

November 2-8

If we have died with Christ, we believe we shall also live with him.
~Romans 6:8

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Reflections for the Week

The 31th week in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

The readings listed here are chosen from the broad selection available for this Sunday.

First Reading — The souls of the just are in the hands of God, and no torment shall touch them (Wisdom 3:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts (Romans 5:5-11) or Romans 6:3-9.

Gospel — This is the will of the Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes may have eternal life (John 6:37-40).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Light up your life!

As days get shorter, it's helpful to remember the importance of light. Light helps growth and vision. *In light* of certain information, you can make better decisions; *with a light heart*, you can rejoice in others' good news. "Live as children of light," Saint Paul wrote. That means being free enough to see and be seen by others, being humble enough to free others through forgiveness, and being aware enough to live with gratitude for all you've been given. In essence, it means living a life befitting eternal life—a life that's a light to the world.

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

Jim McLoughlin, Fr. Tom Seagrave, Jerry O'Leary, 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:

October 31-November 6 (Fri-Thurs.)

Fri.	Martin Howard (Living Blessing)	12:10pm
Sat	Busby & Langan Family (RIP)	4:15pm
Sun.	Patrick Cunnie (3rd Annv RIP)	9:30am
Sun	Charlie Ferrara (RIP)	11:30am
Mon.	Pellanda/Bosso Families (Living)	12:10pm
Tues.	Kellie Eagleton Buono (RIP)	12:10pm
Wed.	Martin Howard (Living Blessing)	12:10pm
Thurs	Leslie Riley Stenzel (RIP)	12:10pm

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **The Commemoration of**

All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day);

National Vocation Awareness Week

Daylight Saving Time ends;

Monday: Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time;
St. Martin de Porres

Tuesday: St. Charles Borromeo; Election Day

Friday: First Friday

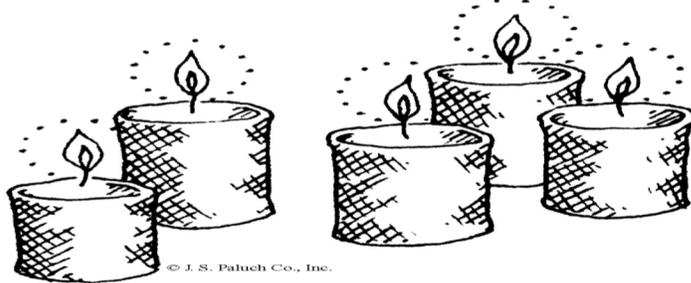
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

National Vocation Awareness Week: November 2-9

"This is the prayer for vocations: 'Lord, send us nuns and send us priests, defend them from idolatry, the idolatry of vanity, idolatry of pride, the idolatry of power, the idolatry of money.' This prayer of ours is to prepare these hearts so that they are able to follow Jesus closely. Every vocation always requires an exodus from oneself in order to center one's life on Christ and on his Gospel."

-Pope Francis

ALL SOULS



**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!

PHILIPPINES PRELATE TO CELEBRATE MASS

Our Lady, the Virgen de los Remedios is leaving St. John of God ~ come by and visit with her before November 8!

Retired Archbishop Paciano B. Aniceto, Pampanga, Philippines, is principal celebrant of a Mass commemorating Our Lady, the Virgen de los Remedios, **Nov. 9 at St. Anne of the Sunset Church, 850 Judah St., San Francisco, at 1 p.m.**

Father Raymund Reyes, vicar for clergy, Archdiocese of San Francisco, and Father Norman Vitug, administrator, St. John of God Parish, San Francisco, are from Pampanga.

"I truly hope we'll get a big crowd for the event," Father Reyes told Catholic San Francisco, noting it is the third year the devotion will be commemorated.

"We do have a large number of our folks from Pampanga, my hometown province living in the archdiocese. Archbishop Aniceto is archbishop emeritus of my hometown archdiocese. He retired a couple months ago after shepherding the faithful in our archdiocese for 27 years."

"Since the earliest days of the church, Mary has always occupied a special place in the hearts and homes of Christians," according to the Facebook page of the Virgen de los Remedios Northern California apostolate. "The many authenticated Marian apparitions through the ages and throughout the world have further bolstered the tradition of Mary being the mother who would gather her children together to bring them closer to her son, Jesus Christ. In the Philippines, almost all of the major regions have a special title and devotion to Mama Mary. The Kapampangans have found refuge, comfort and consolation in the Virgen de los Remedios. During times of trouble and difficulties, we would usually seek comfort and solace in the home, at the bosom of our mother."

www.facebook.com/VirgenDeLosRemediosInNorCal.

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 SF Bay

Signup for Retrouvaille!

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the November program beginning with a weekend on Nov 7-9, call 415-893-1005 or email: SF@RetroCA.com

Benjamin Britten Opera Scenes

Free admission! November 6th and 8th at 7:30 PM
The San Francisco Conservatory of Music,
Caroline H. Hume Concert Hall Located at 50 Oak Street, SF

Good News from the Adult Faith Formation Team ~

Scripture Discussion Group:

Session #5: Continue with the Gospel of Mark **Friday, 6:30 - 8 p.m. in Ben's Room (390 Irving Street)**, 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!

Interested in the Hospital Eucharist Ministry?

There will be an information meeting in the Rectory Front Room with Pat O'Connor on November 1 at 2PM. A 'Buddy -System' is used so if you have a friend or family member to do this meaningful ministry together with remember: All are Welcome! If you have any questions call the office: 415-566-5610 or email Pat: kpatoconnor@att.net

Save these dates!

November 22 : Mass and Dinner 4:15pm
Fr. Normans Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.
RSVP (415) 566-5610

December 6 : Mass and Christmas Pot Luck 4:15pm
Join us for our Annual Christmas Celebration! For more information contact: Judy Laxen, judithfl@aol.com

For those of Mexican heritage, November 2 means celebration of *el Día de Los Muertos*, or "the Day of the Dead." One of the most important days of the year for many, they join All Saints and All Souls together, visiting the graves of babies and children on All Saints, since they are *santitos* (little saints) or *angelitos* (little angels). Flowers, their favorite toys, favorite music, and so on, are taken to them. The following day, people spend time—some of them all day—at the cemetery with their loved ones who have died. From the ancient customs of the Indians the families pray, talk with them, and take them their favorite food. It is a most solemn but joyful day. It is a day to celebrate Christ's victory over death: "Death, where is your sting?" There is a mocking of death as people make skeletons, candy that represents death, and *Pan de los Muertos* (bread of the dead) and consume them in a kind of role reversal. One of the customs is to build an altarcito (little altar) where one places mementos and pictures of those who have died. There are also favorite foods, candles, statues or pictures of favorite saints, books, and Bibles.