



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 2, 2014

Parish Calendar

Mon. Mar. 3: Liturgy Committee, K 6:30pm
 Wed. Mar. 5: **Ash Wednesday**, 12:10pm/7:30pm
 Fri. Mar. 7: Lenten Soup Supper, H 6:30pm
 Sat/Sun. March 8-9: St. John of God Weekend—All Masses, Communal Anointing of the Sick/Blessing of Caregivers
 Sun. Mar. 9: Youth Religious Educ..... 9:30am
 Mon. Mar. 10: Choir Rehearsal, C 7:30pm
 Fri. Mar. 14: Lenten Soup Supper, H ... 6:30pm
 Sun. Mar. 16: Youth Religious Educ. 9:30am

Readings for the Week

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Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Mass Intentions: February 28—Mar.6 (Fri.-Thurs.)

Fri.	Julia Howard, Living	12:10pm
Sat.	Eudisia Medina Wilson, RIP	4.15pm
Sun.	Richard Foley, RIP	9:30am
Sun.	Holy Souls in Purgatory	11:30am
Mon.	Benito Dokoza, Living	12:10pm
Tues.	Holy Souls in Purgatory	12:10pm
Wed.	Holy Souls in Purgatory	12:10pm
Thurs.	Katie Maloney, RIP	12:10pm

Please pray for the sick of the parish and our extended family:

Pat Hoffman, Fr. Tom Seagrave, Conor Gavney, Mary Purpura, Josephine Small, Dalia Becerra, Jerry O'Leary, Charlotte O'Callaghan, Maureen and Don Francis, Mary Dunn, Mike and Gabriel Marty, Patrick Lee, Jim and Nancy McDonald, Teresa Hyatt, Mary Donnelly, Baby Donovan Loreto de Guzman, and all our members who reside in assisted living and care facilities. This list and additional requests for prayer may be found on the "Circle of Prayer" link on our parish website at www.sjog.net. To include someone, please contact Judy Laxen at judithfl@aol.com; 415-203-6338.



Ash Wednesday St. John of God Church



St. John of God will have two services on Ash Wednesday. We will have the regular 12:10pm Mass with additional music and an evening liturgy at 7:30pm. Because of liturgical music, the 12:10pm Mass will be one hour in length. Ashes will be given out during Mass and immediately following the Mass.

Ash Wednesday at U.C.S.F. Medical Center

Ashes will also be distributed at U.C.S.F. Medical Center at the following times and locations: In Room 1486, Moffitt Hospital, 9:00 AM—11:00 AM And in Room S175, Medical Sciences, 3:00 PM—5:00 PM. Spiritual Care Services also will be available to impose ashes by request from 9AM—4:30PM. Please page 443-CARE(2273) and a chaplain will come to your clinical area or bedside.

Lenten Soup Suppers & Speakers The Theme this Year: *Opening the Door to "the Other"*

Fridays during Lent

March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 and 11

This year, we will again be offering Lenten Soup Suppers on Fridays along with special guest speakers. The meals will begin at 6:30pm and will be followed by speakers at 7:30pm. The program will end at 8:30pm.

Our first topic will be *The Interfaith and Ecumenical Dimensions of our Region: Modeling World Peace in our Local Governments*. Our guest speaker will be Paul Chaffee.

For a complete listing of our guest speakers, please pick up a flier in the rear of the church. The Pastoral Council will be coordinating the soup program. If you would like to donate soup, please contact Adrienne Plasse at plasseadrienne@gmail.com.

St. John of God Weekend Saturday & Sunday, March 8-9, 2014 All Masses

The memorial of our parish patron saint, St. John of God, will be celebrated at the Masses on the weekend of March 8-9. In honor of his ministry to the sick and poor, we will be offering **Sacramental Anointing of the Sick** and blessing for caregivers at all of the Masses.

If you plan to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please sit in a pew closest to the center aisle of the church so father can come to you.

Reception of this sacrament of healing will be explained during the liturgy. It should not be confused with the final anointing when a person is near death. Rather, it is a wonderful expression of healing.



**Catholic Relief Services
2nd Collection
March 8—9, 2014**

We are Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States.

Founded in **1943**, we are an organization of **5,000**, working in **91 countries** and reaching more than **100 million** of the world's poorest people each year with innovative solutions to tough problems like poverty, hunger, drought, disease and emergencies.

We work in close partnership with the Catholic Church around the world and local, national and international organizations that share our focus on finding ways to meet immediate needs while empowering communities for the long term.

Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.

—Matthew 25:40. s for the long term.

Please make your checks out to St. John of God. We will write one check to the Archdiocese of San Francisco.



**Free Blood Pressure Screening
Sundays after the 9:30 AM Mass
in the Hall**

Willa Grace, a former SJOG choir members and current nursing student at the University of San Francisco's School of Nursing, is offering free blood pressure screening in the hall after the 9:30 AM Mass on Sundays.

Willa will be graduating from the School of Nursing this spring. We are quite proud of all her hard work and her ability to overcome the many challenges she faced after emigrating from China.

Willa will also answer any questions you have.

High blood pressure is known as "the silent killer" because you may not know you have it. If diagnosed with high blood pressure, life-style changes, dietary adjustments and medication can keep it in check.

Please do not drink coffee or other caffeinated beverages before the test as this can affect it.

The life you save may be your own.



All Are Welcome

At St. John of God, we follow the example of our patron saint who opened his doors to all in need. We ask that all who come to seek God's grace honor the differences among us and that when we come together to worship as a community, especially in the prayers of the faithful, we all meet each other with compassion and respect.

GOD IS A LOVING PARENT



Some scripture passages require a good deal of study before they yield their inner meaning. Not so with today's Gospel, a continuation of the Sermon on the Mount. Here we have Jesus' well-known sayings about God's care for us. "No one can serve two masters" and "Look at the birds in the sky" have become idioms in our culture. Perhaps they have become too familiar. Jesus' point is a simple one—if we keep our hearts set on the important things, God will take care of the rest. His use of simple images from nature—birds, flowers, grass—would have resonated just as deeply with his listeners then as they do today.

The brief passage from Isaiah, situated as it is in a longer section on the restoration of Zion, uses a wonderful feminine image to portray God's care for us. Even more than a mother's care for her own child is God's attentiveness to our needs. Juxtaposed with the Gospel reading, an image of God as doting parent surfaces. No wonder St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians is more confident in the judgment of the Lord than in any human assessment! For those whose hearts are set on God's priorities, the time of judgment can bring nothing but good.



Mission Statement

We, the Church of St. John of God are a prophetic and inclusive Catholic Community where Jesus Christ is recognized and embraced as the Way, the Truth and the Light.

It is where Jesus Christ is made present by the power of the Spirit and the sacramentality of our lives. It is where we assist each other in growing in the grace of God and our understanding of ourselves and the world around us.

We are committed both in principle and action to world peace and social justice.

We are committed to live by the principles of charity, transparency, justice and inclusiveness that spring from the heart of the Gospel and to call and challenge the Universal Church to do the same.

We have a unique relationship with U.C.S.F. Medical Center/Benioff Children's Hospital.

We are committed to minister in the spirit of St. John of God, our patron saint, to the sick in the hospital and to their families, the staff, faculty and students of the university. **Mass is offered at the hospital on Sundays at 11:30 AM in Moffitt Room 1015, and broadcast on Channel 24.** Our priest-chaplains visit the sick, and volunteer Eucharistic Ministers bring communion to the patients and their families on most weekdays and weekends.

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