

January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection for the Week

MORE

Care more than others think necessary
Trust more than others think wise
Serve more than others think practical

—St. Angela Merici

Today's Readings

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you” (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

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

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11;
Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19,
22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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, Rich Lang, Mike Marty, Patrick Lee, Teresa Hyatt, Estela Becerra, Shirley Dela Cuz, Lynette Castiglione. & **all our parishioners that are sick...and a special reminder to pray for those we know now living in care facilities.**

Mass Intentions

January 29 thru February 4th, 2021 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri.	(RIP+)	12:10 p.m.
Sat.	(RIP+)	4:15 p.m.
Sun. TERESITA LIZARES ANDAYA	(RIP+)	9:30 a. m.
Sun. JOHNETTA EDWARDS	(RIP+)	11:30 a. m.
Mon.	(RIP+)	12:10 p. m.
Tues.	(RIP+)	12:10 p. m.
Weds.	(RIP+)	12:10 p. m.
Thurs. IVAN SCOPE	(RIP+)	12:10 p. m.

*Give the gift of a Mass Intention.
Intention for Birthdays, Memorials, RIP,
Blessings, Marriage, and Get Well.*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Blessing of Candles; Groundhog Day
Wednesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats;
Friday: St. Agatha; First Friday
Saturday: St. Paul Miki and companions; First Saturday

FEAST OF FAITH

I Confess

One form of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass is the traditional *Confiteor*, or “I confess,” a prayer that was formerly prayed by the priest alone at the foot of the altar, but which is now prayed by the entire assembly. The *Confiteor* is at once personal—“I confess”—and communal, prayed aloud, together. We recognize that sin does not just separate us from God; sin comes between us and others, isolating us. We acknowledge that sin has many dimensions, individual and communal: sins of thought, sins of speech, sins of action, sins of omission. Sin is not something that happens to us; sin is something we do. In the *Confiteor*, we take responsibility for our own actions. The repeated insistence on our “fault,” with the ritual gesture of striking the breast, an ancient sign of penitence, is not meant to lower our self-esteem. Rather, it acknowledges our human instinct to transfer the blame whenever we can (“The devil made me do it!”). This prayer stops us short. We take responsibility for ourselves, our actions, our failure to act. Then we cry out to God in those ancient words, *Kyrie, eleison*—Lord, have mercy. For the sinner who repents, there is mercy. This truth is at the heart of our faith, and it is where the Mass, our feast of faith, begins.

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Earlier this year, the Pastoral Council of St. John of God published our goals for the year. Among those goals: the creation of an out reach ministry to use telephone calls to reach out to the sick and/or those who are experiencing a long term absence from the liturgy at St. John of God. As we enter a new year, we would like to put words into action. Please contact Pat Hoffman at astropah@aol.com, or other parish members: Cindy Conway, Lynette Castiglione, Gilda Weatherall, Chuck Withereil or any other member of the Pastoral Council. Your requests will remain confidential.. We are also looking for a name for this outreach group. Anyone who comes up with a clever name for the ministry will be awarded a \$50 Amazon Gift Card. The winning name will be judged by the Pastoral Council. All entries must be submitted to any member of the Council by January 17, 2021. Good Luck!!

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>

FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE

BISHOP AND MARTYR

St. John of God invites you to our ongoing tradition celebrating the Feast of Saint Blaise, the patron Saint of throat diseases and of wool combers and as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. (Any wool combers in the parish?). According to tradition, Blaise was of noble birth and after being educated in Christian Faith was made Bishop of Sebastia.

We will be blessing throats on January 30th (after the 4:15 p.m. Mass) and 31st after the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses and on February 3rd after the 12:10 p.m. Mass.

THE CATHOLIC DIRECTORY 2021 EDITION IS NOW IN THE OFFICE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY, PLEASE STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 A.M. AND 1:00 P.M. (M-F)

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 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 at 12:10 p.m. resume. 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 for February 7th is
Hospital Ministry



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January 21, 2021

St John of God Chapel
1290 Fifth Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94122

On behalf of CARECEN SF's Staff, Board of Directors and the community we serve, I am writing to extend our deepest appreciation to St John of God Chapel for your financial contribution of \$2,200.00 in the year 2020.

Your gift helped us serve more the more than 7,000 individuals who we serve annually and will advance our organizational mission.

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit immigrant communities in disproportionate numbers and we are fortunate to count on your support to be able to keep servicing the most vulnerable during these devastating times.

Again, thank you for your partnership, trust and investment in our efforts in 2020. Our nonprofit 501(c)3 Tax ID number for your tax purposes: 94-3036508

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lariza".

Lariza Dugan-Cuadra
Executive Director
CARECEN SF
Lariza@carecensf.org

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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