

**December 6th, 2020  
Second Sunday of Advent**

**Reflection for the Week**

**PURE HEARTS**

Those whose hearts are pure are the temples of the Holy Spirit.

—St. Lucy

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

**Gospel** — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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**Readings for the Week**

- Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**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, Bill Lum, 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**

**Dec. 4th thru Dec. 10, 2020 (Fri. thru Thur.)**

Fri.	Laura Busby	Anniversary	12:10pm
Sat.	Winston Din, Jr.	(RIP+)	4:15pm
Sun.		(RIP+)	9:30am
Sun.	Chris Davies	(Living)	11:30am
Mon.			12:10pm
Tues.	Anthony Wirth-Birthday of Deceased		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: Second Sunday of Advent
- Monday: St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday: St. Juan Diego
- Thursday: International Human Rights Day; Hanukkah begins at sunset
- Friday: St. Damasus I
- Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

**FEAST OF FAITH**

**Watching for Christ's Coming**

In the season of Advent, we look to the coming of Christ at the end of time, and we prepare ourselves to celebrate his first coming among us at Christmas. Remembrance of the past is combined with preparation for the future. Memory meets action.

In a certain sense, the Mass is an Advent prayer. At the Last Supper, Jesus did not tell his disciples, "Never forget what I did for you." Instead, he said, "Do this in remembrance of me." He calls us to remember by *doing*, to combine memory with action. In the celebration of the Eucharist, remembering and doing become one. Jesus is as present in our midst as he was in that upper room, breaking the bread and sharing the cup; but it is a new kind of presence, seen only with the eyes of faith. In the heavenly liturgy, there will be no need of sacraments, for there, "celebration is wholly communion and feast" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1136). Here, things are different. We have only glimpses and flashes of the beauty that is yet to be. And yet, in the liturgy, we truly participate in the heavenly liturgy. The Mass is our foretaste of the joys of heaven.

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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: So that Saint John of God may better serve you in the coming year, we are asking all of our parishioners to update their contact information. We ask that you complete the attached "Parish Contact Form" and return it via e-mail to [stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net), drop it off with the Parish Secretary between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, or at Mass. Please feel free to also call the Parish Secretary directly if you have any questions or would like to update your information in person. Also, please share this form with anyone who may not be on our e-mail list. Peace. Father Kabipi.

#### 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>

#### Holiday Greetings to Immigrants in Detention

Your Saint John of God Sanctuary Committee invites you to participate in sending holiday greetings to detained immigrants. Many of them face isolation as a consequence of their unjust incarceration, separation from family, and the potential for indefinite and prolonged detention. The Friends Afuera program is sponsoring an effort to send a **one-time** letter of affirmation wishing a happy holiday to our friends on the inside of Adelanto detention center. If you are interested in participating in this project, you can get more details at <https://sjog.net/holidayletters.php> or contact Joe and Joan at [joan@jhum.com](mailto:joan@jhum.com).

#### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE., DECEMBER 24 AT 4:15 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES, DECEMBER 25TH : 9:30 A.M.  
AND 11:30 A.M.

NEW YEARS DAY MASS, JANUARY 1, 2021: 12:10 P.M.

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

#### 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

#### Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council would like you to know what we've been doing this past year. If you are interested in planning for the coming year and in assisting Fr. Kabipi to help decide what issues are facing the parish, please join us on a Zoom Conference. In the past, we have worked on bringing the parish into compliance with the Archdiocese safety guidelines. We have brought in an epidemiology expert from UCSF to speak to us so that we can safely open the church. We invited parishioners to speak before the council to address issues that were important to them. The Department of Religious Education spoke to us regarding future catechetical programs in preparation for the holy sacraments. We also have a meeting with the finance committee to discuss the impact of COVID on revenues and future needs of St. John of God. We published a list of Pastoral Council members so that other parishioners can seek them out for topics of concern. We have established a policy of responding to inquiries and comments within 24 hours. We have a correspondence file available which can be found in the parish office. We also keep minutes to our meetings that can be easily accessed on the google news group. They are also kept in a binder in the Parish Secretary Office for viewing. We would like our mission statement to align with the goals of SJOG. Please feel free to contact Pat Hoffman at [astropah@aol.com](mailto:astropah@aol.com).

#### Masses resume outdoors again!!

I want to reach out to you as we continue to deal with Covid-19. Please know that you have been in my daily prayers & Masses even as we have been unable to be together in person. I am here for you and I am available to bring Communion to you at your home at your request. Please call the Parish Office and leave your name and phone number so we can schedule a time for me to bring you Communion. You are a valued member of our St. John of God Community and I thank God for you! Masses will return to the outside courtyard pending further direction from the City and County. This includes weekday Mass at 12:10 p.m., Saturday 4:15 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Please follow the (now) normal requirements listed below:

- \*A face mask covering your nose and mouth is required.
- \*Physical Distancing will be observed.
- \*Please place your Offertory gift at the end of Mass in the basket as you leave the courtyard.
- \*Hand sanitizer is available for your use. Those of you who are elderly or who have pre-existing conditions that make you more vulnerable to infection, PLEASE STAY HOME. The same applies if you are exhibiting symptoms of illness.

I look forward to celebrating Mass with you. May the Peace of Christ be with you! Fr. Kabipi

#### Second Collection:

Hospital Ministry: Dec. 5th and 6th, 2020  
Retirement Fund for Religious: Dec. 12 and 13th.

## Parish Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mass (or Masses) you usually attend \_\_\_\_\_

Check this box to be added to the St. John of God email list (SJoG-News).

This information will only be used for parish communications so we may better serve you.

Peace in Christ,

Fr Kabipi

Fill out, print, and mail this form to St. John of God Parish, 1290 5th Ave, S.F. 94122 or you can submit the information by email or online at [sjog.net/contactinfo.php](http://sjog.net/contactinfo.php)

**SJOG FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY: FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR  
JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020**

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For this fiscal year, July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 SJOG has reported operating gain of \$20,303. **HOWEVER, SJOG has two unpaid debts (Accounts Payable) to Archdiocese totaling \$29,950.**

**The two debts are \$11,000 for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal [AAA] assessment for 2020 AND \$18,950 to the Archdiocese for General Liability insurance for SJOG parish for 2020.**

The GL insurance bill was due before June 30, 2020.

Assuming SJOG paid the GL on time, for FY2020, SJOG would have operating gain of \$1,353.

The Archdiocese expects SJOG to pay GL insurance and the \$11,000 AAA balance by 12-31-2020.

A summary of SJOG finances and account balances are listed below and on Page Two.

Thank you for your generosity. Please consider making a gift to SJOG during our December fundraiser.

**Here are summary numbers for fiscal years 2020, 2019 and 2018:**

<b>FISCAL YEAR ending June 30, 2020</b>	<b>June 30, 2019</b>	<b>June 30, 2018</b>
NET operating income = \$ 270,809	\$269,787	\$268,652
NET operating expenses= <u>\$ 250,506</u>	<u>\$253,220</u>	<u>\$265,132</u>
<b>Net reported GAIN = \$ 20,303</b>	<b>GAIN \$ 16,567</b>	<b>Net operating GAIN \$ 3,520</b>

**For this report the 2020, 2019 and 2018 income and expenses are NET amounts.** Donations for hospital ministry are included but bequests or restricted donations and Sanctuary [Central America Relief] NOT INCLUDED.

### **INCOME**

**-For 2020 Fiscal Year, the Offertory & hospital ministry donations are \$117,961. This is \$26,012 less than last year.**

**For 2020** SJOG received \$18,236 in unrestricted donations, in 2019 SJOG received \$10,093 in unrestricted donations; so a net increase of \$8,143 more than last fiscal year.

-During the Fiscal year, UCMED paid \$60,759 to SJOG which is \$407 more than last fiscal year. The current annual amount of the UCMED contract for Catholic hospital chaplain is \$59,500.

-The Archdiocese gives SJOG a monthly subsidy of \$1,988 as partial reimbursement of Father Te's salary.

### **Fund Raising Raffle**

**In Dec. 2019 SJOG had net income of \$37,237 from raffle fundraiser. This is \$13,376 more than last year**

In Dec. 2018 SJOG had net income of \$23,861 from the raffle fundraiser.

-In Dec. 2017 SJOG had net income of \$29,483 from the raffle fund raiser.

-In Dec. 2016 SJOG had net income of \$19,606 from the raffle fund raiser.

-In Dec. 2015 SJOG had net income of \$23,247 from the raffle fund raiser.

**SJOG would have an operating loss every year without the raffle fund raising income.**

### **BEQUESTS received during fiscal year**

The parish received a \$16,203 gift from the estate of Dorle and Paul Gross and a \$4,000 gift from the Trust of Mary Connaughton. These gifts are restricted and placed into the Renovations Donations account.

### **EXPENSES**

**Please remember that the parish has ongoing expenses during the COVID pandemic.**

The average total monthly salaries and health insurance for the two priests assigned to SJOG is \$9,600.

The average total Lay salaries per month for 5 part-time employees is \$2,700. Due to the Covid pandemic the Lay employees are working 50% less hours per month since April 2020 than in Jan 2020.

During May & June 2020 we installed a new roof over the main section of the CHAPEL. The price including scaffolding and permits and allowances for extra work was \$58,500. This roof work paid from the Renovations Donations account. **Big thanks to Bill Becker** for successfully managing the roof project.

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Reminder in Nov. & Dec. 2018 we did the first phase of the CHAPEL roof project and installed a new rear CHAPEL roof over the sacristy and Ben's Room AND the installed a new rear flat section of the HALL roof over the priest's apartment. The price for the first phase of chapel roof work was \$39,000. This work paid from the Renovations account. Total paid costs of the CHAPEL roof project are \$97,500.

During period Mar. 2020 through Sept 2020, we replaced the timer and heat thermostats and cleaned the steam heating units in the CHAPEL. These repairs will allow for the chapel to have better heat for masses and other liturgies. Total cost of the chapel heat repairs is \$2,800. **Thanks to Bob Gajewski.**

**-Archdiocesan Annual Appeal [AAA] assessment for 2020 is \$25,138. For 2019 was \$25,242. For 2018 the AAA was \$27,102. For 2017 was \$22,830. For 2016 was \$18,265.**

**- Average monthly operating expenses for SJOG are \$21,000. Because of the Covid pandemic, parish monthly expenses are slightly lower now than in Jan. 2020.** The unrestricted funds in the checking and saving account will pay 3 ½ months of operating expenses.

**-Due to anticipated increase in COVID cleaning costs, parish expenses will go up when the parish is able to fully resume public masses and use of the hall.**

**Other Matters:**

-During the Covid pandemic, all of the counting of offertory and donations mailed to the parish and making deposits at BoA is done by only two persons. The parish needs more volunteers for collection counting.

**New Parish Bookkeeper** – In Feb.2020, Anthony Sarabia accepted the position as parish bookkeeper. Anthony replaces Ray Signer who had agreed to work as the bookkeeper on a temporary basis. **Thank you, Ray and welcome Anthony.**

**New Parish Secretary** – In March 2020, Tracy Thompson accepted the position as parish office secretary. However, due to the Covid pandemic Tracy could not complete training and start work until Sept. 2020. In July 2019, Janice Mortensen accepted the position as parish secretary on a temporary basis when Kay Cavagnaro resigned to move to New Orleans. Janice continued working as our parish secretary in the office during the Covid pandemic thru Sept. 2020. **Big thanks to Janice and welcome Tracy.**

**HALL ROOFING PROJECT - the HALL was built before 1930. There is lots of deferred maintenance. The HALL roof is asbestos shingles and has occasional small leaks.** Special expensive safety procedures required to replace asbestos roof. One estimate obtained is \$85,000 to replace hall roof. Fundraising will be necessary to replace the Hall roof.

**SJOG BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES – on June 30, for past four fiscal years**

<b>SJOG Bank Account Balances as of <u>June 30, 2020</u> as of <u>June 30, 2019</u> as of <u>June 30, 2018</u> as of <u>June 30, 2017:</u></b>				
SJOG <b>CHECKING</b> Account	\$ 63,226	\$ 58,839	\$ 56,627	\$ 54,921
SJOG <b>SAVINGS</b> Account	\$ 24,090	\$ 24,084	\$ 14,080	\$ 14,076
SJOG <b>CAR</b> Account (CAR use only)	\$ 2,717	\$ 55	\$ 256	\$ 262
SJOG <b>Renovation Donations</b> (restricted)	\$ 46,901	\$ 85,158	\$ 78,460	\$ 4,243
SJOG Diocese of <b>Bunda</b> (fundraising)	\$ 14,161	\$ 10,772	new account for Father Kabipi missionary work	

**THANK YOU for your generosity during the COVID pandemic. Many of you make offertory and other donations to SJOG electronically via Vanco.** You can go to the SJOG website at [www.sjog.net](http://www.sjog.net) and get parish news and find out about Vanco.

For SJOG to successfully continue as a parish, we need to increase the number of people who actively participate at SJOG. **Please invite friends to join SJOG.** We have Sunday mass with MASKS.

Please contact Dave Freitas, the Finance Committee Chairperson at (415) 661-2536, if you have any questions about the parish finances or this report. [Report date 11-23-2020]