

April 11, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Sunday of the Divine Mercy

Reflection for the Week

A CHEERFUL GIVER

A cheerful giver does not count the cost of what he gives. His heart is set on pleasing and cheering the one to whom the gift is given.

—St. Julian

Today's Readings

First Reading — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
 Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9;
 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Please pray for our parishioners & extended family: Rest in Peace:

Judy Laxen, Dorle & Paul Gross, Josephine Small, Martha Araj Ayoub, David Desch, Ethel Friedrichs, Pat Hoffman, Charlie & Dodie Vaszko, Father Kirk, Bill Lum, Robert Lamcaco, Father Ken Westray of St. Vincent De Paul –SF, & Father P. Gerard O'Rourke

For Healing: Edith Bucoy, 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

April 9th thru April 15th, 2021 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri.		(RIP+)	12:10 p.m.
Sat.		(RIP+)	4:15 p.m.
Sun.	ROSE CUMMINS	(RIP+)	9:30 a.m.
Sun.	SIOFRA COLLINS	(RIP+)	11:30 a.m.
Mon.		(RIP+)	12:10p.m.
Tues.		(RIP+)	12:10p.m.
Weds.		(RIP+)	12:10 p.m.
Thurs.	CLAIRE WILSON	(RIP+)	12:10p.m.

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
 (or Sunday of Divine Mercy);
 Julian Calendar Easter
 Monday: Ramadan (Islamic observance) begins at sunset
 Tuesday: St. Martin I
 Thursday: Income Tax Day

DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

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Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
 — 1 John 5:5

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION

The program is held online every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. for Grades K-8. It will run until Sunday, May 23, 2021.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Sunday, April 25th at St. Annes of the Sunset: Children will attend the 10:00 a.m. mass in person, the First Reconciliation Service will be at 11:00 a.m. (in person). Parents and guardians are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the same time.

FIRST EUCHARIST PRACTICE

Sunday, May 2nd at St. John of God at 12:30 p.m. There will be a class at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom.

FIRST EUCHARIST LITURGY

Sunday, May 15 at St. John of God at 11:00 a.m.

Catholic Education in San Francisco

Opportunities for Enrichment & Academic Excellence at Saints Peter & Paul School

For more than 90 years Saints Peter and Paul School (SSPP) has fostered a thriving learning community in the heart of North Beach providing academic excellence, enrichment opportunities, and development of the whole child through spiritual guidance based on reason, service for others, and loving-kindness. Now might be the right time to explore options for Catholic education for your family.

Call us to learn more, schedule a virtual tour, or speak with our administration. 415-421-5219

Fast Facts:

SSPP has options for in-person classes (with distance learning available)

Preschool, Kindergarten, middle-school, junior-high placement available

Rolling admissions accepted through 2021 (for placement in classes for 2020-21 school or 2021-22 school year)

Small class size; individual attention

Enrichment programs such as language courses, art, coding, robotics, fine arts

COVID-19 mitigation plans approved by SF Department of Health When shelter-in-place was announced in March 2020, SSPP pivoted to a distance learning model within 48-hours, ensuring no disruption in academic excellence

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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.

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

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