

July 13-19
Trust in Jesus' mercy

Reflections for the Week
Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15;
Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16;
Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

Today's Readings

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

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



Mass Intentions:

July 11-18 (Fri-Thurs.)

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| Fri. | Lillian Vasquez (RIP) | 12:10pm |
| Sat. | Gratitude and Respect for Others | 4:15pm |
| Sun. | Intensions in our Hearts | 9:30am |
| Sun | Narcisco & Nenita Arias | 11:30am |
| Mon. | Kathleen Concannon (90th BD) | 12:10pm |
| Tues. | Mary Lou Erickson (RIP) | 12:10pm |
| Wed. | Lillian Vasquez (RIP) | 12:10pm |
| Thurs. | Anne Lafranchise (RIP) | 12:10pm |

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

According to a pious tradition the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock at Cambridge, England on Sunday, 16 July, 1251 In answer to his appeal for help, she appeared to him with a scapular in her hand and said:

“Take , beloved son this scapular of thy order as a badge of my confraternity and for thee and all Carmelites a special sign of grace; whoever dies in this garment, will not suffer everlasting fire. It is the sign of salvation, a safeguard in dangers, a pledge of peace and of the covenant.”.

MARY OUR MOTHER

What a joy to remember that Mary is our Mother!

Since she loves us and knows our weakness, what have we to fear?

—Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

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

Fr. Tom Seagrave, Judy and Charlie Liteky, Chuck Witherelle, Mary Purpura, Josephine Small, Dalia Becerra, Jerry O'Leary, 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 prayer requests may be found on the "Circle of Prayer" link on our Website www.sjog.net; it is also available through email. To request prayers for someone and/or receive the "Circle of Prayer" by email please contact Judy Laxen at judithfl@aol.com.

Small Steps of Love

How can we choose love when we have experienced so little of it? We choose love by taking small steps of love every time there is an opportunity. A smile, a handshake, a word of encouragement, a phone call, a card, an embrace, a kind greeting, a gesture of support, a moment of attention, a helping hand, a present, a financial contribution, a visit ... all these are little steps toward love.

Each step is like a candle burning in the night. It does not take the darkness away, but it guides us through the darkness. When we look back after many small steps of love, we will discover that we have made a long and beautiful journey.

Life in the Holy Spirit

I would like to focus on the fact that the Holy Spirit is the inexhaustible source of God's life in us. In all times and in all places man has yearned for a full and beautiful life, a just and good one, a life that is not threatened by death, but that can mature and grow to its fullest. Man is like a traveler who, crossing the deserts of life, has a thirst for living water, gushing and fresh, capable of quenching his deep desire for light, love, beauty and peace. We all feel this desire! And Jesus gives us this living water: it is the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and who Jesus pours into our hearts. Jesus tells us that "I came that they may have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). (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!**

Around the Community City and Bay

FR. ALAN WILSON, O.F.M. Cap.

Fr. Alan is having a birthday and we want to celebrate it with him! He's been so good to us ~ You are invited to a very special POTLUCK on THURSDAY, JULY 31 AT 6:PM in the parish hall. Contact Judy at judithfl@aol.com or Fr. Norman to help out!

Who is the Real St. Francis? Join The St. Dominic's community for a fascinating evening lecture entitled "Francis: the Man and the Myth". August 6th, 2014 at 7PM –in the Nave 2390 Bush St, San Francisco

Inner Sunset Farmers Market

Please stop by the parking lot between 8th and 9th Avenue (at Irving) after Mass! Fresh. Local and Organic!

Get Ready for NERT right here at SJOG!

Starting Thursday evening July 31 6:30-9:30 PM

Off the Grid: Presidio Food Truck Party | SF

Off the Grid hosts a full season of Picnic at the Presidio every Sunday through the fall (11 am to 4 pm) at the Main Parade Ground Lawn.

2014 San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival | San

Francisco City Hall Monthly Free Dance Festival: "Rotunda Dance Series: Friday July 18 The Rotunda Dance Series will honor the late South African leader Nelson Mandela, with a traditional African "home going" ceremony. Dancing, the singing of the South African national anthem and sacred Zulu rituals will be featured.

Wine and a Movie at The Mark | 2014

Complimentary wine tastings and free film night - Every Tuesday, June 3 – August 26, 2014 - Wine Tasting at 5:30 pm & Film at 7:30 pm - Top of the Mark Lounge, Intercontinental Mark Hopkins Hotel, Nob Hill, SF - FREE (first come, first served)

Save the Dates:

St. Patrick's Seminary and University, Menlo Park Four Pillars Gala Saturday, Sept 13, 2014

St. John Vianney Luncheon honoring the Retired Priest who served in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Friday, October 24, 2014