

March 8-14 2015  
Third Sunday of Lent

*Reflections for the Week*

*I, the LORD, am your God. . .  
You shall not have other gods besides me.  
— Exodus 20:2a, 3*

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**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or Exodus 17:3-7.

**Psalm** — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or Psalm 95.

**Second Reading** — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

**Gospel** — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

**Readings this Week**

- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

**Please pray for the healing of  
Our parishioners and extended family:**

Maureen and Don Francis, Joey Ayoub (Martha's son), Msgr. Labib Kabti, Sasha Panasik, Fr. Tom Seagrave, Jerry O'Leary, Mary Dunn, Mike and Gabriel Marty, Patrick Lee, Charlie Liteky, Jim and Nancy McDonald, Josephine Small, 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).

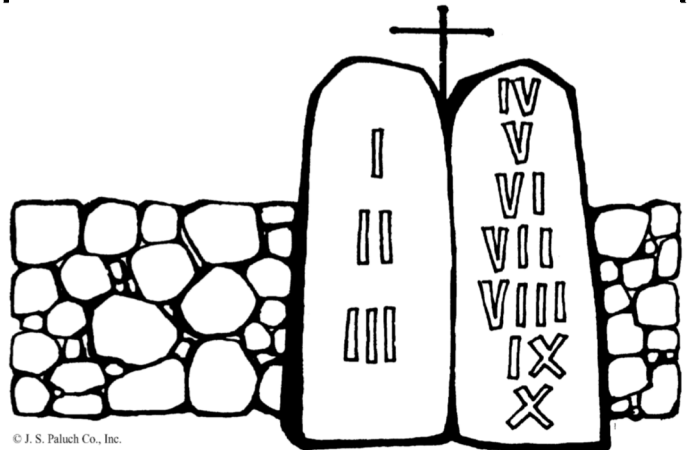
**Mass Intentions:  
March 6-12, 2015 (Fri-Thurs.)**

Fri.	Aron Patrick Valentine (Healing)	12:10pm
Sat .	Barbara Bolotte (Rest in Peace)	4:15pm
Sun.	Christa Langer (Rest in Peace)	9:30am
Sun.		11:30am
Mon.	Mike Durkin (Rest in Peace)	12:10pm
Tues.	Ann Tracey (Blessing)	12:10pm
Weds.	Susan&Rose McSkane (Blessing)	12:10pm
Thurs.	Sally&Gerry Cassidy( Healing)	12:10pm

*Give the gift of a Mass Intention ~Life Blessings, RIP, Anniversary, Happy Birthday! Contact the office.*

**Saints and Special Observances**

- Sunday: **St. John of God Feast Day**  
Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny;  
Daylight Saving Time begins;  
Girl Scout Sunday
- Monday: St. Frances of Rome
- Friday: Abstinence



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**Sunday Morning Hospitality:**

After 9:30 and 11:30 mass  
approx. 10:30 in Collins Hall  
approx. 12:15 in Ben's Room  
coffee, refreshments and friendship  
All are welcome!  
Bring a Friend ~

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. **PLEASE COME JOIN US!**

## Around the Community, City and the Bay

### SAINT JOHN OF GOD, THE MAN

St. John was born in Portugal on March 8, 1495. His parents were poor, but deeply Christian. John was a restless boy. For a while he was a shepherd, then a soldier, then a storekeeper. During his adult years he was not religious. He and his friends had lost any awareness of God. By the time John was forty, he began to feel empty. He was sad about the life he was wasting away. In church he heard a homily by the holy missionary, John of Avila. The impact of his life hit John of God. He began to weep right out loud. During the days ahead, St. John of Avila helped John begin his life again with hope and courage. John of God began to live differently. He put prayer and penance into his daily life. It is believed that a bishop gave John his name because he changed his selfish life completely and truly became "of God." Gradually, John of God realized how much poverty and suffering filled the lives of people. He began to spend his time nursing the sick in the hospitals and asylums. Then he realized sadly that many people were too poor to have hospital care. Who would take care of them? He decided that, for the love of God, he would.

When he was forty-five, John obtained a house for the care of the sick poor. The house became a small hospital where every person in need was welcomed. Those who came to help John gradually formed a religious order for the care of the poor. They are called Brothers of St. John of God.

Some people must have wondered if John was as holy as he seemed. Once, a marquis disguised himself as a beggar. He knocked on John's door, asking for alms. John cheerfully gave him everything he had, which amounted to a few dollars. The marquis did not reveal his identity at the time but went away very impressed. The next day a messenger arrived at John's door with a letter of explanation and his money returned. In addition, the marquis sent 150 gold crowns. He also had fresh bread, meat and eggs delivered every morning to the hospital enough for all the patients and staff.

After ten years of hard work in his hospital, St. John became sick himself. He died on his birthday in 1550. John of God was proclaimed a saint by Blessed Pope Innocent XI in 1690.

**Reflection:** *"If we look forward to receiving God's mercy, we can never fail to do good so long as we have the strength. For if we share with the poor, out of love for God, whatever he has given to us, we shall receive, according to his promise, a hundredfold in eternal happiness." -St. John of God*

**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

Continuing our **2015 Lenten Speaker Series** on Pope Francis' vision of the church as documented in his apostolic exhortation, "**The Joy of the Gospel!**"  
6:30 to 8:00 PM Our session this Friday March 13th will focus on how Francis' model of church speak to the issue of the role of women, urging that the legitimate rights of women be respected and how might SJOG begin to pave the way for the rest of our diocese to allow women more prominent roles in church governance and policies. Julia Dowd, former executive head of the Ralph and Joan Lane Center for Social Concerns at USF and current head of USF Campus Ministries, will talk on this topic. We will meet in Collins Hall from 6:30 to 8:00.

**Reconciliation Service, Thurs, March 12, 7:30**  
**Palm Sunday March 29** Fresh Palms!  
**Holy Thursday April 2** service at 7:30pm  
**Blessing of the Feet and The Last Supper.**  
**Good Friday April 3** 12:10 and 7:30pm  
**Holy Saturday April 4** Easter Vigil 8:30PM  
**Easter Sunday April 5** 9:30 and 11:30am

**A new tradition at St John of God:  
Blessing of the Feet and The Last Supper  
Soup and bread will be served to the  
community after the service to continue  
on with this tradition.**

**Please join in and bring a soup!**  
**Contact Judy to let her know what type of  
soup you will be bringing so she can  
accommodate space and signage.**  
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### 2015 Chinese New Year Parade

Saturday, March 7, 2015 | 5:15-8 pm  
Chinatown, San Francisco

**Pirates of the Caribbean Ship Tours**, Period Costumes & Stories: Final Day Mar 11 | SF pier 40 FREE

### LENT / EASTER AT ST. JOHN OF GOD

**Lenten speaker Series (Friday nights in Lent)**  
( March 6, March 13, March 20, 27)  
**6:30PM:** Lenten Series on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel" .

**Celebration! Feast of Saint of John of God**  
at all three masses, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, and a blessing of all caregivers (doctors, nurses, and other health professionals, as well as those caring for the sick at home). Saturday and Sunday, **March 7-8**