April 5—11, 2015
Easter Sunday

Reflections for the Week
We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song!
—St. Augustine

Today’s Readings
First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).
Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).
(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or
(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).
Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Mark 16:1-7 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

Readings this Week
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

Mass Intentions:
April 3-9, 2015 (Fri-Thurs.)
Fri. Christians in the Holy Land 12:10pm
Sat. Fung Woo Wah Pik (Rest in Peace) 8:30pm
Sun. Annie L. Collins (BD/RIP) 11:30am
Mon. Brendan Shields (Life’s Blessing ) 12:10pm
Tues. Ramon Flores (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm
Weds. Lea Scheck (Life’s Blessing) 12:10pm
Thurs. Mary Donnelly (Living) 7:30pm

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

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.

Saints and Special Observances
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday: Weds within the Octave of Easter
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday in the Octave of Easter; Julian Calendar Good Friday

A Church which “goes forth” is a Church whose doors are open. Going out to others in order to reach the fringes of humanity does not mean rushing out aimlessly into the world. Often it is better simply to slow down, to put aside our eagerness in order to see and listen to others, to stop rushing from one thing to another and to remain with someone who has faltered along the way..... ~Pope Francis

Sunday Morning Hospitality:
After 9:30 and 11:30 mass approx. 10:30 in Collins Hall
approx. 12:30 in Ben’s Room
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!
SEEKING

Easter Sunday is a day all about seeking. The early Christian communities gathered around the Apostles, seeking more about the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus. Saint Paul told the baptized Colossians to “seek what is above.” Mary of Magdala went to the tomb, seeking to find the Lord’s body so that she could anoint it. We come to church on Easter Sunday seeking many things. For some of us, this is a once a year journey, when we seek connection with the foundations of the Christian faith. For others, this day is the culmination of a long journey of Lenten repentance. For the newly baptized, this is the first day of a new life filled with promise and expectation. Whatever it is that we seek, let us be inspired by the disciple whom Jesus loved who, when he saw the wrappings of cloth inside the empty tomb, “saw and believed.”

From the Sanctuary Committee

The Sanctuary Committee invites you to be part of a group from St. John of God volunteering to help eligible immigrants apply for U.S. Citizenship. A Citizenship workshop, that includes volunteer training, will be held on Saturday, April 18. Volunteers are needed from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM. The training takes place at 1 South Van Ness (at Market Street), Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor. Volunteers are asked to sign up by contacting Adrienne: plasseeadrienne@gmail.com

Upcoming Television Series: A.D. THE BIBLE CONTINUES, which Catholic bishops and priests are strongly supporting. Appropriately, the series premieres on Easter Sunday night on NBC.

Holy Saturday April 4  Easter Vigil 8:30PM
Easter Sunday April 5  9:30 and 11:30am

Community Calendar

March 30 (Monday) 10 am—1pm
Eucharistic Ministers In-service Training.
Lunch will be served.
March 30 (Monday) 7 –10pm Choir Practice

SECOND COLLECTION FOR HOSPITAL MINISTRY WILL BE ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF APRIL (4/12/150)

April 20 (Monday) Parish Council Meeting
ALL ARE WELCOME!
The St. John of God Sanctuary Committee invites you to volunteer to help immigrants become U.S. citizens!

SF Citizenship Workshop
Saturday, April 18
8:00 AM – 12:30 PM

1 South Van Ness (at Market Street)
Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor

8:00 am     Training for Volunteers
9:30 am - 12:30 pm     Serve as Volunteer at Free Citizenship Workshop

The workshop is sponsored by local community groups including Catholic Charities and the San Francisco Organizing Project.
More info at: www.sfcitizenship.org

Want to sign up and be part of the St. John of God group?
Email Adrienne, plasseadrienne@gmail.com