

**February 21, 2021  
First Sunday of Lent**

**Reflection for the Week**

**BEAUTY IN FORGIVENESS**

Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another.

—Jean P. F. Richter

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

**Psalms** — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

**Gospel** — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

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**Readings for the Week**

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;  
Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,  
15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

**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 19th thru February 25th, 2021 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri.	FLORENCE GAJEWSKI (100 YR-ANNI) (RIP+)	12:10 p.m.
Sat.	TOM and BERTHA CASHEN (RIP+)	4:15 p.m.
Sun.	HATTIE and ALOIS BECKER (RIP+)	9:30 a.m.
Sun.	MARTHA BECKER (RIP+)	11:30 a.m.
Mon.	(RIP+)	12:10p.m.
Tues.	HELEN AND FRANK MAGDLEN (RIP+)	12:10p.m.
Weds.	(RIP+)	12:10p.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**

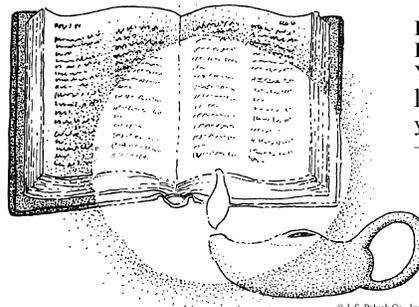
Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending  
Monday: Washington's Birthday; Julian Calendar Lent begins  
Tuesday: St. Polycarp  
Thursday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset  
Friday: Abstinence  
Saturday: St. Gregory of Narek

**REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL**

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism.

Peter's letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

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Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4

## LENTEN JOURNEY

We have begun our Lenten journey as we walk with Christ. Even though many of our community have been “housebound” because of the pandemic, please know that we are continuing our church liturgical environment this Lenten Season. Our environment will be part of our prayer as we journey and as we add weekly dimension in our path to the mysteries and hope of Holy Week. Please know that we are regularly cleaning and spraying all surfaces (pews, doors, knobs, tables and all other surfaces in the church) with antiseptic cleaners working to keep our church safe for all. Know that you remain in my prayers and Mass intentions. In the Peace of Christ.  
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>

### 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](mailto: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

### THE QUALITY OF CHANGE

To change and to change for the better are two different things-German Proverb