour on Sundays  
Senior Lunch Program  
SJOG Office**

**EXPERIENCE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT**

Saturdays from 3:15-3:45, Father Kabipi by Appointment.

**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.



**Due to this Corona Virus Precautions through out the San Francisco Area there will be no Coffee Hour until further Notice.**

**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*

**There is only one Mass on April 9th and that is the Mass of the Lord's Supper. So the Mass Intention for April 9 for Generosa Flores will be at the 7:30pm Mass.**

**Dear Friends, Job Openings**

**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 and 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 at: [akabipi@yahoo.com](mailto:akabipi@yahoo.com) or to our Office at: [stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net)

**March 24, 2020: 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF SAINT OSCAR ROMERO**

This weekend, we commemorate the anniversary of the assassination of St. Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, killed on March 24, 1980 while celebrating Mass. We honor his dedication to the poor, his insistence on giving voice to the voiceless and his freely offering the ultimate sacrifice of his life. May he inspire and accompany us always.

**Easter Flower Envelopes**

Please use the Easter Flower Envelopes if you want to Contribute for our Lenten & Easter Liturgical Environment. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Please indicate your intentions on top line. We will issue an acknowledgement and ask the entire Parish to join you in Praying for you intentions. Thank You.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE  
MONDAYS, 7:30 TO 9:15 PM)**

Note changes from the usual second and fourth Mondays: March 30, April 6, April 20, May 4, June 8, 2020. Check for Canceling Notices with Paul Riofski.

**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.

**Second Collections- Up-Coming:**

March 21-22 Catholic Relief Services  
April 4/5—Hospital Ministry