



*Easter Time
April 27-May 3
Raise your Voices!*

Parish Calendar

Sun Ap 27 **Black and Indian Home Missions
Second Collection All Masses**
Mon Ap 28 NO CHOIR REHEARSAL
Sun May 4 YRE First Communion.....9:30AM
Mon May 6 Finance Committee (K).....7:00PM
Sat& Sun May 10/11 **Catholic Charities CYO
Second Collection All Masses**



Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36,
or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Mass Intentions: Ap 25—May 1` (Fri.-Thurs.)

Fri. Ed Espinueva (Healing) 12:10pm
Sat. Georgia Feldmeyer (RIP) 4.15pm
Sun. Bea Wirth Jimenez (Birthday) 9:30am
Sun. Petra Villareal (Birthday) 11:30am
Mon. Johnny Brennan (RIP) 12:10pm
Tues. Noreen Corry (Healing) 12:10pm
Wed. Rita, Judy and McEvoy Family 12:10pm
Thurs. Sally & Jerry Cassidy (Healing) 12:10pm

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

Fr. Tom Seagrave, Pat Hoffman, 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.

Mass to Celebrate Our Graduates

On Sunday, June 1, St. John of God will celebrate and bless all graduates from Nursery School to Doctorates.

If you, a family member or good friend will be a graduate and would like to be acknowledged, please leave a message (name of graduate and school) on 415-556-5610 (office) and be present at the Mass so we as a community can share in your success.

Easter Season 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 your prefer. Thank you very much.

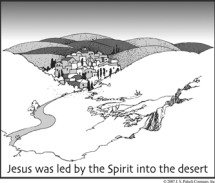
The Saint John of God Prayer

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 and inspire in my heart the humility and generosity of St. John so that I might be to them a revelation of Christ's love. Amen

Rev. Thomas L. Seagrave

It doesn't matter if the glass is half empty or half full ~ Christ, my hope, has risen!



TREASURE OF OUR TRADITION

One of the great Easter traditions is "mystagogy," an ancient word meaning "reflection on the mysteries." It is a style of catechesis, or passing on

the faith. People who have shared an experience, in this case those who have been baptized at Easter, are urged to recall their experience, reflect on its meaning, and apply their insights to their new way of life.

There is an aspect of an experience that is simply not available until you've had it. For example, you may think you know weddings inside out; you've been to dozens, seen hundreds in the movies or on television, but until you've said "I do" to another, there is a certain knowledge unavailable to you. Those who go down into the waters of baptism as adults have similar experiences; they have all taken baths before, but not like this one! Mystagogy helps such persons to uncover the deep meaning of the experience, their sense of a new beginning, of God's abundant love, of forgiveness, of community.

It takes time for the power of the Easter Vigil to work its wonders for us. Those who are newly baptized are called "neophytes," meaning "newly planted." The tender buds of spring need care and nurturing, and our new brothers and sisters need your prayer and your

Prayer and Meditation

We should not simply remain in our own secure world, that of the ninety-nine sheep who never strayed from the fold, but we should go out with Christ in search of the one lost sheep, however far it may have wandered.

~Pope Francis

Bring a Friend ~ 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 Universal Diversity when we come together to worship as a community. A special time is during the prayers of the faithful : We all meet each other with compassion and respect.

If you have a desire to join a community of wonderful friends who accept all, **PLEASE COME JOIN US!**

Mass and Potluck for Divorced or Separated Catholics at St. John of God on Saturday, May 17, at 5:30 PM

Many divorced and separated Catholics have felt excluded from the Sacraments and every other part of life in the Church. Nothing could be further from the truth! Jesus welcomes us ALL! For more than 40 years, Father Al Grosskopf, a Jesuit from St. Ignatius parish, has brought a message of hope and God's love to Catholics in the Bay Area who walk on this very challenging path.

Fr. Al will celebrate Mass at St. John of God especially for the divorced and separated immediately following our usual 4:15 Mass. Even if you're not a regular churchgoer, even if it's been years, come and receive God's loving care.

There'll be a potluck supper in Collins Hall right afterwards and Fr. Al will be joining us to answer questions for any who have them. If you can, please bring something to share, and if you can't do that, we want to see you anyway! Call Chuck or Gilda Witherell with questions or to RSVP to our meal, at 415-385-6225.

The Annual Interfaith Blood Drive is SUNDAY April 27 at 7PM

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone is please to encourage all of the Faithful of the Archdiocese of San Francisco to Attend! Cathedral of St. Mary 1111 Gough St, SF

For more information: Red Cross 800-733-2767



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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