

March 7, 2021
Third Sunday of Lent

Reflection for the Week

I, the LORD, am your God
 You shall not have other gods besides
 me.

— *Exodus 20:2a, 3*

Today's Readings

First Reading — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalms — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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, 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

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

Fri.	REMI VILLANEUVA	THANKSGIVING	12:10 p.m.
Sat.	NANETTE RAMOS	(RIP+)	4:15 p.m.
Sun.		(RIP+)	9:30 a.m.
Sun.	PATRICK CASHEN	(RIP+)	11:30 a.m.
Mon.	ALLIE MAK	THANKSGIVING	12:10p.m.
Tues.		(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

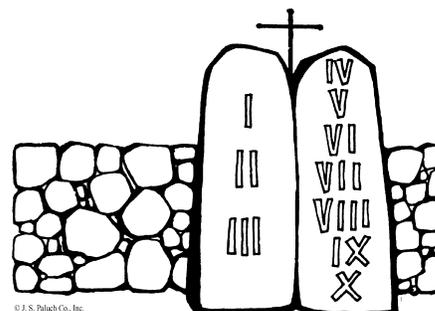
- Sunday:** Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
Monday: St. John of God
Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome
Friday: Abstinence

FEAST OF FAITH

Postures of the Mass

In the Mass, we pray not only with our lips, but with our bodies as well. We stand when the ministers enter. In Western culture, standing is a sign of attention, a mark of respect: all stand when the judge enters the courtroom, for example. Standing is also an ancient posture of prayer, mentioned frequently in the Old Testament. When the readings begin, we sit down: a listening posture. Mary sat at Jesus' feet to listen to his teaching; the crowds sat on the hillside or the seashore to hear his words. Kneeling is another posture that is full of meaning. It expresses adoration and worship, but it can also express humility and contrition. We bow: a sign of honor and reverence, acknowledging the presence of God, especially when we receive the Eucharist. And there are other ritual gestures as well—striking the breast, genuflecting, and of course making the sign of the cross. The liturgy invites us to pray with our whole person—with heart and mind, voice and body.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



REMINDERS

People more frequently require to be reminded than informed.

—Samuel Johnson

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>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Father Kabipi invites us to join him for the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening during Lent commencing at 7:00 p.m. Health and Safety guidelines will be followed during this timeframe. The Stations of the Cross will start at 7 p.m. and last approximately 20 minutes.

Hope to see you there!

The Feast of St. John of God, our Patron Saint, is on Monday, March 8th. We will be honoring him at our Saturday, Sunday, and Monday Masses (March 6-8th). Our Parish and our dedicated parishioners will renew our commitment to the ongoing Hospital Ministry!

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

Second Collection:

Hospital Ministry March 7, 2021

**TIME CHANGE ALERT
SPRING FORWARD NEXT WEEK!! MARCH 14!**