

*January 22-29, 2017  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Reflections for the Week  
"Our lives begin to end the day  
we become silent about things that matter."  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

**Second Reading** — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

**Gospel** — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

### Readings for this Week

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6;  
Mk 3:22-30,  
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10,  
11; Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps  
117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18  
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a,  
10; Mk 4:21-35  
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-  
40; Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75;  
Mk 4:35-41

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

Bob Donjacour~ special prayers for healing!  
Fr. Tom Burns, Msgr. Labib Kabti, Fr. Bill Brady,  
Msgr. Mickey McCormick (former Pastors at SJOG)  
Martha Araj Ayoub, Joe Humphreys, Pat Hoffman,  
Maureen and Don Francis, Mary Dunn, Mike Marty,  
Patrick Lee, Charlie Liteky, Jim McDonald, Josephine  
Small, Teresa Hyatt, Dalia & Estela Becerra and all  
our members who reside in assisted living & care fa-  
cilities.

*Gracious God, Please help the  
people hurting with any kind of  
emotional, spiritual or family issues .  
Amen.*

### Mass Intentions

#### January 20-26, 2017 (Friday to Thursday)

Fri Michael Howard (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm  
Sat. Kathleen Rowley (Living Blessing) 4:15pm  
Sun. Dorothy Culp (God's Healing) 9:30am  
Sun Patrick Biesty (RIP) 11:30am  
(and Family, Austin and Elen Biesty)  
Mon. Michael Durilan (Rest in Peace) 12:10pm  
Tues. Fr. Michael Buckley (Carmelite) (RIP) 12:10pm  
Weds. Mary Gaviney (Happy Birthday!) 12:10pm  
Thurs. Paulaita Mendoza (Happy Birthday!) 12:10pm

Prayers for a Blessed New Year !

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

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Day of Prayer for the  
Legal Protection of Unborn Children;  
St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope  
Tuesday: St. Francis de Sales  
Wednesday: The Conversion of St. Paul;  
**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends**  
Thursday: Ss. Timothy and Titus  
Friday: St. Angela Merici  
Saturday: St. Thomas Aquinas;  
*Chinese New Year 4715*

### LIBERATION AND REFORM

While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance ("darkness") and sin (the "yoke").

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party." The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

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**Join us for FREE hands on preparedness & response training by your SF Fire Department**  
NERT training is coming to St. John of God next month!  
1290 5th Ave @ Irving  
Every **TUESDAY FOR 6 WEEKS 6:30—10:00PM**  
Beginning Tuesday , February 28  
March 7, 14, 21, 28  
April 4

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The only thing that comes to a person without effort is old age.

—Anonymous



**Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister?** Single Catholic women ages 18 - 40 are invited to a **Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat** with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul **March 10-12, 2017 in Los Altos Hills, California (Bay Area)**. If you would like to know more about attending this prayerful and reflective discernment retreat, contact **Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C.** at **650/949-8890, 213-210-9903**, or email us at **Srllaguna@doc1633.org**. Find us on Facebook at: **Daughters of Charity Vocations U.S.**, follow us at **Twitter.com/DofCharity** or read about us on **www.DaughtersOfCharity.com**. Register for the retreat at **www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/**.

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**Merger of St. Monica and St. Thomas the Apostle Parishes**

The Archdiocese of San Francisco has announced that two parishes in San Francisco's Richmond District are now merging into a single parish, effective January 1, 2017. Saint Monica Parish and Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish will now be Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish. The Decree effecting this merger cites a significant decline in number of parishioners, which calls into question the viability of two parishes. It is hoped that the merger will foster a viable and more vibrant Catholic presence in the area currently served by both parishes.

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**UNBOUND**

*Dear Community,*  
*I have extended an invitation to Rev. Anthony Nguyen CSSR to come to our parish on the weekend of **Jan 28-29**. Fr. Nguyen will speak to you about the work being done by UNBOUND (previously known as CFCA), and how this provides a trustworthy way to actively participate in the social outreach of the Catholic Church and answer the Gospel call to serve the poor. UNBOUND's unique sponsorship program is highly personalized. It matches a child, youth or aging person at a project overseas with a sponsor in the U.S. who cares about and encourages that person. There are flyers and a bulletin insert for you to learn more!*  
*Please give Fr.. Nguyen a warm welcome!*  
*Blessings, Fr. Narcis Kabipi*

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**Anniversary Mass at Cathedral for National Marriage Week Saturday, February 4, 10:00 am St Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco Ed Hopfner HopfnerE@SFArch.org 415-614-5680**

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will offer its annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on February 4, at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, at 10:00 am. We will honor wedding anniversaries for those celebrating sacramental marriages reaching "5-year" milestones (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, or more) in 2017. The principal celebrant will be the Most Reverend Carlos Sevilla, Bishop Emeritus of Yakima, Washington, and formerly a Bishop of San Francisco.

**Registration is required by January 27** at anniversarymass.info, and a donation of \$20 is requested. For more information, use the email or phone above.

**MARRIED COUPLES.** How would you like to spend a weekend away with your spouse – just the two of you? Away from everything: the kids, job, phone, bills and house? Plan to get away to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is March 17-19, 2017 in Mountain View. For more information visit our website at: **sanjosewwme.org** or contact Ken & Claranne at **applications@sanjosewwme.org** or **408-782-1413**.

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**THANK YOU for the gift cards for our immigrant friends and neighbors!**  
**The response was unbelievable and awesome!**  
**(If you find any that you are still not using please put them in the collection baskets)**

**Community & Collections**

St. Patrick's Seminary and University Jan 21-22, 2017

*Please join in our committee meetings!*

The **Liturgy Committee** meets the First Monday of the month through May/June, with dinner at 6:30 followed by the meeting proper at 7:15 PM

The **Parish Council** meets monthly on the third Monday at 7 PM, October through May/June.

# SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT

# N. E. R. T.

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team



**WHO:** Everyone!!!

**WHAT:** FREE Disaster Preparedness Training

**WHERE:** Inner Sunset  
St. John of God, 1290 - 5<sup>th</sup> Ave

**WHEN:** Tuesday evenings, 6:30p-10:00P  
February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28 AND April 4, 2017\*

*\*You must attend all sessions to gain the full benefit of the training.  
New students may not join after class session 2.  
A Certificate may be issued. Make ups may be approved.*

**HOW:** To register visit <http://bit.ly/2hZm6zu>, call 415-970-2024, or scan the qr code below.  
Already NERT trained? to Recertify, visit <http://bit.ly/2ikEJz1>

**WHY:** So we are prepared to do what we can for each other. Help make SF a resilient City!



Scan me to register  
on Eventbrite now!

Visit [www.sfgov.org/sffdnert](http://www.sfgov.org/sffdnert) for more on the training and other class locations.

## TRAINING COURSE OUTLINE

2/28

**Class Session #1...**  
Earthquake Awareness,  
Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation

3/7

**Class Session #2...**  
Basic Disaster Skills; Fire  
Extinguishers; Hazardous Materials;  
Utilities Shut-offs

3/14

**Class Session #3...**  
Disaster Medicine

SKIP 3/9

3/21

**Class Session #4...**  
Light Search and Rescue

3/28

**Class Session # 5...**  
Team Organization and Management  
Terrorism & NERT

4/4

**Class Session # 6...**  
Hands-On Training  
Skills Development and Application