

*September 6-12 2015*  
*Twenty—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Reflections for the Week*  
*Without labor nothing prospers.*  
—Sophocles

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### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

**Psalms** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

**Gospel** — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

### Readings this Week

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

### 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](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)

*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..*

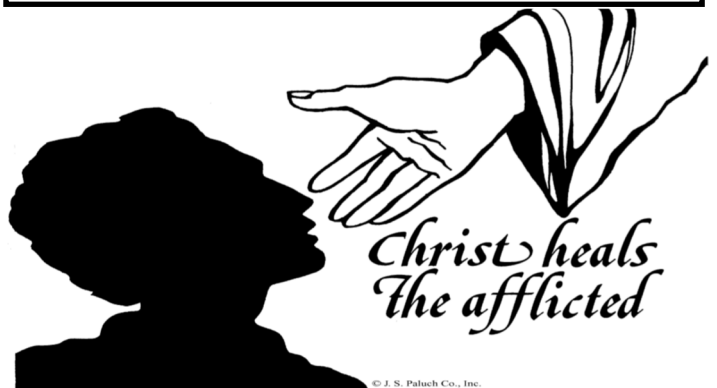
### Mass Intentions: September 4– 10, 2015 (Fri-Thurs.)

Fri.	12:10pm
Sat .	4:15pm
Sun.	9:30am
Sun.	11:30am
Mon.	12:10pm
Tues.	Rose Kelly (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm
Weds.	Elton Barney Cobeen ((RIP) 12:10pm
Thurs.	John Schick (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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Labor Day
Tuesday:	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Peter Claver
Friday:	Patriot Day
Saturday:	The Most Holy Name of Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary



Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom? James 2:5

**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.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** RCIA is a process whereby adults are received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church. It is a spiritual journey of discernment, instruction and prayers. Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist (First Holy Communion) If you are interested, pls. contact: Joy Walsh, RCIA coordinator, 415-563-8271.

**Presentation High Reunion!** The Sisters of the Presentation invite you to Welcome Back All the Classes of the Presentation High School, San Francisco, on Sunday, October 4th, at the Presentation Motherhouse, at 2340 Turk Boulevard, in San Francisco. The Reunion starts at 10:00 a.m., with a Sunday Mass in its Chapel followed by brunch in its dining room. To R-S-V-P or for more details log onto w-w-w dot Presentation-Sisters-S-F (all one word) dot-org.



**After Masses on Sunday.  
Join us ! All are Welcome!**

### **Community Calendar**

**September 7** MEMORIAL DAY  
**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**September 14** Coir Rehearsal 7-10PM  
**September 20** Catechetical Sunday  
**RCIA Starts, Teachers Blessed**

### **UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

**September 5-6** Hospital Ministry  
**September 19-20** Priest's Retirement Fund

### **Lights and Shadows**



Someone was asking me about what he should do for someone who considers everything he does wrong, as something unforgivable. He just couldn't stand the unkind words and comments.

People experience things from us.

Some realize the good in us. Some pick up the good and the bad in us. Some attend only the bad in us. Sometimes, we are confronted with a different way of seeing. Seeing the bad in the good that someone does. The scribes who were constantly picking on Jesus are the perfect example of what I am talking about. Accusing Jesus after all the serious things he is doing by casting out evil spirits he is called Beelzebub. How can something so right would be something so wrong? The problem lies on the scribes. Because they have been calloused by considering just the bad and the wrong things, they could no longer identify goodness as it is. And it all boils down to how they regard others. And this could be highlighted by the differentiation on how Jesus sees the sinners compared to how the scribes view them.

There are two kinds of sinners actually. Sinners, but whose heart have no evil intent; and those sinners where Satan lurks over them. Just like the Pharisees of old.

If we get a good look at the stories of sinners in the gospel, they all have a deep hunger for God. The scribes on the other hand hold a deep hunger for the damnation of others.

Pope Francis said that the closest to the heart of Jesus are the sinners, because Jesus knows that they are the ones in most need of healing.

God loves us all not because we are sinners. Simply because he desires us to have a chance to be healed, change and be good again.

May we bear the same vision of God. Basically, as defined, sin is missing the target. Let us not permit ourselves to be like the scribes on their myopic view of sinners. By not helping them hit the bull's eye again.

~ Fr. Norman