

**September 27, 2020  
Twenty-Six Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***Reflection for the Week***

**IMPOSSIBLE**

Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible, suddenly you are doing the impossible.

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

**Psalm** — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

**Gospel** — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

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**Readings for the Week**

- Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
- Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5
- Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
- Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

**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.25th thru Oct.1st., 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.	Miguel L. Enriquez (RIP Anniv+)	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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Migrants and Refugees; Priesthood Sunday; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset
- Monday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus
- Tuesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
- Wednesday: St. Jerome; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset
- Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
- Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

**FAMILIAR INSIGHTS**

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat to other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so.

In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

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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

#### **Livestreams of Liturgies**

Those who are unable to attend Mass in person during the pandemic are encouraged to maintain their spiritual life in other ways. In particular the Cathedral and many other parishes are livestreaming Masses. Information concerning livestreams from the cathedral and other Bay Area parishes can be found at <https://sfarch.org/livestreams>

#### **Sanctuary Weekend Oct. 4, 2020 via Zoom Virtual St. John of God Sanctuary Weekend**

To receive a link and other information go to this link: [sjog.net/rsvpsanctuary.php](http://sjog.net/rsvpsanctuary.php). More details can be found in the flyers attached to the online version of the bulletin at [sjog.net/bulletinlist45.php](http://sjog.net/bulletinlist45.php).

#### **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 Rioski 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)

#### **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! MASKS! Please Wear Mask!!!**



**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

#### **Grief & Consolation Resources Are Here for You Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher RSM, Bereavement Coordinator**

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](http://missionhospice.org). An updated list of resources is always available on the Archdiocesan website at [sfarch.org/grief](http://sfarch.org/grief).  
[tlgallagher@mercywmw.org](mailto:tlgallagher@mercywmw.org) 415-317-4436  
[sfarchdiocese.org/grief](http://sfarchdiocese.org/grief)

#### **St. John of God Liturgies During the Pandemic**

At present, Masses at St. John of God are celebrated outdoors in the courtyard on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:30. (There are no public Masses on weekdays or Saturdays). The allowable number of participants for outdoor services in San Francisco has been increased to 50 but, because of distancing requirements and the small size of the courtyard, it may only be possible to accommodate a smaller number. All participants must wear masks and maintain at least 6ft of spacing between individuals or family groups. Those of you who are more vulnerable to infection because you are elderly or have pre-existing health conditions **SHOULD STAY HOME**. The same applies if you are exhibiting symptoms of illness, especially fever, cough or shortness of breath. In addition, all other health department requirements must be observed. You can find these requirements outlined at these 2 links:  
[https://www.sjog.net/sfhealthorder\(9-14-20\).pdf](https://www.sjog.net/sfhealthorder(9-14-20).pdf) and  
<https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/files/Directive-2020-19-SmallOutdoorGatherings.pdf>

We hope that Mass inside the chapel may be able to resume in the near future. The City of San Francisco has announced a goal of allowing indoor religious services by October 1 provided that the spread of Covid-19 in San Francisco has sufficiently decreased by that date.

Please continue to provide support to our parish and to the second collections announced in the bulletins. For those who are able to attend Mass, collections will be taken up as you leave Mass. For those who are unable to attend in person, contributions may be made by mail to St. John of God Parish, 1290 5th Avenue, San Francisco CA 94122. You also can donate online at [bit.ly/sjogdonate](http://bit.ly/sjogdonate).

**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:  
Oct. 3-4 Hospital Ministry  
Oct. 17-18 World Mission Sunday**

# ⚡ 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.

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### ☀ 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.

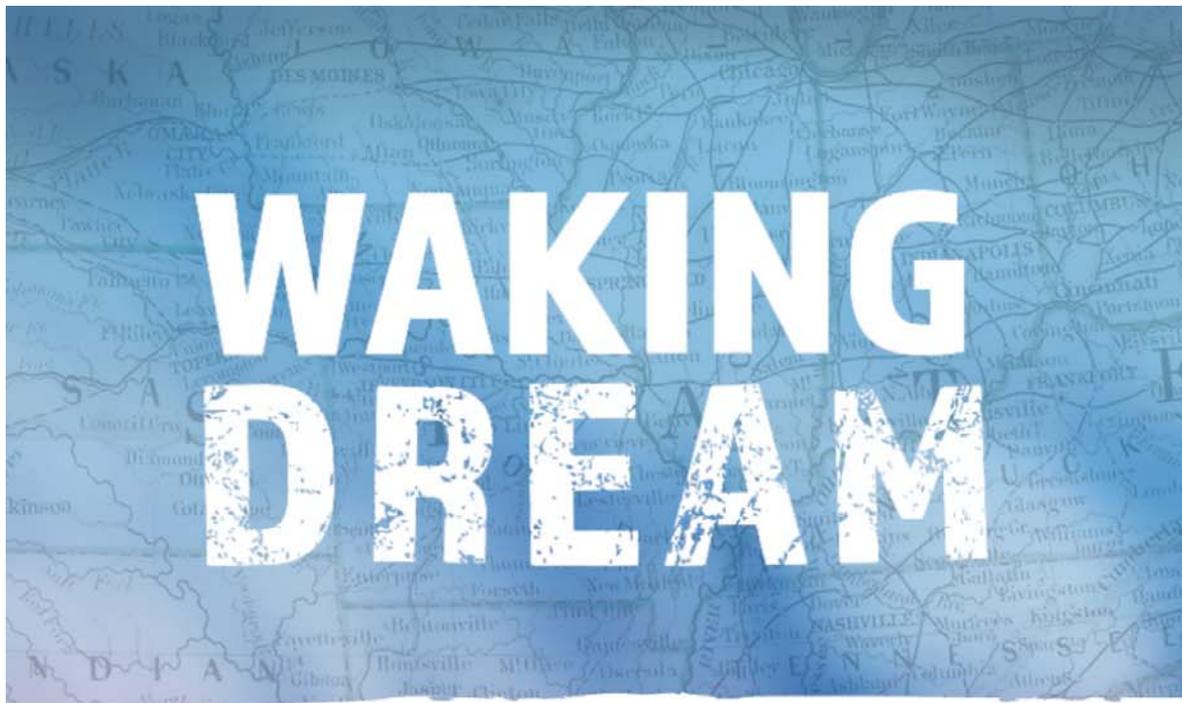
**Direct Support:** In the past year funds were given to the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN), for legal and social services for local immigrants. This nonprofit is a leader in providing legal and social services to low-income Latino immigrants, including immigrants seeking relief from deportation 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](https://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](mailto:plasseadrienne@gmail.com)  
Accompaniment Organizer—Muriel Scala [murielscala@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://sjog.net/rsvpsanctuary.php)

\* View a *Waking Dream* trailer here:

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