

September 20th, 2020

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection for the Week

HUMILITY

No human being is too big to be humble, but some human beings are too small. Anonymous

Today's Readings

First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalm — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
- Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

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.18th thru Sept. 24th., 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

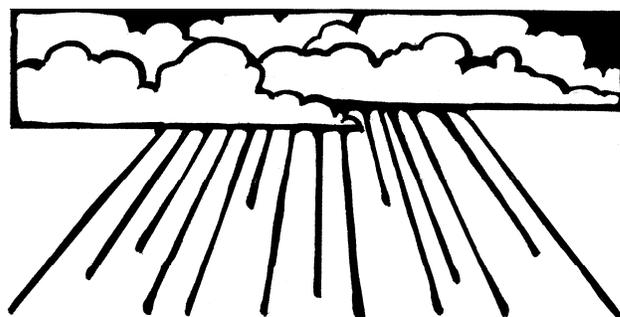
- Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Matthew
- Tuesday: Autumn begins
- Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
- Saturday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian;
Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday: St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

DIRECTION

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

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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.orgsfarch.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 in order to Attend these Masses at our church***

* **Attendance may be limited.**

* **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 collections 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 until 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 be 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. 19-20-Priests' Retirement Fund
(SF Archdiocese)**

⚡ ST. JOHN OF GOD SANCTUARY COMMUNITY ⚡

1986-2020: 34 Years of Immigrant Advocacy and El Salvador Support!

In 1985 the members of the St. John of God community embarked on an eight-month course of prayer and discernment regarding the plight of the Central American refugees coming to the Bay Area. Members studied Archbishop John R. Quinn's 1983 Pastoral Letter on Central America, participated in house meetings in which refugees shared their stories, and informed themselves about moral and legal issues regarding political asylum. In January 1986, over 90% of the parishioners voted in favor of Sanctuary. Since Palm Sunday 1986, our community has reaffirmed the covenant, which articulates the vision of faith taught by our brothers and sisters of El Salvador and Guatemala.

Christ's call is to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need. In response to this call, the members of the St. John of God Community enter into this covenant to provide sanctuary -- support, protection, and advocacy -- to Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees who request haven out of well-founded fear of persecution and possibly death if they are returned to their homeland. We do this out of concern for the welfare of these refugees, regardless of their official immigration status. . .

St. John of God Covenant of Public Sanctuary, Palm Sunday, 1986

As in the early years, Sanctuary work focuses on advocacy, emergency aid and accompaniment for immigrants in San Francisco and the Bay Area and maintaining our long-time international solidarity with marginalized communities and organizations in El Salvador.

☀ Report on Projects ☀

Guided by the Spirit, we have continued the Sanctuary commitment to solidarity through:

Human Rights Advocacy and Accompaniment: Funds were given to the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity and Faith in Action to sustain their work of human rights advocacy for all people, regardless of immigration status. With the increase in deportations and more restrictive immigration policies, members of the St. John of God community have accompanied our immigrant sisters and brothers in deportation, asylum, detention and bond hearings. We have also provided bus passes to needy immigrants and established pen pal relationships through "Friends Afuera" with some of those in detention centers. Through our accompaniment and prayerful support, our sisters and brothers know they are not alone.

International Solidarity Work in El Salvador: Funds were given to Voices on the Border and used to fund two projects in the country, one a domestic violence prevention program in Morazán, the other a healthy nutrition project in the Bajo Lempa region.

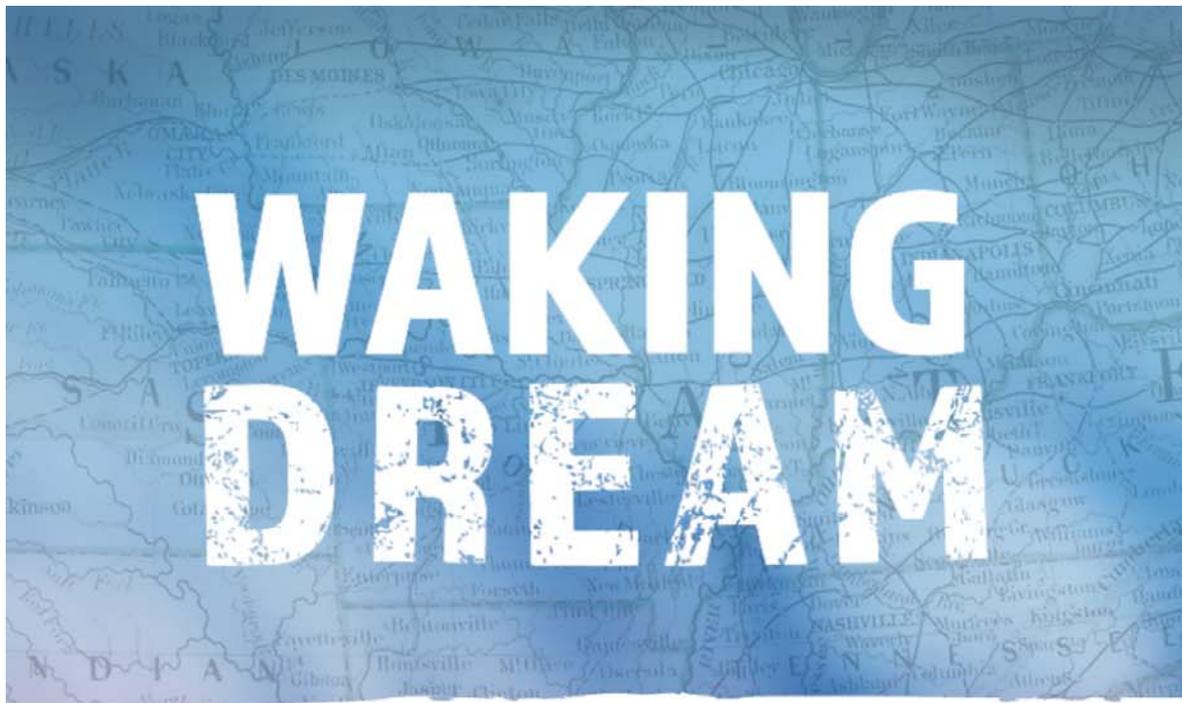
Direct Support: In the past year funds were given to the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN), for legal and social services for local immigrants. This nonprofit is a leader in providing legal and social services to low-income Latino immigrants, including immigrants seeking relief from deportation through DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). In June the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against the Trump administration's attempt to terminate DACA.

☀ Please Support SJOG Sanctuary Work in 2020-2021 ☀

Please make checks out to St. John of God (In memo line put C.A.R. Fund (Sanctuary)). Or you can make a one-time or recurring gift online at bit.ly/sjogdonate (Enter the gift amount and other information in the C.A.R. Fund (Sanctuary) space.)

We invite parish community members to join us!

Committee Chair—Adrienne Plasse plasseadrienne@gmail.com
Accompaniment Organizer—Muriel Scala murielscala@yahoo.com



Young. Undocumented. Future Unknown.



The St. John of God Sanctuary Committee and iNation Media invite you to join us on the feast of St. Francis at a screening and community discussion about the plight of “Dreamers” in the current political climate.

**Save the date! OCTOBER 4
7 – 8:30 pm Via Zoom!**

It’s time for the annual SJOG Sanctuary Weekend when we report on our work and ask for your support as we plan the year ahead. Since we can’t meet in person, we invite you to join us via Zoom to view segments of *Waking Dream**. This excellent film tells the compelling stories of undocumented young people working tenaciously for a brighter future in the U.S.

In addition to viewing the film excerpts, we will hear from an undocumented young adult as well as the filmmaker Theo Rigby. As time permits, you will have a chance to ask questions of these panelists.

**Free will offerings appreciated.
RSVP to receive Zoom link and
assistance in using Zoom:**

sjog.net/rsvpsanctuary.php

* View a *Waking Dream* trailer here:

<http://inationmedia.com/waking-dream/>