

March 22-29, 2015
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reflections for the Week

*I risk being wrong if I trust too much.
But I risk living in torment if I don't trust enough.*
—Anonymous

Today's Readings

First Reading — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or Psalm 130.

Second Reading — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

Readings this Week

- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

**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; 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:
March 20-26 , 2015 (Fri-Thurs.)**

- Fri. Martin Joseph O'Brien (RIP) 12:10pm
 - Sat. Annie L. Collins (RIP 2nd Anny) 4:15pm
 - Sun. Tom Hannon (Living Blessing) 9:30am
 - Sun. Michael Durkin (RIP) 11:30am
 - Mon. Philomena Coyle (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm
 - Tues. Hellen Wall (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm
 - Weds. Margaret Gaffney (Life's Blessing) 12:10pm
 - Thurs. Eileen Shields (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm
- Give the gift of a Mass Intention ~Life Blessings, RIP, Anniversary, Happy Birthday! Contact the office.*

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
- Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
- Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
- Friday: *Abstinence*

"Dear brothers and sisters, Christ died and rose once and for all, and for everyone, but the power of the Resurrection, this Passover from slavery to evil to freedom of goodness, must be accomplished in every age, in our concrete existence, in our every day lives."

Pope Francis Easter 2013

Sunday Morning Hospitality:

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

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!**

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Around the Community, City and the Bay

UCMED Hospital Eucharistic Ministers

You will soon be receiving a letter from UCSF Medical Center regarding a Training Meeting for the E.M. Volunteers; who will need to attend in order to continue volunteering (or begin volunteering) at the UCMED hospitals . Please save this date!

MARCH3010:00 am till 1 pm.

The training meeting will be held at SJOG Rectory at 1290 Fifth Ave.

Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering for this meaningful ministry or have any questions call or email Pat O'Connor.



Come join in decorating for Palm Sunday Saturday March 28 10am in the Chapel folding palm fronds into small crosses for distribution, decorating the altar with palms, flowers and preparing the environment. It's always so special to the community! We will be decorating for Easter on Saturday, April, 4, from 10 am in the Chapel. Contact Bill Becker

From the Sanctuary Committee

In response to President Obama's recent executive order on immigration, the archdiocese is looking for volunteers to help eligible immigrants apply for relief from deportation and obtain work permits. A volunteer training event will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 9 am to 1:30 pm in San Francisco. Members of the Filipino and Latino communities are especially encouraged to attend. The specific location has not yet been confirmed so please keep checking the bulletin for updates. plasseadrienne@gmail.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

Lent and Easter at St. John of God

Continuing our **2015 Lenten Speaker Series** on Pope Francis' vision of the church as documented in his apostolic exhortation

"The Joy of the Gospel"!

Our 2015 Lenten Speaker Series concludes this Friday, March 27, Collins Hall, 6:30 to 8:00 PM, with Kristi Laughlin doing a presentation on Pope Francis' understanding of a moral economy, in particular the gap between the rich and poor throughout the world, an essential component of his vision for the church. Kristi is Director of FAME, Faith Alliance for a Moral Economy, which operates out of Working East Bay, a social justice umbrella organization. She is passionate about connecting the gifts of the faith communities to the economic justice movement. She has been involved in community organizing and advocacy for over fifteen years, as well as engaging deeply in immigrant rights work since her days with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Kristi is a lay associate of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She lives in an Oakland co-housing community with her husband and son. It will be an exciting and fitting finale to our series on Pope Francis.

Palm Sunday March 29 Fresh Palms!

Holy Thursday April 2 Washing of the Feet and The Last Supper. Soup at 5:30, Liturgy at 7:30pm

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

APRIL 2, 2015 Holy Thursday Join Us for a New Tradition at St John of God:

Washing of the Feet and The Last Supper Soup, Bread and Dessert Potluck will be served to the community before the liturgy 5:30 PM—7:30PM. Liturgy to follow. Please join in and bring one of these items, especially soup! LENT will have ended, so soups can contain meat.

**Contact Judy to let her know what type of soup you will be bringing so she can accommodate space and signage.
judithfl@aol.com**

Collection on Holy Thursday is for The Palestine People

**Please be as generous as you have been
in the past.**

Thank you, Martha Ayoub