



## Third Sunday of Lent/ St. John of God Weekend March 23, 2014

### Parish Calendar

Sun.	Mar. 23: Youth Religious Educ.....	9:30am
Mon.	Mar. 24: Choir Rehearsal, C.....	7:30pm
Fri.	Mar. 28 Stations of The Cross, C... Lenten Soup Supper, H ...	6:00pm 6:30pm
Sun.	Mar. 30 Youth Religious Educ...	9:30am

### Readings for the Week



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Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;  
Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;  
Lk 1:26-38  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;  
Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;  
Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;

#### Mass Intentions: March 14-20 (Fri.-Thurs.)

Fri.	Annie L. Collins, RIP	12:10pm
Sat.	Maureen Garcia, Healing	4.15pm
Sun.	Ada Eshabarr, RIP	9:30am
Sun.	Maggie McLaughlin, RIP	11:30am
Mon.	Cecilia Pescante Treyes. RIP	12:10pm
Tues.	Margaret Green, RIP	12:10pm
Wed.	Peter Gavney, Healing	12:10pm
Thurs.	Scott Kelly, 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](http://www.sjog.net). To include someone, please contact Judy Laxen at [judithfl@aol.com](mailto:judithfl@aol.com); 415-203-6338.



### THIRSTING FOR UNITY

In today's Gospel, Jesus is thirsty and goes to the well for a drink of water. He meets a Samaritan woman, who expects him to treat her like dirt. But surprise! He talks to her like a fellow human being, treats her with respect and interest. And what happens? Why, pretty soon the whole town turns out to hear him.

Centuries earlier, the Israelites, wandering in the desert, were thirsty. They had no water. All they had was an attitude problem. They growled at Moses, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?"

But surprise!

God gave them water from the rock. No questions asked.

All the peoples of Earth are travelers on this planet together, all thirsting, all harboring our own fearful expectations of each other. But God, as a loving parent, treats us all with generous care and compassion. We are one family. We could surprise each other. We could remember we are one.

### Lenten Soup Suppers & Speakers

The Theme this Year: *Opening the Door to "the Other"*

Fridays during Lent  
March 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 followed by speakers at 7:30pm. The program will end at 8:30pm.

Our fourth topic will be *The Principles of Dynamic Dialogue*. The speaker will be Tom Bonacci, C.P. The Advantage of a multiplicity of Religions: an Exploration of the modern religions and the common ethics.

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](mailto:edwardcwalls@yahoo.com) 415-377-4547



### TRADITION TREASURES

Especially during the Lent and Easter seasons, we are very conscious of the communal nature of baptism.

We stand witness to the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil in many parishes, and countless parishes celebrate festive baptisms for infants. The rule for celebrating baptism is that it be only once a day in any parish church, a sign of the Church's desire that baptism be the work of the gathered community. "Private baptism" is therefore a misnomer, since all baptisms, even emergency baptisms for infants in danger of death, are a public act of entrance in to the Body of Christ, the Church.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. Psalm 23:6

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

There are two very important committees looking for new members at St. John of God. **You can make a difference!**

Finance Committee: Please contact Dave Freitas (d.freitas@gte.net)  
Church Council: Please contact Adrienne Plasse (plasseadrienne@gmail.com)



### 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.

### Prayer for the Care of the Earth

God our Father and Creator, we give you thanks for the wonder of creation which inspires us, the fruit of the Earth which feeds us, the beauty of nature which grounds us, and the joy of life which gives us hope. Heal the places where your creation has been marred, and restore all creatures to the splendor of your glory, that all may delight once again in your goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Easter Offerings

During Lent and the Easter season, it is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent and financial contributions, but greater participation is always welcome. We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program. It takes just a few minutes to set up a recurring giving plan. Visit the parish website at [www.sjog.net](http://www.sjog.net) and click the "Donate Now" button at the top of the page. You can make a one-time donation or set up regular recurring contributions. You may also contact Joe Cline (415-563-8271 or [jwdc56@msn.com](mailto:jwdc56@msn.com)) to complete a paper authorization form for online donations if you prefer. Thank you very much.



### 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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