

September 28-October 4

Let justice descend, O heavens, like dew from above, like gentle rain let the skies drop it down. —Isaiah 45:8

Reflections for the Week
The 26th week in Ordinary Time

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Today's Readings

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalms — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75,

Better to be kind at home than to burn incense in a distant place. —Chinese proverb

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 Witherell, 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; 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.

Mass Intentions:

September 26-October 2 (Fri-Thurs.)

Fri.	Monica Duffy (Healing)	12:10pm
Sat.	Ministers and Staff at UC Med	4:15pm
Sun.	Patients at UC Med	9:30am
Sun.	Victims of the Tropical Storms	11:30am
Mon.	Benjamin & Ednita Galang (RIP)	12:10pm
Tues.	Seamus Carolan (for Healing)	12:10pm
Wed.	End of the Drought in California	12:10pm
Thurs.	Nurses and support at UC Med	12:10pm

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Tuesday: St. Jerome

Wednesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Thursday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Friday: First Friday; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset

Saturday: St. Francis of Assisi; First Saturday



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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!

"Hope Uncorked" Benefit

Please join Catholic Charities for a special event to be held at Yoshi's San Francisco on Saturday, November 1 at 6:30PM benefiting Catholic Charities Children and Youth Services. This event will feature tastings from dozens of California's premier wineries, Japanese cuisine, live jazz as well as a silent and live auction. Consider volunteering for the even or donating auction items. Hope Uncorked will directly benefit youth suffering from abuse, neglect, or emotional disorders who find safe havens in support programs and housing. For tickets, to volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Bridget Rudolph, Event Manager at 415-972-1273. Save the date of November 1!

Good News from the Adult Faith Formation Team ~ Scripture Discussion Group:

We'll discuss the Gospel of Mark starting **Oct 3 for eight Fridays, 6:30 - 8 p.m. in Ben's Room ("small hall")**, using the New Collegeville commentary. All sessions are separate (need not attend every week). Join us as we discuss the earliest of the four Gospels!

RCIA (Religious Christian Initiation of Adults):

We're resuming this program for adults seeking information about baptism, confirmation, Eucharist or membership in the Catholic Church. Meeting time to be decided on by participants. If you're interested, please contact Pat Hoffman (415-584-0218) or the parish office (Kay at 415-566-5610) with your contact info so we can include you in this process. This is a great way to meet new people!

Senior Lunch Monday—Friday (doors open at 9AM)

In Collins 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

Raphael House needs your volunteering help!

The longest-running family shelter in San Francisco, with a spacious and modern kitchen, to cook and serve the residents in a family style dining room. Interested? Contact Mark Reedy (408)345-7271

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

Blessing of the Animals

Good St. Francis, you loved all of God's creatures. To you they were your brothers and sisters. Help us to follow your example of treating every living thing with kindness.

St. Francis, Patron Saint of animals, watch over my pet and keep my companion safe and healthy. Amen.

As autumn arrives, a procession of animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, are led to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets. This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures.

In San Francisco please join others at St. Boniface Church 133 Golden Gate, San Francisco at 2PM for the official SF Blessing.



San Francisco Rosary Rally:

Join priests, seminarians, your fellow Catholics, Fr. Andrew Apostoli, and Archbishop Cordileone on Saturday, October 11 in witnessing to the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith at the Fourth Annual San Francisco Rosary Rally! The day will begin with a 9:00 AM Hispanic Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, followed by a procession to U.N. Plaza (on Market between 7th and 8th Streets). The rally begins in the Plaza at 12 noon. Priests will be on hand to offer the sacrament of confession during the rally, and the rally will be completed and crowned with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. For info visit www.rosaryrallysf.com

St. John of God is on Facebook !

Many of our community members and those looking for a new church are using the social networking application : Facebook. Log on and "LIKE" our page!

Images of virgen de los remedios and sto. Cristo del perdon

The most popular devotion is Pampanga's Crusade of Charity and Penance, which was entrusted under the patronage of Virgen de los Remedios and initiated by Bishop Cesar Maria Guerrero, who incidentally is from Manila. With the devastation of World War II, Pampanga became a center for communism and breeding ground of socialism. There was a huge gap between rich and poor, thus peasants and farmers were up in arms against their landowners. Thus in 1952, Bishop Guerrero set the image of Nuestra Senora de los Remedios to visit every church and chapel around the diocese that brought together the faithful in prayer with non-stop recitation of the rosary.

Fr. Norman's Archdiocesan Patroness from the Philippines, Virgen de los Remedios will be coming to St. John of God on **October 11, 2014**. Fr. Ray Reyes, the SF Archdiocese Vicar for Clergy (who served here at SJoG and is the ex-Pastor of St. Anne's of the Sunset) will be coming together with other Bay Area Filipino devotees to grace the occasion and attend the **4:15 Vigil Mass. There will be a potluck after the mass!**

If you would like to volunteer at this wonderful celebration contact Fr. Norman 415-566-8900.

The "Green" Mass for the Care of the Earth and our Environment
(Weekend masses, October 4-5, 2014, in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi – October 4)

Annemarie Donjacour, Ph.D. (Assistant Adjunct Professor, UCSF and Saint John of God parishioner) will speak briefly at all three masses. This is particularly timely as Pope Francis is reported to be putting the final touches on an encyclical about the environment that will deal heavily with climate change and how some people are reaping the benefits of the earth without regard for the well-being of others. Anne is actively involved with several climate justice organizations working to create energy and environmental solutions that will ensure a better future for all.