



*First Sunday of Lent/
St. John of God Weekend
March 9, 2014*

Parish Calendar

- 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
- Mon. Mar. 17: Pastoral Council, K 7:00pm
- Thurs. Mar. 20: Lenten Reconciliation Service, C
..... 7:30pm
- Fri. Mar. 21: Lenten Soup Supper, H ... 6:30pm
- Sun. Mar. 23: Youth Religious Educ..... 9:30am

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; [click here](#)
Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3,
7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Mass Intentions: March 7—13 (Fri.-Thurs.)

- Fri. Ann McNally, Birthday 12:10pm
- Sat. Ralph/Agnes Belluonini, L 4:15pm
- Sun. Mattie Budz, 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. Stella Chan, Healing 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.



**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.

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

Fridays during Lent

March 14, 21, 28, April 4 and 11

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

Our second topic will be *A Practicum in Interfaith Spiritual Practice* and the speaker will be Andrea Goodman.

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 (edwardcwalls@yahoo.com) 415-377-4547

**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.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, we know more about the beginnings of Lent than our ancestors did. We know that Lent is first of all about baptism, and secondly that it is about the desire of all the baptized to renew the power and potential of that sacrament at Easter. For centuries, this deep truth was largely obscured, but today documents have come to light to reshape the Church's thinking and practice.

One source, discovered in the 1880s, is the pilgrim diary of a Spanish nun, Egeria, writing her sisters a detailed travelogue of a fourth-century sojourn in Jerusalem during Holy Week. She describes in vivid detail her participation in liturgies that are close cousins of our own Holy Week prayer, from a festive procession with palms to a procession to the cross. Her greatest delight is in the huge number of elect: men, women, and children who experience a time of deep retreat and identification with Christ's cross, guided by the bishop and supported by their godparents' constant nurture. The discovery of Egeria's diary proved to be a moment of grace for the Church; after a long period of "ecclesial amnesia," we know at last that baptism is really the work of a whole community of faith, convened by God.

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Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be offered prior to the **Lenten Soup Suppers Friday at 6:00 PM** In the Church.
All are welcome.

**Create a clean heart in me, O God;
Renew in me a steadfast spirit.**



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.



**Lenten Reconciliation Service
Thursday, March 20, 2014
at 7:30pm
with Fr. Joe Klecha**

Lenten Reconciliation is such a special Sacrament. Here are a few questions to meditate upon prior to participating in it.

- ◆ Have I failed to love by failing to be honest and trustworthy?
- ◆ Do I have genuine love for my neighbors?
- ◆ Do I show respect for others by listening and accepting them as they are?
- ◆ Do I do my best to help victims of oppression, misfortune and poverty?
- ◆ Am I too busy to go to Mass?
- ◆ Do I promote justice, morality and harmony in my place of work?
- ◆ Am I estranged from others through quarrels, insults or anger?
- ◆ Have I failed to forgive?
- ◆ Have I been willing to ask forgiveness?
- ◆ Have I been will to offer forgiveness?

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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