

February 14-20, 2016  
First Sunday of Lent

*Reflections for the Week*

*Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them  
as you would Christ himself.  
—St. Louise de Marillac*

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**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

**Psalm** — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

**Second Reading** — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

**Readings this Week**

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;  
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3,  
7c-8; t 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;  
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;  
Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1];  
Lk 9:28b-36

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

Fr. Tom Burns, Msgr. Labib Kaboti, Fr. Bill Brady,  
Msgr. Mickey McCormick (former Pastors at SJOG)  
Pat Hoffman, Maureen and Don Francis, Mary Dunn,  
Mike Marty, Patrick Lee, Judy and Charlie Liteky, Jim  
and Nancy McDonald, Josephine Small,, Teresa  
Hyatt, Dorla Gross, Dalia & Estela Becerra and all our  
members who reside in assisted living and care  
facilities.

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

**Mass Intentions:**

**February 12-18, 2016 (Fri-Thurs.)**

Fri.	Mary Driscoll (Rest in Peace)	12:10pm
Sat	Esther Tiuseco (Happy Birthday!)	4:15pm
Sun	Karen Yavorsky (Happy Birthday!)	9:30am
Sun.	Armando Fidelino (Rest in Peace)	11:30am
	Jeffrey Shield (Rest in Peace)	
Mon.	John Lee (Rest in Peace)	12:10pm
Tues.	Isaura Noronha (Rest in Peace)	12:10pm
Weds.	Stephen Sinclair (Blessings)	12:10pm
Thurs.	Fr. Tom Seagrave (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: First Sunday of Lent;

**Valentine's Day**

World Marriage Day

Monday: Presidents' Day

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

Wednesday: The Seven Holy Founders of the  
Servite Order

Friday: Abstinence



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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*

**GO AND LEARN THE MEANING OF THE WORD "MERCY" Matthew 9:13**  
Mercy as the core "definition" of God is something more than forgiveness and compassion. Mercy points to the identity of God as the God who every day shows us a mother's love and a father's care. We will ponder and explore Luke 15 as the signature Gospel of Luke 15 for the Year of Mercy.

**February 25, 2016  
The Year of Mercy**

**You Shall be Compassionate as your God is Compassionate  
Luke 6: 36**

**A Survey of the Scriptures of the New Testament concerning Mercy:**

**Luke 19: 1-10, Matthew 9: 9-13, Luke 15: 1-32**

**The Interfaith Peace Project  
Thomas P. Bonacci, C.P.**

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### **Raphael House**

Like to prepare food for people in need? We need a few more volunteers to join our parish team that prepares dinners at Raphael House. No cooking experience necessary!

**Interested? Contact Mark Reedy  
(408) 733-3734, Markr2121@aol.com.**

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### **Lent & Easter 2016:**

- ~ First Sunday of Lent, February 13-14, 2016  
Sending of Catechumen and Candidate to Cathedral for the Rite of Election
- ~ Extraordinary Vigil of Reconciliation (as indicated in Pope Francis' Papal Bull for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy), Friday-Saturday, March 4-5
- ~ Saturday-Sunday, March 5-6, 2016 (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Anointing of the Sick and Blessing of Caregivers at all weekend masses.

#### **Feast Day of St. John of God March 8**

Holy Thursday March 24 Soup Supper at 6 PM  
Mass at 7:30pm

Good Friday March 25 The Lords Passion  
12:10 and 7:30pm

Great Vigil during the Holy Night of Easter March 26  
**Easter Sunday March 27.**



**PLEASE COME JOIN US!  
Bring a Friend ~ or two!  
Sundays after 9:30 and 11:30 mass  
coffee, pastry and friendship**

## **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Today Lent begins. Ash Wednesday initiates the forty days of the Lenten fast, but since Sundays are not tallied in the days of fasting, today is the solemn opening of the forty days of Lent. The Church has work to do today, principally the calling forward of those chosen (the proper word is elected) for the Easter sacraments. Some of those who have been catechumens may now make a transition to a new way of life as the "elect." For them, this Lent will be a time of "purification" and "enlightenment." For us who accompany them, it is a time of helping them discern God's call and prepare for new life.

This year, while the readings from the third year of the Lectionary cycle are usually read, they are set aside on certain Sundays for the benefit of the elect. We turn then to the readings from Year A, and we give those who journey to the font of baptism three extraordinary companions. In the Gospels for those days, we meet the woman of Samaria and the man born blind, and we come to the tomb of Lazarus three days after his death. Many bishops celebrate the Rite of Election on or near today, affirming God's choice for these new faithful, and also offering them the solidarity of many companions. In 2013, over 38,000 adults entered the baptismal waters in the United States, a remarkable testimony to the vigor of our tradition of receiving and nurturing adult faith.

—Rev. James Field

**A huge THANK YOU to Judy Laxen,  
Rose O'Leary, Jan Mortenson and  
Fr. Norman for endless works and  
good cheer to make  
Fr. Tom Seagrave's Memorial  
Celebration so special! The food  
from community members, Fr. Tom's  
Family, and all the community that  
helped with this great celebration ~  
THANK YOU!**

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**Please pray for our catechumen,  
Nick Plezbert,  
and our candidate, Chad Belcher,  
as they continue toward the  
Easter sacraments.**

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**GO AND LEARN THE MEANING OF THE WORD "MERCY"!**

**Matthew 9:13**

**St. John of God  
Collins Hall  
San Francisco, CA**

**Two Thursday Evenings  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

**Our two-part series on the Year of Mercy explores the core Biblical Narrative of God's Mercy revealed in the Exodus experience. Mercy as the core "definition" of God is something more than forgiveness and compassion. Mercy points to the identity of God as the God who everyday shows us a mother's love and a father's care. We will ponder and explore Luke 15 as the signature Gospel of Luke 15 for the Year of Mercy.**

**February 11, 2016**

**The God of the Hebrew Scripture is motivated by the oppression of the slaves  
to show forth and reveal mercy and compassion  
(Moses and Jesus demand the defense of the stranger and alien)**

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**BE MERCIFUL AS YOUR GOD IN HEAVEN IS MERCIFUL**

**Luke 6: 36**

**St. John of God  
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1290 Fifth Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94122**

**Two On-going Scripture Studies  
Two Thursday Evenings  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

**APRIL 7, 2016**

**THE WOMEN SAT OPPOSITE THE TOMB  
THE RESURRECTION ACCOUNTS ACCORDING TO MATTHEW  
WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE DECEMBER 10, 2015 VATICAN DOCUMENT  
CONCERNING JEWS AND CATHOLICS**

**MAY 5, 2016**

**THE PENTECOST EVENT AS ON-GOING EVENT EVEN IN OUR TIME  
RECONSIDERING PENTECOST AS THE CENTRAL EVENT OF LUKE / ACTS OF APOSTLES  
INTERFAITH ECUMENISM AS SIGN OF THE SPIRIT'S OUT-POURING IN OUR TIME**

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