

April 18, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reflection for the Week

NATURE'S LESSONS

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Today's Readings

First Reading — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).
Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).
Second Reading — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).
Gospel — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

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, Jane Sachez, 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 16th thru April 22th , 2021 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri.	(RIP+)	12:10 p.m.
Sat.	(RIP+)	4:15 p.m.
Sun.	BRIDGETTE BOYLE (RIP+)	9:30 a.m.
Sun.	MARY STAUNTON WOODHOUSE (RIP+)	11:30 a.m.
Mon.	(RIP+)	12:10p.m.
Tues.	(RIP+)	12:10p.m.
Weds.	(RIP+)	12:10 p.m.
Thurs.	(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: Third Sunday of Easter
 Wednesday: St. Anselm;
 Administrative Professionals Day
 Thursday: Earth Day
 Friday: St. George; St. Adalbert
 Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

FULFILLMENT

It is interesting that during the Easter season, when we do not hear a reading from the Old Testament, it becomes so important. This is particularly true today. Peter's speech begins with a prayer formula familiar to Jews: "The God of Abraham . . ." (Acts 3:13). It likewise contains the potent phrases "Holy and Righteous One" and "mouth of all the prophets" (3:14, 18). Peter was stating in no uncertain terms that the law, psalms, and prophets had been fulfilled in Christ. This is reinforced by Jesus himself in the Gospel passage, when he states that everything in the scriptures (to the early Christians "the scriptures" were what we call the Old Testament) had to be fulfilled. Above all, Jesus and Peter both emphasize that we are witnesses to all of this, and are sent forth to bear witness to it in the world. The Latin *Missa*, from which our word "Mass" comes, means "sent" (as in "mission"). As we leave Mass today, let us remember to be witnesses to all that has been fulfilled in the risen Christ.

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You alone, O LORD,
 bring security to my dwelling.
 — Psalm 4:9

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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

MARTYRDOM

It is not the suffering but the cause that makes the martyr.

—English proverb