

February 14, 2021
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection for the Week

**Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.**

— **1 Corinthians 10:31**

—Jules Renard

Today's Readings

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44- 46).

Psalms — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

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 12th thru February 18th, 2021 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri.	GAIL AND DICK BECKER	(RIP+)	12:10 p.m.
Sat.	LUCILLE AND BOB BECKER	(RIP+)	4:15 p.m.
Sun.	BEATRICE WIRTH-	BIRTHDAY	9:30 a.m.
Sun.	RAMON HIZON	(RIP+)	11:30 a.m.
Mon.		(RIP+)	12:10 p.m.
Tues.	REGINA CASHEN	(RIP+)	12:10 p.m.
Weds.		(RIP+)	12:10 p.m.
Thurs.	HELEN AND GENE CASHEN	(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: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day
Monday: Presidents' Day
Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving
Friday: Abstinence

JESUS' WAY

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.

Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.

Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.

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All for the glory of God

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2021

We have all had a year filled with different ways of living and praying. As we mark the beginning of Lent, we once again need to adapt our practices to preserve the health of all worshippers, while following the ancient traditions of the Church. Therefore, this year, instead of tracing a cross of ashes on the forehead, ashes will be distributed by the ancient custom of sprinkling over the crown of the head. This practice is used extensively in Europe and the Holy See has mandated it be used throughout the world this year. After the homily, the priest will bless the ashes as usual and recite the invocation over everyone. The ritual of Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at the 12:10 p.m. Mass.

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 Miles McCormick, Jr. Funeral Updated Details

Vigil: Thursday, February 18, 2021, Family and invited guests only (12 - person limit)

Time: 5:00 PM - to connect with livestream :
<https://www.stcecilia.com/78>

Presider: Fr. Rene R. Ramoso

Funeral Mass: Friday, February 19, 2021, *Family and invited guests only (12-person limit)*

Time: 11:00 AM - to connect with livestream:
<https://www.stcecilia.com/78>

Presider: Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone
Homilist: Monsignor Michael D. Harriman

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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 resume on Saturdays at 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

COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY

Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse.—George Washington