

February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection for the Week

BEGINNING AGAIN

If I were to begin life again, I would want it as it was. I would only open my eyes a little more.

—Jules Renard

Today's Readings

First Reading — Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalms — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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

February 5th thru February 11th, 2021 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri. BENJAMIN CALICA	(RIP+)	12:10 p.m.
Sat. JOSE PABLO MADRIGAL	(RIP+)	4:15 p.m.
Sun.	(RIP+)	9:30 a. m.
Sun. ANTHONY WIRTH	(RIP+)	11:30 a. m.
Mon.	(RIP+)	12:10 p. m.
Tues.	(RIP+)	12:10 p. m.
Weds.	(RIP+)	12:10 p. m.
Thurs.	(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: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Scout Sunday
Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking
Wednesday: St. Scholastica
Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick
Friday: Abraham Lincoln's Birthday; Lunar New Year 4719
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

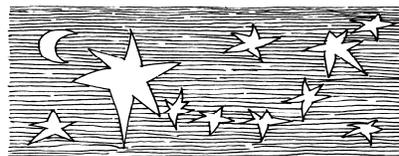
THE GOOD NEWS

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

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[The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls them by name. *Psalm 147:4*

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>

MONSIGNOR MAURICE "MICKEY"

MCCORMICK

It is with deep sadness that we are announcing the passing of our beloved Monsignor Maurice McCormick who passed away on Friday, January 29, 2021. He was a special part of our Parish Family. His funeral mass will be held (livestream) at 11:00 a.m. on February 19, 2021 from St. Cecilia's of the Inner Sunset . For more information, please call (415) 664-8481 and/or use the following link: <https://www.catholic-sf.org/news-maurice-mickey-mccormick>.

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
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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