

May 1-7, 2016
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reflections for the Week

*We want to give our children what we didn't have;
but let's make sure we give them what we did have:
our faith.—Anonymous*

Today's Readings

First Reading — The question of whether
circumcision is necessary for salvation
(Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalms — O God, let all the nations praise you!
(Psalm 67).

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city,
the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14,
or Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20).

Gospel — The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in
Jesus' name, will teach us everything
(John 14:23-29) or John 17:20-26.

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Readings this Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2,
11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-
23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk
24:46-53 (for Ascension); otherwise
Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10;
Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9;
Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26
or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11;

**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:

April 29—May 5, 2016 (Fri-Thurs.)

Fri. Michael Desouza (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm
Sat. Carolina Chan (Happy Birthday!) 4:15pm
Sun. David Rosenkrantz (Rest in Peace) 9:30am
Sun. Elizabeth Hyunh (Rest in Peace) 11:30am
Mon. Peg Heather (for Healing) 12:10pm
Tue. Anthony Rodriguez (RIP) 12:10pm
Carol Hannon (Living Blessing)
Wed. Mary Ann Rogers (Life's Blessing) 12:10pm
Thurs. Eucharistic Ministers at UCSF 12:10pm

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

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter;
Julian Calendar Easter
Monday: St. Athanasius
Tuesday: Ss. Philip and James
Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord
(unless transferred to Sunday);
Yom Ha-Shoa
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)
National Day of Prayer; Cinco de Mayo
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday



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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*

~Fr. Tom Seagrave

Father Tom passed away peacefully on December 18, 2015.
He was born in San Francisco April 30, 1942.
Pastor at St. John of God 2003-2009

Get on The Bus! Uniting Children with

their Mothers and Fathers in prison

In this year of mercy we will be starting a new ministry at St. John of God. The project is **Get on the Bus** - a non-profit founded in 1999 - and its goal is to unite children with their mothers and fathers in prison. On June 17th a group of children will "get on the bus" to go visit their fathers at San Quentin. Your donation will be used to buy games and art supplies to be used by the children in the visiting room at San Quentin. These items will then be left there to be used by future visiting families..

This will be on-going and I am asking for your support as we begin this ministry for the children. I will be in the hall after the 9:30 Mass. Please make checks out to

Get on the Bus

Thank you, Elaine Blair

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Just as the early church consecrated women living alone in the world, today that consecration is available to women who take solemn vows as cloistered nuns (different from religious sisters), women who follow a way of life in communities called "secular institutes," and laywomen. Oddly, the ritual is not permitted for religious sisters. The prayers talk about the woman's self-gift to Christ, and her self-gift to the Church. Up until recent years, this was a solemn ceremony performed only for cloistered nuns under certain circumstances. In its new form, we have a ritual that revives a very ancient and little-known way of life. Today, a woman can live independently at home, without association with any religious sisterhood or institute, yet be consecrated to holiness and service. Normally, a ring and/or a veil may be given in the liturgy of consecration. It is a rite very different from religious profession, where the sister makes promises or vows, and is rather an expression of approval and blessing for a way of life already embraced. Unlike ancient times, which valued actual virginity, the new rite may be celebrated for anyone provided there has never been a marriage and the woman has always lived a virtuous life.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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

Town Hall Meeting!

SUNDAY JULY 10

1 MASS AT 10:30am with the Town Hall afterwards
*Your ideas on the future plans and growth of
St. John of God will be discussed*

A WORD OF THANKS

From VOICE FROM THE WEST - a ministry for the Palestinian needy in the Holy Land
To every cash donor and to Dave Freitas, Karen Duderstadt, Joy Walsh & Joe Cline, Marge & Robert Cunningham, Tina & Vic Saravia, Roberta & Jim McLaughlin, Edie Wong, Joan & Joe Humphreys, Luis Quadros. and Allie & George Yavorsky, and Nearly \$1300 was contributed.

With gratitude and God's blessing...

Sincerely, Martha Ayoub 415-664-2015

THE GIFT OF PEACE

We are offered another vision in today's second reading, a vision of the New Jerusalem, "coming down out of heaven from God" (Revelation 21:10). Read between the lines describing the radiant city, and we find that the greatest beauty revealed is the beauty of perfect symmetry and order, a city founded on the faith of the twelve tribes of Israel and the Twelve Apostles, lit only by the glory of God.

The first reading and the Gospel are linked to this idealized description of the New Jerusalem. In both we read of distress and disturbance countered by the gift of peace. "My peace I give to you," Jesus assures his disciples at the Last Supper (John 14:27). In keeping with that gift, the apostles and elders, in the reading from Acts, decide not to disturb the peace of new Gentile believers. The undue burden of circumcision will not be imposed on them. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

A CONCERT FOR THE MOTHERS

Saturday May 14, 7:30pm advanced tickets \$20

The Motherlode: Songs and Stories from the Vein

St. Cyprian's 2097 Turk Street, San Francisco

Through a double spiral of original music and lyrics spun around ancient myth, fairy and folk tales.

Community Meetings & Collections

Scripture Study 6:30-8pm

April 29

Ben's Room

Hospital Ministry

April 30-May 1

Second Collection

Catholic Charities Sunday

May 7

Second Collection

BE MERCIFUL AS YOUR GOD IN HEAVEN IS MERCIFUL

Luke 6: 36

**St. John of God
Collins Hall
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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