

March 5-11, 2017
First Sunday of Lent

Reflections for the Week
God doesn't want our deeds;
God wants the love that prompts them.
—St. Teresa of Ávila

[click here](#)

Today's Readings

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

Readings for 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; Mt 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 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

**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)
Joe Humphreys, Pat Hoffman, Maureen Francis,
Mary Dunn, Mike Marty, Dorothy Culp, Martha Ayoub,
Patrick Lee, Jim McDonald, Josephine Small, Teresa
Hyatt, Dalia & Estela Becerra and all our members
who reside in assisted living
& care facilities.

Mass Intentions
March 2-10, 2017 (Fri thru Thurs)

Fri.	Kathleen Moran (Happy 90th BD !)	12:10pm
Sat.		4:15pm
Sun.		9:30am
Sun.		11:30am
Mon		12:10pm
Tues.		12:10pm
Weds.		12:10pm
Thurs.	Marco and Melina de Souza	12:10pm

Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

Birthday, RIP, Blessings, Marriage, Get Well

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Wednesday: St. John of God

Thursday: St. Frances of Rome

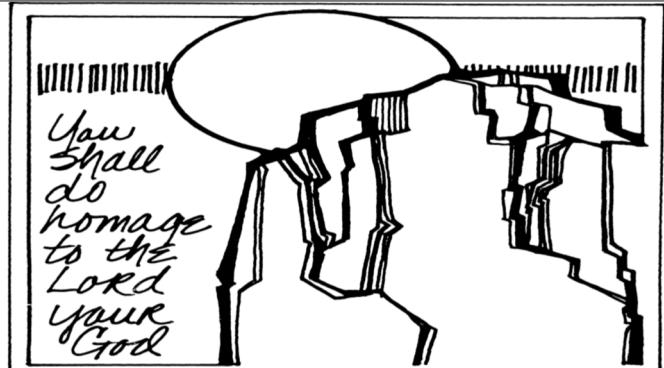
Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset

STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Celebrate our Fiftieth Year!

St. John of God will officially celebrate the
Fiftieth Anniversary of our church and community!
For a one-year period beginning with our Liturgies honoring the Feast of St. John of God (**March 8**)
and on the weekend of **March 11 and 12, 2017**.

These liturgies will honor our original mission as a Newman Center
and the beginning of providing pastoral care to the patients at UCSF Medical Center.

There will be two liturgies that weekend:

Saturday March 11 at 4:15pm

ONE MASS ON SUNDAY March 12 at 10:30am

(PLEASE NOTE: no 9:30 or 11:30 Mass.)

POT LUCK TO FOLLOW Mass on March 12.

*Whether you can bring something to share or not, we want you there ~
bring your family and friends! To celebrate!*

CONTACT MaryAnn Ring to help with set up or clean-up
speziale1926@gmail.com

FLYERS ARE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH and ALL INFO ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Lenten Information and Resources
sfarch.org/lent TheBridge@sfarch.org
New on the archdiocesan website is a Lent page with a brief overview of the season, links to resources, and current information from the parishes of the San Francisco archdiocese on the services, liturgies, and special events planned for this spiritually significant time of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. For help in keeping Lent well, visit the Lent page, see above.

**Archbishop Will Say Mass
Celebrating the Dignity of Immigrants at St. Peter's**
Saturday, March 11, 11:00 am
St. Peter's Church, 1200 Florida St., San Francisco
Lorena Melgarejo : Melgarejol@sfarch.org
sfarch.org/immigration

Join Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone in celebrating the dignity of immigrants at a special Mass at St. Peter's Church in the Mission district of San Francisco on March 11, 11:00 am. All are welcome. following Mass, a Forum will be held on the topic of immigrant rights and resources to support migrants, offered in Spanish and English.

**New formation class
for the permanent diaconate**

September will begin a new formation class for the permanent diaconate (the end result is becoming a Deacon to assist in local parishes) SJOG? Yes!

*There is a whole application process:
Fire in the Heart, meetings, reviews, application,
ecclesial documents, recommendations, inquires,
Archbishop vetting and a calling of service!
If you are interested talk with Fr. Kabippi*

Community & Collections

**Next Sanctuary Meeting
Sat. 3/18/17 5:15pm**

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.

Upcoming **Adult Faith Formation** series on
"The Interfaith Jesus,"
which will be particularly relevant to what is happening in our country and our world today.
It will be spread over four Thursday evening sessions (7:00 to 8:30 PM) in Collins Hall ~flyers in back of church.

Potluck at St. John of God!

**Sunday, March 12, 2017 after the (one and only) 10:30 Mass
in the Parish Hall**

Celebrating Our 50th Year!

Whether you can bring something to share or not, we want you there! Please come!

But if you can bring something...
and your last name begins with

A—G, please bring a main dish (doesn't have to be piping hot, or hot at all, and doesn't have to be fancy)

H—M, please bring salads or bread and butter (or other spread)

N—T, please bring desserts

U—Z, please bring beverages such as soda, water, juice, ice tea (wine? It'll be around 11:30 in the morning, although it will be around 5:30 in certain places in the Atlantic Ocean)

Things one can eat with fingers, forks, or spoons will probably be helpful.

We'll have paper plates, cups, and bowls, napkins, and silverware. We'll also have SOME large bowls and serving spoons for various dishes, but if you're able to bring your own, that's even better.

Please bring your contribution to the Kitchen in the parish hall BEFORE the 10:30 Mass begins.

Please SIGN UP, either on the Potluck clipboard at the back of the church, OR by emailing Potluck Honcho MaryAnn Ring at speziale1926@gmail.com

**St. John of God
San Francisco, CA
Father Tom Bonacci, C.P., Interfaith Peace Project**

**Four Part Series
THE INTERFAITH JESUS**

In a day and age when so many powerful political “leaders” are inviting us to fear and hostility regarding the “strangers” in our midst, we turn to Jesus to discern his fundamental attitude of heart regarding the people powerful people fear and dismiss as less than human. Instead of seeing ourselves as first, we are called, as disciples of Jesus, to exalt the lowly and honor the “stranger” among us. Our four-week series explores the Interfaith Heart of Jesus to help cope with this dangerous tendency to see others as less than ourselves.

**Four Thursdays Evenings
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

**February 23, 2017
The God of All Peoples**

We will survey the “religion of Jesus” attempting to discover from his understanding and experience of Judaism his understanding of the human person, the World, and God.

**March 16, 2017
Did I not Set Free Your Enemies?**

We continue to explore the “religion of Jesus” from the perspectives of his early life as best as we can discern any historical reality from the New Testament sources. Even if the New Testament stories were developed or embellished, we might ask why and what do they tell us about the New Testament understanding of Jesus and his openness to people of diverse and varied faiths.

**April 27, 2017
Who Touched Me?**

Mark Chapter Five has often been called a “Gospel within a Gospel.” We will explore the journeys of Jesus portrayed in this rather marvelous text discerning the interfaith heart and soul of Jesus and the subsequent Jesus Movement.

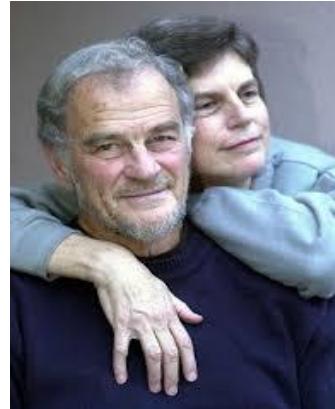
**June 1, 2017
Seeing the Way Jesus Died**

We conclude our series by returning to the foot of the Cross in Mark 15: 22-39. In the aftermath of the death of Jesus, we encounter a most remarkable event concerning the Roman Centurion who presided over the execution of Jesus. We will explore the generous self-donation of Jesus as a model for what it means to be a person and disciple of interfaith love, respect and understanding.



**A Celebration of the Life
and Times of
Charles J. Liteky
1931 - 2017**

**Medal of Honor Awardee
Peace Activist
Prisoner of Conscience**



Saturday, March 4, 2017, 2 pm

**First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco
1187 Franklin Street (corner Geary Blvd)**

The public is invited to a memorial celebrating the life of Charlie Liteky, an outstanding hero and chaplain during the Vietnam War, a truth seeker who later transformed himself into an author and renowned peace activist. His unique life mirrors the American experience over the past half century and portrays the choices and experiences of an unusually brave individual. His quest for answers to the challenges we all face is especially important at this time.

This memorial will include tributes from speakers who witnessed Charlie and his wife Judy's story of struggle, love and dedication to peace and justice as described in Charlie's recent memoir "Renunciation," the first release of which will take place at this event.

Celebration of Life and Eulogies	2:00 pm	Sanctuary
Reception and Socializing	3:30 pm	Thomas Starr King Room
Book Launching "Renunciation" Charlie Liteky, author	4:00 pm	Martin Luther King Room

All are welcome ~ Wheelchair accessible