

September 6, 2020

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for the Week

NEIGHBORLY LOVE

We can never love our neighbor too much.
—St. Francis de Sales

Today's Readings

First Reading — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
- Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

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

Judy Laxen, Dorle & Paul Gross, Josephine Small, Martha Araj Ayoub, David Desch, Ethel Friedrichs, Charlie & Dodie Vaszko, Father Kirk, Father Ken Westray of St. Vincent De Paul –SF, & Father P. Gerard O'Rourke

For Healing: Edith Bucoy, Pat Hoffman, Tom Johnson, Maureen Francis, Joe Humphreys, Mike Marty, Patrick Lee, Teresa Hyatt, Estela Becerra, Shirley Dela Cuz, Lynette Castiglione, Paul K. Riofski & all our parishioners that are sick.

...and a special reminder to pray for those we know now living in care facilities.

Mass Intentions

Sept. 4th thru Sept. 10th., 2020 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri.	(RIP+)	12:10pm
Sat.	(RIP+)	4:15pm
Sun.	(RIP+)	9:30am
Sun.	(RIP+)	11:30am
Mon.	(RIP+)	12:10pm
Tues.	(RIP+)	12:10pm
Weds.	(RIP+)	12:10pm
Thurs.	(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: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Labor Day
- Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday: St. Peter Claver
- Friday: Patriot Day
- Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary

A MESSAGE OF LOVE

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he "does not speak out" to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.

We live in a "do your own thing" age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10).

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Due to this Corona Virus Precautions through out the San Francisco Area we are Canceling the Following till Further Notice: Coffee Hour on Sundays, all Hall Rentals Senior Open Hand Lunch Program & SJOG Office

Dear Parishioners "Have you taught in the past or want to work with the youth of our community? The Religious Education program of SJOG is in need of teachers for various age groups. Not knowing whether we will be resuming classes in person or online in the Fall of 2020, we are looking for teachers who are willing to share their faith and knowledge with our children. We are currently exploring quality online curriculum. A teacher for Grades 1-2, Grades 3-4, Grades 5-6, Grade 7 needed. Volunteers for this program are also desperately needed. Training provided by the Archdiocese. **Please consider working with us!** Contact Beverlie Leano-Torres for more information: torreano82@gmail.com

Parish Livestreams of Liturgies & More

Jan Potts, Department of Communication - 415-614-5638 - pottsj@sfarch.org sfarch.org/livestreams

Archbishop Cordileone celebrates nonpublic Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral daily (M-F) at 7:30am; on Saturdays at 8:00 am; & on Sundays at 11:00am or 1:00 pm Spanish). All Masses from the Cathedral are livestreamed. Each Mass can be experienced live online or viewed later (youtube.org/archdioceseofsanfrancisco/watch) Audio of the Archbishop's homilies is posted on the website (sfarch.org/homilies) and in our podcast. (archdiocesef.libsyn.com) or mass-online.org .

Grief & Consolation Resources Are Here for You

Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher RSM, Bereavement Coordinator

tgallagher@mercywmw.org 415-317-4436 sfarchdiocese.org/grief
Looking for resources in a time of grief? *The Lord is close to the broken-hearted* (Psalm 34). Grief, although difficult, is a normal part of life, although perhaps made harder in a time of pandemic. No one who grieves is truly alone because everyone experiences it. However, in a time of grief people often feel alone, which makes a hard situation even harder. Sister Toni Lynn Gallagher directs the Grief Ministry programs and resources for the Archdiocese: parish programs, online support groups, art therapy groups, workshops, specialized groups for partner loss, those who died by suicide, and many offerings done through missionhospice.org. An updated list of resources is always available on the Archdiocesan website at sfarch.org/grief.

Face Masks: Greetings Safety Coordinators!

I hope my Message finds you all in good health & great spirits . Reminder **County Health Officer - Dr. Scott** Morrow has issued a new order Requiring members of the public and workers at essential businesses to wear face coverings outside the home for certain activities and in places of business. The order has taken effect and will As of April 22, 2020 date. It will remain in effect until it is amended or superseded by the health officer. **YOU MUST WEAR !**



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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 & 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 . Please send resume to Fr. Kabipi at: akabipi@yahoo.com or to our Office at: stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net

CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

MONDAYS, 7:30 TO 9:15 PM)

Note changes from the usual second and fourth Mondays: Check for Canceling Notices with Paul Riofski.

WELCOME BACK!

I am writing to let you know that we will reopen our church for public Mass Sunday's only. We will have two Masses at 9:30 & 11:30 AM to celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ in **Outside in Courtyard**. Those of you who are elderly or who have pre-existing health conditions that make you more vulnerable to infection **SHOULD STAY HOME**. The same applies if you are exhibiting symptoms of illness, especially fever, cough or shortness of breath. **IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND MASS** at Saint John of God, please note the following changes that will be in effect as we follow current guidelines to protect the health of all of us.

* **You must wear a face mask to enter & be in to Attend these Masses at our church***

* **Attendance may be limited. 12 per Mass**

* **Physical distance must be observed.**

*** **The offertory Collection will take place as you exit at the end of the Masses.**

These will be our first collection since March 15 and we ask that you be as generous as you can. I also want to announce that our **WEEKDAY 12:10 PM & Saturday 4:15PM MASS** will NOT resume till further notice. I look forward to celebrating Mass with those of you who are able to attend – I have missed you! Please know that we will pray for you and with you if you are not able to be with us in person. I wish you the peace of Christ, - Father Kabipi

NEW! For men only – a day long retreat for healing after abortion on Sept. 19 in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Led by Contemplatives of St. Joseph Father Vito Perrone. For more information or to sign up <https://sfarch.org/healing-for-men> or projectrachel@sfarch.org or call 415-614-5567. This short video with Fr. Vito Perrone, COSJ, invites men to the retreat. <https://youtu.be/gXmbkSL6cIY>

SF Food Pantry at ALHS, 9-1pm Starting tomorrow The San Francisco-Marin Food Bank is hosting weekly pop-up food pantry at Abraham Lincoln High School. The pantry is open to anyone in the community who needs food, not just Lincoln Students. Dates: Fridays started March 20, 2020 -Time: am-1 pm Location: Abraham Lincoln High School, 2162 24th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94116 . **Each household will receive one bag of groceries. You DO NOT need to sign up, show ID or bring your kids with you to get food. Food is available for all who need it so please share this with your family & neighbors** available at: [tps://www.sfinterfaithcouncil.org/](https://www.sfinterfaithcouncil.org/)

COVID-19 symptoms including fever, chills, cough, congestion, sore throat, difficulty breathing, headache, fatigue, vomiting, diarrhea, or new loss of taste or smell.

**Second Collections- Up-Coming:
Sept. 5-6 Hospital Ministry
Sept. 19-20-Priests' Retirement Fund (SF Archd..)**