

*August 17--23*  
*All things work for good*  
*for those that love God!*

## *Reflections for the Week*

Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

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### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

**Psalm** — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

**Gospel** — Recognizing the Canaanite woman's great faith, Jesus told her, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).

### Readings of the Week

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab;

Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8;

Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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

Msgr. Labib Kobti, Fr. Tom Seagrave, Jerry O'Leary, Dalia Becerra, Maureen and Don Francis, Mary Dunn, Mike and Gabriel Marty, Patrick Lee, Judy and Charlie Liteky, Jim and Nancy McDonald, Chuck Witherelle, Mary Purpura, Josephine Small, Teresa Hyatt, Mary Donnelly, and all our community 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](http://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](mailto:judithfl@aol.com).

### Mass Intentions:

#### August 15—21 (Fri-Thurs.)

Fri.	Pam Naughton (Healing)	12:10pm
Sat.	Una Lyne (RIP)	4:15pm
Sun.	Candace Jaeger (Healing)	9:30am
Sun.	Missions around the World	11:30am
Mon.	Frederick Sennetti (RIP)	12:10pm
Tues.	Bernard Cousart, Sr. (Aniv. RIP)	12:10pm
Wed.	Mary Barrett (RIP)	12:10pm
Thurs	Esther Fidelino Tiusew, MD (RIP)	12:10pm

### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. John Eudes

Wednesday: St. Bernard

Thursday: St. Pius X

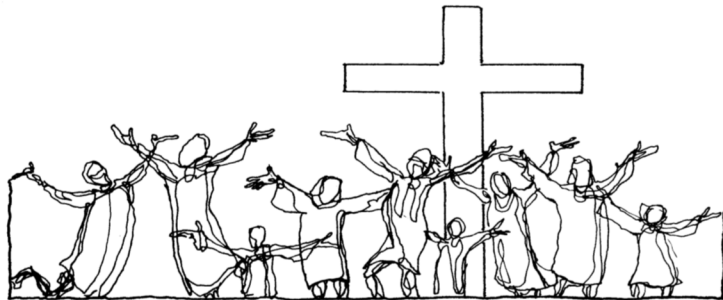
Friday: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Rose of Lima; Blessed Virgin Mary

### Gratitude

O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully grant us one thing more—a grateful heart.

—George Herbert



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### 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!**

## Planning meeting for SJOG YRE Program

We are meeting in Collins Hall on **August 17 after the 9:30 Mass** to plan the religious education program for the upcoming year. future teachers interested in this parent-participation program are encouraged to attend. Questions?

Please contact [judithmorrow@pacbell.net](mailto:judithmorrow@pacbell.net)

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## Mission Co-op Appeal ( All weekend masses )

Please welcome Fr. Richmond Milo , from the Diocese of Cabanatuan in the Philippines, who will be speaking during the mass offering an inside look at how your participation in the annual Missionary Cooperative Program has a resounding effect in the worldwide Church.

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT

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## Colores : Arts and Crafts-Language Lab

Beginning September 10 : 9am—11am  
**Right here at SJOG!** Colores is a multi-discipline art and Spanish language studio for children 2-10 yrs. All classes are taught in Spanish to allow children to improve upon a second language while doing something fun! For more info: contact: [marce@estudiocolores.com](mailto:marce@estudiocolores.com) and look at their website: [www.estudiocolores.com](http://www.estudiocolores.com)

### ***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 revelation of Christ's love. Amen*

*~ Rev. Thomas L. Seagrave*

## Around the Community City and Bay

### **The Gala Outdoor Event of the Year!**

Come Join the St. John of God and the Arab American Catholic Communities for the Annual Community Weekend **September 5,6,&7.** (weekend following Labor Day)

A 3-day weekend at the beautiful CYO Center in Sonoma County. Includes miles of hiking and biking trails, two swimming pools, modern dining hall and lodge, five quality prepared meals, music and ethnic dancing on Saturday night, outdoor Community Mass on Sunday . Children \$10, youth \$20 , adults 18-to- 99 \$110. Financial assistance is available for anyone who needs it. Call Werner Schmidt 415-823-5325 or email : [newtech13@yahoo.com](mailto:newtech13@yahoo.com)

### **PASTORIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Mon, Aug 18 ~ 7:00pm** in the Rectory Kitchen.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Tues, Aug 19 ~ 7:00pm** in the Rectory Kitchen.

The Finance Committee meets quarterly. If you're interested in joining the Committee, please contact Dave Freitas, 415-661-2536.

### **Senior Lunch Monday—Friday (doors open 9am)**

In Collin's Hall across from the church. Enjoy healthy eating and exercise. Call Larry to reserve a lunch for you a day in advance. 415-759-9507

### **Voices of the St. John of God Community**

Our Patron, St. John of God, is the Patron Saint of hospitals, hospital workers, the sick and dying. He is also the Patron Saint of Booksellers and Firefighters. Born John Ciudad, in a small town in Portugal in 1495. He grew to adulthood in Spain and spent much of his life as a shepherd, soldier, bookseller and laborer. Around the age of 40 , he settled in Grenada where he underwent a conversion experience so intense that he was for a time placed in a hospitals for the insane.

This gave him an experience of the kind of treatment then available for the afflicted. He decided to devote the remainder of his life to care for those in need.

He established a hospital in Grenada; his sincerity and hospitality to the poor and sick led the people of the community to begin calling him John of God.

Today, our community members are committed to minister in the spirit of St. John of God, to the sick in the hospital, their families, the hospital staff, and the students and faculty of UCSF Medical Center.