

*September 11-17 2016*  
*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Reflections for the Week*  
*A clean heart create for me, O God,*  
*a steadfast spirit renewed within me.*  
-Psalm 51-12

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**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

**Psalm** — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

**Gospel** — There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

**Readings this Week**

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17  
Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15  
Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

**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.

**Mass Intentions:**

**September 9~15, 2016 (Fri-Thurs.)**

Fri. Souls in Purgatory	12:10pm
Sat. Sally Hizon (Rest in Peace)	4:15pm
Sun. Norman Bray (Healing)	9:30am
Sun. Seamus Carolan (Healing)	11:30am
Mon. Christine Eng (Thanksgiving)	12:10pm
Tues. Souls in Purgatory	12:10pm
Weds. Seamus Carolan (Healing)	12:10pm
Thurs. Souls Purgatory	12:10pm

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

**Saints and Special Observances**

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Patriot Day; Grandparents Day

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Tuesday: St. John Chrysostom

Wednesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Thursday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Friday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

Saturday: St. Robert Bellarmine; Blessed Virgin Mary

***"She made her voice heard before the posers of the world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crimes of poverty they themselves created." Pope Francis 9/4/2016 (Sainthood of Teresa)***



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

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

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

## Patriot Day September 11

*As Pope John XXIII prayed, "Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace."*

### 9/11 REMEMBERED

Fifteen years ago, the continuing TV coverage of the imploding twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York was unbearable for me, as were accounts of the crashes and destruction in Washington and the hills of Pennsylvania. The immense devastation of human life was incomprehensible. Visiting the site in New York some five years later reopened searing wounds, and overwhelmed me with immense sadness. An incursion on our soil, carefully planned and executed by foreign elements, had shattered my cherished sense of security, and provoked a frightening sense of God's absence. How could my Catholic faith tradition enable me to endure this tragedy? I knew that neither vengeance nor sweeping animosity was an option for me. *You have left us crushed . . . covered us with darkness.*

*We are bowed down to the ground  
(Psalm 44:20, 26).*

*O LORD of hosts, restore us;  
Let your face shine upon us (Psalm 80:4).*

The Psalmist cries a lament, expressing the mourning of the Israelite people, the chosen of God, who had regarded themselves as untouchable and above reproach, now hurled into misery. The lament expresses a nation's agony, dares to complain against their divine protector, may even own some complicity in the misery, and finally pleads with God for deliverance.

In the midst of lamenting, the faith of Israel endured, as must ours. We are as vulnerable as they were to the violence and hatred that seem to encircle us. Our demand for a divine explanation goes unheeded. Yet we have learned of the self-sacrificing heroism of many, witnessing to the finest character of our nation and of our Christian heritage. Dying for one's friends is a sacred theme in our story, epitomized in Jesus, our Savior, and extended through centuries in the grandest and noblest acts of men and women in all circumstances.

In 2001 we came together as one nation under God, sharing the grief, the disillusionment, and the promise to rebuild. As today we lament our honored dead and wounded, shall we translate such agonizing emotion into a persistent pursuit of worldwide reconciliation and peace?

***Long time parishioner and activist for immigrant rights, Judy Liteky died amid family and close friends on Saturday, 8/20 at 11:15 am.***

***We will miss and remember her for her personal warmth and her fearless advocacy for the poor. RIP dear friend...***

### THERE WILL BE ONE MASS ONLY ON SUNDAY 9/25 10:30 AM

The St John of God Sanctuary Committee will mark it's 30th anniversary and pay tribute to one of its founding members, Judy Liteky. There will be only 2 masses that weekend.:

**Saturday 9/24 at 4:15**

**Sunday 9/25/16 at 10:30**

We will have a special liturgy and speaker at both Masses. This will also be Sanctuary's annual fundraiser to support our work. We encourage all to attend either of the 2 Masses to acknowledge our 30 years of service to immigrants, refugees and communities in Central America and to celebrate the life and spirit of our beloved Judy who gave so much to St. John of God.

There will be a finger foods pot luck after the Sunday Mass. ***Please contact Judy to help with food, setup and clean up : judithfl@aol.com***  
***We expect a full house on Sunday so arrive early.***

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### Special Collection for Louisiana Flood Relief

From a statement by Archbishop Joseph Kurtz: "*As president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, I have called for an emergency collection to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted Catholic dioceses. Join the Church in being a visible witness to the healing presence of Jesus alive in the world...Whether your donation is large or small, let us also be sure those suffering feel the power of our prayer to sustain them in the difficult days ahead.*"

Archbishop Cordileone has endorsed this request and asked that all parishes in the Archdiocese of San Francisco take a special collection **SEPTEMBER 10-11** (The Archdiocese had requested Sept 24-25, which is in conflict with SJOG Sanctuary Sunday. Thank you for your generosity. )

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### Community Meetings & Collections

Priests' Retire Fund (Local)  
Sanctuary Sunday

Sept 17-18  
Sept 24-25