

August 30-September 5, 2015
Twenty—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for the Week
As a shepherd carries a lamb,
I have carried you close to my heart. ~Isaiah 40:11

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalm — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel — You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

Readings this Week

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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

Fr. Tom Seagrave, Maureen and Don Francis, Mary Dunn, Mike and Gabriel Marty, Patrick Lee, Judy and Charlie Liteky, Jim and Nancy McDonald, Josephine Small, , Teresa Hyatt, Pat Hoffman, Dorla Gross, Dalia & Estela Becerra and all our 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

It's always great to hear from friends ~ why not send a card or place a call to let them know you're thinking and praying for God's healing. Mass requests also available..

Mass Intentions: August 28-Sept 3, 2015 (Fri-Thurs.)

Fri.	Vince Walsh (Rest in Peace)	12:10pm
Sat .	Lise Faus (Blessings on Vocation)	4:15pm
Sun.	Robert Doonan (RIP Anniversary)	9:30am
Sun.	Valdilene Soares Araujo (RIP)	11:30am
Mon		12:10pm
Tues.	Mary Jo Bregenzer	12:10pm
Weds.	Patrick Joseph Carlin (Rest In Peace)	12:10pm
Thurs.	Elton Barney Cobeen (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: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday: St. Gregory the Great
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



"We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it." ~Pope Francis

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 the Bay

The Annual Community Weekend Sept. 11, 12 & 13

A 3-day weekend in the beautiful redwoods. Hiking, biking, swimming, campfires each night, music and dancing! 2 night lodging, 5 quality prepared meals, outdoor Mass on Sunday. A great time to have fun, relax and enjoy community spirit in the outdoors with friends!" **SAVE THE DATE! YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS WEEKEND EXPERIENCE! No one turned away!**

Catholic Divorce Ministry

Here in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, we have a special ministry for those men and women who have experienced the pain of separation and divorce. The Church has a rich treasury of people, Holy Scripture, tradition, and pastoral ministry on which it can draw to serve its members whose marriages end in divorce. We strive to lay open this wealth and make known Christ's abundant healing love so that all who suffer from separation and divorce might experience healing, reconciliation, and new life. We also recognize that separated and divorced people, through their vulnerability, suffering, courage, faithfulness, and patient endurance bear witness to Christ and His redeeming grace in the world. They are not mere recipients of the Church's compassion; they are as well, ministers of that compassion. We have a support group that meets twice a month. Please call me, Father Al Grosskopf, S. J., at 415 422-6698.

Youth Religious Education Program

There will be a short planning meeting for the Youth Religious Education Program after the 9:30 Mass on 30 August. All families interested in participating in this year's program are encouraged to attend. Confirmation families are invited but focus will be on pre-K through 6th grade. For questions, e-mail judithmorrow@pacbell.net

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**Sundays after 9:30 and 11:30 mass
approx. 10:30 in Collins Hall
approx. 12:30 in Ben's Room
coffee, pastry and friendship**

Bring a Friend ~ or two!

At St. John of God, we all meet each other with compassion and respect.

Community Calendar

September 14	Coir Rehearsal 7-10PM
September 20	Catechetical Sunday
	RCIA Starts, Teachers Blessed
October 5	Liturgy Committee 6PM
October 19	Parish Council 7PM

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

September 5	Hospital Ministry
September 20	Priest's Retirement Fund

Lights and Shadows

Konstantin Stanislavski is famous for method acting. On stage, he says, there are no small parts, only small actors. John could have slipped the fame over Jesus. He owned a great number of followers and fans already. A big boost to his ego. But his heart is bigger than his ego. Some people perform multiple roles and end up achieving nothing while some merely have one role to play and they make it so special. John the Baptist knows compared to Jesus, he has a little role to play. But his big heart tells the great difference. Basketball is a big part of my life. At 16, I definitely was very young then. And it goes



without saying that when you are young, you are selfish. Back then, I had a teammate who was so brilliant in playing the game.

I felt threatened. I remember we were once playing a championship game. It was down to the last 5 seconds. The score: 99 all. I told the best player in our team to give the ball to me and I would in turn create a pass back play so he can make the last shot --- and be the game's hero. Game resumed. The referee blows the whistle. From an inbound, and as agreed, my teammate got the ball and gave it to me. The clock ticked 4 ...3...2... 1. I looked at him, did not pass the ball as he anticipated but instead, I made the shot. It went inside the hoop. We were the champions! There was so much euphoria. I was the MVP of the game.

The real best player in our team approached me and said: "I am so glad you took the shot." I just bowed my head. It then dawned on me that I did not possess the heart to be true to my word as a man.

We may sometimes feel that we have not much to contribute or share. We say: I'm old. I'm a good-for-nothing jerk. I'm sick and can't stretch out any assistance. Take heart, sometimes the little things you share from your tenderness may turn out to be the best and may even be all that matter....

~ Fr. Norman