

September 19, 2021
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR BEST

The more the world is at its worst, the more we
 need the Church at its best.
 —Anonymous

Today's Readings

First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalm — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

Judy Laxen, Dorle & Paul Gross, Josephine Small,
 Martha Araj Ayoub, David Desch,
 Pat Hoffman, Charlie & Dodie Vaszko, Father Kirk, Tina Reinke, Jane Schez, Former parishioner Lynn Gagan, Father Ken Westray of
 St. Vincent De Paul –SF, & Father P. Gerard O'Rourke

For Healing: Edith Bucoy, Tom Johnson, Maureen Francis, Joe Humphreys, Mike Marty, Patrick Lee, Teresa Hyatt, Estela Becerra, Lynette Castiglione, Murial Scala, Mary Chris Vallario, Mary Calica & **all our parishioners that are sick...and a special reminder to pray for those we know now living in care facilities.**

Mass Intentions

September 17, 2021– September 23th, 2021 (Fri. thru Thurs.)

Fri.	CAROL & CHRIS JORDAN	HEALING (RIP+)	12:10pm 4:15pm
Sat.			
Sun.	CAROL & CHRIS JORDAN	HEALING (RIP+)	9:30 am 11:30am
Sun.	GLINDSAY ALAS	(RIP+)	
Mon.	CAROL & CHRIS JORDAN	HEALING	12:10pm
Tues.	CAROL & CHRIS JORDAN	HEALING	12:10pm
Weds.	EILEEN FEE RAY	(RIP+)	12:10pm
Thurs.	CAROL & CHRIS JORDAN	HEALING	12:10pm

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
- Monday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset
- Tuesday: St. Matthew
- Wednesday: Autumn begins
- Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words "child" and "servant," thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. There must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be "handed over" to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status ("who is the greatest") becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.



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 The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.
 James 3:18

Coordinator of Religious Education

St. John of God is looking for Religious Educators who would be willing to lead classes from K thru 8th grade. This is a volunteer position. Classes would start October 3, 2021. If you love to work with the youth of our parish and willing to share your faith and knowledge, then this would be a great volunteer experience for you.

Please contact our office here at St. John of God (415)-566-5610 or email us at stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net. We look forward to hearing from you.

PRAYER FOR THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

Oh God, our Hope and Refuge, in our distress we come quickly to You. Shock and horror of that

tragic day have subsided, replaced now with an emptiness, a longing for an innocence lost.

We come remembering those who lost their lives in New York, Washington D.C. , and Pennsylvania. We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants who demonstrated the greatest love of all by laying down their lives for friends.

We commit their souls to Your eternal care and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity.

We come remembering and we come in hope, not in ourselves, but in You.

As foundations we once thought secure have been shaken, we are reminded of the illusion of security.

In commemorating this tragedy, we give You thanks for Your presence in our time of need and we seek to worship You in Spirit and in truth,

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS:

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Friday, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

At other times please leave a message on our message machine. **415-566-5610**

If you would like to schedule a Baptism, please contact our office during office hours or leave a message for us and we will return your call.

CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION JUBILEE ROSARY RALLY

Eleventh Annual Rosary Rally in our 50th Golden Jubilee Year - "50 Years of Faith & Gratitude" October 2, 2021 in the Holy Year of Saint Joseph
10:30 AM Parish Processions to the Cathedral Plaza for Confessions—11:00 AM Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet - 11:30 AM Fr. Christopher La Rocca, OCD Keynote Speaker - 12:30 PM Mass with the Archbishop, Renewal of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Investiture of Miraculous Medal
For more information:sfarch.org/events/rosary-rally
(415) 567-2020 ext 203 (Deacon Sandoval)

TOUR OF ST. ANNE SCHOOL

Let St. Anne of the Inner Sunset find the perfect school for you and your child. Please visit St. Anne's for a tour on the following dates:

September 15th and 30th	January 12 and 25th
October 12th and 28th	February 9th and 23rd
November 6 and 23rd	March 9th and 28th

St. Anne School is now accepting applications for the 2022 and 2023 school year!! Tours will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the scheduled dates at 1320 14th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94122

Kindergarten Information Night

Thursday, November 18 @ 7:00 P.M.

St. Anne School

Please call 415-664-7977 for more information

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