

September 20-26, 2015
Twenty—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for the Week

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free.
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be.*
Shaker hymn

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Today's Readings

First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalm — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

Readings this Week

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**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:
September 18-24, 2015 (Fri-Thurs.)**

Fri. McNicholas+Shanley Family Blessing	12:10pm
Sat. Zenaida N. Masanglay (RIP)	4:15pm
Sun. Lise Faust (Life's Blessing)	9:30am
Sun.	11:30am
Mon. Aron Partick Valentine (Prayers Answered)	12:10pm
Tues. Nicole Hegarty Woodward (RIP)	12:10pm
Weds. Edward Spillane (Rest in Peace)	12:10pm
Thurs. Norma Chan Casela (Healing)	12:10pm

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

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	St. Matthew
Tuesday:	World Meeting of Families begins; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset Eid al Adha (Islamic observance) begins at sunset
Wednesday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio); Autumn begins
Saturday:	Ss. Cosmas and Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary



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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

RCIA beginning September 20th

Sundays 1:00 - 2:30 pm in the hall Adults interested in preparing for Baptism and/or Confirmation and Eucharist please call Joy Walsh (415) 563-8271.

Integral Ecology:

Concern for Environmental & Economic Justice
Thursday, October 1st at 7 pm, Fromm Hall, USF
(parking at Koret, Turk Blvd & Parker Ave.)

Join us as we explore the many ways communities of faith are engaging the ecological and economic challenges of our time. We'll cover the work of Pope Francis and other religious leaders, the UN negotiations for a new climate treaty and what we can do in our homes and communities.

This Community Forum features Fr. Thomas Massaro, SJ, Dean, Jesuit School of Theology, The Rev. Canon Sally Bingham, President & Founder, Interfaith Power & Light, Rabbi Marvin Goodman, Rabbi-In-Residence at the Jewish Community Federation and Keya Chatterjee of US Climate Action Network and is moderated by Michael Pappas of SF Interfaith Council.

More info at <http://interfaithpower.org/integralecology/>

The Franciscan Day of Joy

Saturday, October 3, 2015 at the St Boniface Church auditorium (133 Golden Gate Avenue, SF). The Secular Franciscans of St. Boniface will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary. Fr. Jack Clark Robinson, OFM and Sr. Margie Will, OSF will speak on "Franciscan Joy." The program will be from 9 am to 3:30 pm starting with mass in the St. Boniface Church. If you can, please bring food to share or other donation. For more information and to register call Christine at 415-240-3833 or Pat at lucania9@yahoo.com Register as soon as possible as seating is limited to 300 people.

Community Calendar

September 20 Catechetical Sunday
RCIA Starts, Teachers Blessed

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:
September 19-20 Priest's Retirement Fund

October 19 Parish Council Meeting 7PM



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

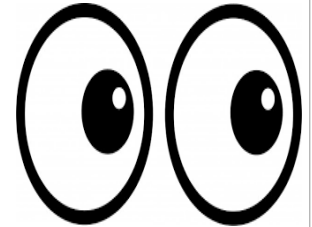
"Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart. In fact on certain occasions you should only speak to Him with your heart." ~Padre Pio

Lights and Shadows

"Train Stares"

Last January 2015, riding on a train from Thonburi to Kanchanaburi in Thailand, I got interested with what I saw among people seated while waiting to reach their destinations. Each of them had what I call "train stares". Eyes gazing, wandering and staring on what comes and passes by until the vivid scenes are gone. Sometimes the eyes are a picture of mixed feelings. There are blank eyes. Sleepy eyes. Sad eyes. Happy eyes.

I lost one of my contact lenses at that time. My vision thus became both blurry and clear. Seeing things both as they appear in one eye and how they appear blurred in the other. But I stared nonetheless.



The train stare is teaching me one lesson. Pictures of life pass by. Clear and unclear. The beautiful part about this experience is you may still see what is yet to come. There are things that will remain unseen though. There is more to see in life. Both the lonely and the good. For as long as you keep staring, you won't lose sight of what will appear beautiful.

Life cannot always be melancholic. Sitting in front of me were two people. They looked like a father and daughter. I was secretly staring at them. They talked to each other as their eyes stared closely on things they saw. They smiled and laughed. And they stopped. They had opposite stares. Then they gazed towards each other's direction with gentle glances. Finally, the young girl caught me staring at them. She gave me a cute smile as I gave mine first.

I will never forget what I saw on the train... the stares I had are my stairs to hope, faith and love. These are my bullets for my dreams amidst my fears...

Discover your own stares.

~ Fr. Norman