

November 9-15

No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross.

No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ. — St. Leo the Great

Reflections for the Week

The 32nd week in Ordinary Time

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Today's Readings

First Reading — I saw water flowing out of the temple; where ever the river flows, every living creature shall live (Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12).

Psalm — The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High (Psalm 46).

Second Reading — Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17).

Gospel — Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-22).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Monday: Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time; St. Leo the Great

Tuesday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day

Wednesday: St. Josaphat

Thursday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Saturday: St. Albert the Great; Blessed Virgin Mary

Please pray for healing of our parishioners and 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: November 7-13 (Fri-Thurs.)

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| Fri. | Seamus Carolan (Good Health) | 12:10pm |
| Sat | Manuela de los Santos (RIP) | 4:15pm |
| Sun. | Gene Marty (Life's Blessing RIP) | 9:30am |
| Sun | Wade Bolotte (Healing) | 11:30am |
| Mon. | Frances Reynolds (RIP) | 12:10pm |
| Tues. | Vivienne Rull (Living!) | 12:10pm |
| Wed. | Mary Donnelly (Living Grace) | 12:10pm |
| Thurs. | Josephine Whelan (RIP) | 12:10pm |

For several weeks, we have considered penance as a sacrament of forgiveness, and yet there are two other sacraments in this category. The first, of course, is the Eucharist itself. The other is the sacrament of the sick, long associated with penance.

The Letter of James sets out the deep tradition for caring for the sick: sending for the priests, who will pray and lay their hands on the sick ones, anointing them with oil, and giving them forgiveness. Long before other rites of penance developed, the sacrament of the sick was therefore a profound experience of forgiveness. Jesus often healed the sick, nearly always as a visible sign of forgiveness of sin.

Are you interested in the Hospital Ministry? Here at St. John of God a group of volunteer Eucharistic Ministers bring communion to patients and their families most weekdays and weekends. This is a very rewarding ministry and there is training available for you and your friends who would like to experience it. Contact Pat O'Connor by email: kpatocconnor@att.net



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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!

PHILIPPINES PRELATE TO CELEBRATE MASS

Our Lady, the Virgen de los Remedios has left St. John of God and is now on view at St. Anne's of the Sunset.

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

SAVE THESE IMPORTANT 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

FROM THE SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

The Lantern, a center for English language, computer and citizenship classes for immigrants, welcomes volunteers. Sr. Maire Sullivan, PBVM, who recently shared a reflection on the Sanctuary movement, would be glad to talk with you about the possibilities. She can be reached at the center, (415) 401-7379. The center is located at 3106 Folsom Street @ Cesar Chavez, San Francisco, CA 94110.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 7:00pm in the rectory kitchen. The Finance Committee meets quarterly. If interested in joining the Committee, please contact Dave Freitas, 415-661-2536.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – CAN YOU HELP?

Don't let the lovely weather fool you – summer is long gone and it's that time of year again – time for the St. John of God Raffle! We will begin ticket sales soon and the drawing will be held **December 21** – just in time for Christmas. The parish counts on the income from this annual fundraiser to end the year in the black. **Can we count on you to lead the way to another successful year?** Your early contribution will help underwrite the cash prizes and other expenses for the raffle. All underwriters will be acknowledged, **unless you let us know you want your contribution to be anonymous.** Any contributions in excess of the amount needed for underwriting will be allocated to general operations at St. John of God. Please send your check (payable to St. John of God Church and marked "for raffle underwriting") to Susan Fox, 684 4th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94118 or drop it in the collection basket at church. **If you prefer, you may make your underwriting gift online at www.sjog.net** Just click on "Donate Now" and choose "raffle underwriting."

Good News from the Adult Faith Formation Team ~

Scripture Discussion Group:

Session #6: Ending with the Gospel of Mark **Friday, 6:30 - 8 p.m. in Ben's Room (390 Irving Street)**, using the New Colledgeville 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). This is a great way to meet new people!

We are looking for bone marrow or peripheral blood stem cell donors for Estevan Gonzales, a parishioner at St. Ignatius Church with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, and for others in need of a transplant. The drive dates are November 9 and 11 at University of San Francisco Campus. For more information please call Maria at USF 415-564-5822.