

**December 13th, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent**

Reflection for the Week

MEASURING SUCCESS

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles that one has overcome while trying to succeed.

—Booker T. Washington

Today's Readings

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1- 2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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. 11th thru Dec. 17th, 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.	Martin Joseph O'Brien (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: Third Sunday of Advent
- Monday: St. John of the Cross
- Wednesday: *Las Posadas* begins

FEAST OF FAITH

The Shape of the Mass

In the renewal of the liturgy that followed the Second Vatican Council, the full, conscious, and active participation of the assembly was the primary consideration. By participation, the Council Fathers did not mean just joining in the singing and the spoken responses, but active engagement and prayerful understanding of the rites. They envisioned a transparent liturgy, a worship that spoke so directly to the hearts and minds of the faithful that it would require no explanation at all.

The liturgy itself is the best possible catechesis on the liturgy. What does the liturgy teach us? It shows us the ministry of Jesus continuing in the present. He gathers a community. He calls us to prayer and repentance and praise. He teaches us with the very word of God. He does not send us away empty, but sets before us a marvelous banquet, feeding us with his very body and blood. Then he sends us forth to do what he has done—to give ourselves for others, not just in words, but in deeds. The Mass is the pattern of our Christian lives.

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Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

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, 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.

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.

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 Saturday 4:15 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass has been suspended. 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:
Retirement Fund for Religious: Dec. 12 and 13th.

**What happened to the Annual St. John of God Raffle?
Read this to find out!**

Dear St. John of God Parishioners,

Do you miss attending Mass at our little jewel of a chapel at 5th and Irving? Do you wish you could be there praying and singing and celebrating the Eucharist in a familiar community of believers? I do, too. *And one thing I know for sure: when Covid is finally behind us and it is safe to return, I want to be there, and I want you to be there with me!*

This is the time when we should be promoting our Christmas raffle so that the parish ends the year in the black. But this year it's just not possible to hold a raffle. *If you want to find out what we're doing in lieu of the raffle and how you can help, go to the parish website at www.sjog.net to find out.*

Susan Fox, Member
St. John of God Fundraising Committee

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