



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 30, 2014

Parish Calendar

Sun	Mar. 30	NO Youth Religious Education
Mon	Mar. 31	Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
Fri	Apr. 4	Stations of the Cross..... 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper (H)...6:30pm
Sun	Apr. 6	Youth Religious Ed.....9:30am



Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
 Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Mass Intentions: March 28-Apr 3 (Fri.-Thurs.)

Fri.	Special Intension	12:10pm
Sat.	Julie Howard (Healing)	4.15pm
Sun.	Francisco Cornejo (RIP)	9:30am
Sun.	Rita Capili (RIP)	11:30am
Mon.	Brian McEvoy (RIP)	12:10pm
Tues.	Sally Cassidy (Healing)	12:10pm
Wed.	Brian McEvoy (RIP)	12:10pm
Thurs.	Rita McEvoy (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.



ST. PAUL STREET EVANGELIZATION

Is seeking interested Catholics who would like to share their faith on the streets of San Francisco, sharing the beauty and richness of Catholic truth, in a loving, non-confrontational manner. We offer free rosaries, prayer cards, medals, CDs and leaflets, and invite people to consider the Catholic Church. We answer questions, pray for people and plant seeds so that the Holy Spirit can convert hearts. Visit their website for more information or you may also contact: Matt (local lead): evangelize_sf@yahoo.com.

NEW VISION

Jesus proclaimed that he came into the world to make the sightless see and the seeing blind. A difficult saying! But surely it must mean that Jesus intended to take our ordinary ways of looking at things and turn them inside out. Jesus came to change our perspective. When the prophet Samuel went out to select the new king, he chose a young man who had the look of royalty about him. But God told him not to judge by appearances. God told Samuel—and today tells us—to change our perspective and to look at things and people differently. We are like the Ephesians, whom Paul urged to live as children of the light. With the light of faith, we have a new way of looking at things, and we are called to bring that new vision to the world around us. This is a great vocation, a calling to wake people up to what's really important.

Lenten Soup Suppers & Speakers

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

Fridays Nights during Lent 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 fifth topic will be *The San Francisco Organizing Project* as the first discussion on InterFaith Action for the Common Good. Lorena Melgarejo, Lead Organizer will be our Guest Speaker.

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**



TRADITION TREASURES

If there is such a thing as a Catholic “trademark” it is the sign of the cross, first traced on the senses of

catechumens as they begin the journey to baptism, or on the forehead of an infant who is brought to the doors of the church at baptism.

As early as the third century, Christians were tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies. At first, the cross was traced on the forehead during times of prayer and daily occupations. We use a similar small cross today as we trace the cross over on the forehead, lips, and heart at the Gospel during Mass. Much later, the full-body sign traced from forehead to heart to shoulders took shape, perhaps copying the priest’s gesture of blessing with the consecrated host during Mass. Today, this superb baptismal gift is a sign of belonging to Christ and the community, a way of focusing our attention, of asking for God’s blessing, of tracing on our shoulders a willingness to find meaning in life’s burdens. In the sign of the cross, we have an ever-available means of expressing gratitude for our baptism.

NERT NEWS AND EVENTS

NERT is a community based training program dedicated to a neighbor-helping-neighbor approach. It is beneficial for individuals, neighborhood groups and community-based organizations in San Francisco. Through this program individuals will learn the basics of personal preparedness and prevention.

Please join SUPERVISOR TANG for a FREE workshop :

Personal Readiness for a resilient Community

April 16 6pm-8pm

Ortega Branch Library (3223 Ortega @39th Ave)

Call (415)970-2024 to register

“Keep this in mind: I didn’t say to do the ‘work’ of catechists, but to ‘be’ catechists, because this is something that embraces our whole life. It means leading people to encounter Christ by our worlds, our lives, by giving witness.” Pope Francis



All Are Welcome~Bring a Friend!

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.

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 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) to complete a paper authorization form for online donations if you prefer. Thank you very much.

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)



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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