

*November 29-December 5, 2015
First Sunday of Advent*

Reflections for the Week

*I will raise up for David a just shoot;
He shall do what is right and just in the land.
-Jeremiah 33:15*

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Today's Readings

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

Readings this Week

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

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

Fr. Tom Burns, Fr. Tom Seagrave, Msgr. Labib Kaboti, Fr. Bill Brady, Msgr. Mickey McCormick (former Pastors at SJOG)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

Mass Intentions:

November 27-December 3, 2015 (Fri-Thurs.)

Fri. Elish Duffy (Happy Birthday/RIP) 12:10pm
Sat. Niko Miladin (Healing for Lung issue) 4:15pm
Sun. Patrick Cunnie (RIP) 9:30am
Sun. FR. Norman (Anniversary Blessing) 11:30am
Mon. Patric Pantang (Healing) 12:10pm
Tue. Al & Louise Cavagnaro (RIP/ Anniv) 12:10pm
Wed. Bengamin Fabi (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm
Thurs. Bill Foppiano (Healing) 12:10pm

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

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Andrew
Tuesday: World AIDS Day
Thursday: St. Francis Xavier
Friday: St. John of Damascus; First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday

Advent is a time rich in family traditions. The possibility of the Mass coming into the family home gave rise to other Irish customs at the beginning of Advent. The cottage received a fresh coat of whitewash, the threshold was swept especially clean, and fresh curtains were hung in the windows. The house was scrubbed until it gleamed, including all the pots and pans, and all garments and table linens were laundered. The custom of the Irish window candle was so admired in Catholic Europe that it was widely copied there, and now finds a welcome in households that may not exactly expect a priest to wander in!

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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

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Retirement Fund for Religious Dec 5-6

SCHEDULE FOR *LAUDATO SI* STUDY GROUP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015

Chapter Three: Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015

Chapter Four: Integral Ecology

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015

Chapter Five: Lines of Approach and Action

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015

Chapter Six: Ecological Education and Spirituality

On Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si') is the new appeal from Pope Francis addressed to "every person living on this planet" for an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. Contact Paul Rioski sjogmusic@aol.com for more information.

It's Easy!

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Important Dates and Services:

Thursday Dec 3 : Reconciliation

7PM in the Chapel

Tuesday December 8: Holy Day of Obligation

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Blessed Virgin Mary

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

Come join the beginning of The Year of Mercy.

12:10pm Daily Mass

7PM Evening Mass

SJOG is partnering with LYFT for a "warm coat drive". If you have a slightly used, in good condition coat, bring it by the office and Eric will take it over to Saint Boniface Catholic Church. Here's a code you can use for \$20 off your first LIFT ride for your generosity!

Lyft.com/i/ERIC930126

Lights and Shadows

Different strokes for different folks.

Not with the three people I met one fine day. Phil has worked in a car rental for the past 11 years. I was quietly observing and listening to him as he dealt with me, with the other costumers and with his co-worker. He was so accommodating and jolly with all of us. I commended him for his demeanor and he told me: "Well, it is not just a job for me. I love seeing people and enjoy serving them their needs."

And then I met Omar, just about 6 months in T mobile. I made transactions with him with my defective cellphone. He was very precise and clear in the way he addressed my concerns. When i commended him for being so nice he said: "Well, it is not just work for me man. I have to deal honestly with people -- it is their right to know the real score and not be overwhelmed by hidden phone charges."

And lastly I met Haide, a Filipina who works in a buffet restaurant. She's been there for 19 years. She is 55 years old yet still looks 45. When I asked about her secret for looking young she said: "It is about enjoying people who come to eat. I don't only serve them well -- I also entertain them with things as basic as pleasant attitude."

Similar strokes for different folks.

They all serve people so well. Always mindful of people's convenience and well being. A car rental for easy access on the road, a phone for clear communication and a buffet for a sumptuous meal.

Christ the King reminds us of the kind of King we have. Jesus only had 3 years in His ministry yet every single moment of those years he willingly offered service to the poor, sick and sinners. Practically to all. "I came to serve, not to be served." He is the singular representation of the three people I came up close with -- by giving us easy access to His Father, by helping us maintain a good communication/ relationship with people, and by giving us a grand buffet in life by His life giving Word. All for us. Right on our plates ready to be served.

To truly celebrate the beautiful feast day is to see our own lives and the kind of kingdom we enjoy.

Definitely, it is not about building and serving our own kingdom by having only a personal easy access to the convenience of life. It is not isolating oneself from the rest of mankind and maintaining that one can deal with life without communicating with people. It is not enjoying selfishly the grand buffet of life's appetite.

The kingship of Jesus is a kingdom not intended for self- service in both ways. He asks us what we want -- and willing to serve us without reservations.

~Fr. Norman