

March 19-25, 2017
Third Sunday of Lent

Reflections for the Week
While we were still sinners
Christ died for us.
— Romans 5:8

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Today's Readings

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

Readings for this Week

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

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

Gilda Witherell, 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
all our members who reside in assisted living
& care facilities.

Mass Intentions March 17-23, 2017 (Fri thru Thur)

Fri. Kathleen Langan (in Memory)	12:10pm
Sat. Leticia Cousart (80 yr Birthday)	4:15pm
Sun.	9:30am
Sun. Ivan Scope (Birthday Memorial)	11:30am
Mon. Martin Joseph O'Brien	12:10pm
Tues. John Loh (Rest in Peace)	12:10pm
Weds. Michael Klein (Rest in Peace)	12:10pm
Thurs. Anita Aviles (Rest in Peace)	12:10pm

Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

Birthday, RIP, Blessings, Marriage, Get Well

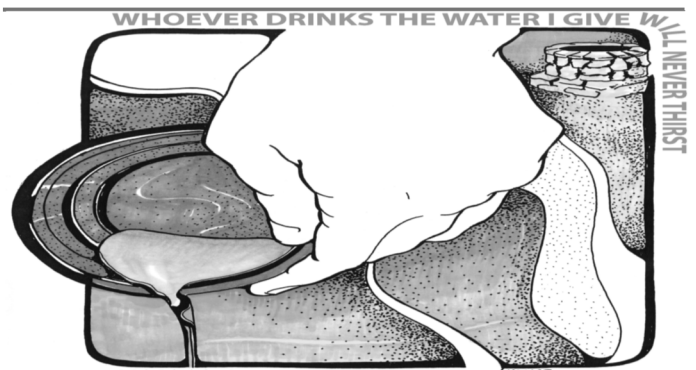
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Joseph; Spring begins
Thursday: St. Toribio de Mogrovejo
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord

THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

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**Lenten Retreat at Saint John of God
Facilitated by Sr. Alyssa Meis, Colleagues,
Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity
Evening Sessions, 7:00 to 9:00 PM,
Wednesday through Friday
March 29 through 31
Saturday Session, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM,
concluding with 4:15 Vigil Mass,
Saturday, April 1
(ATTENDANCE AT ALL SESSIONS IS NOT
REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION.)**

“The Wilderness Will Bloom” (*Isaiah 35:1*)

The wilderness is a beautiful image for our Lenten journey of renewal and preparation for the joy of Easter. Many places in our life and world we experience “the wilderness,” but in the wilderness we also experience HOPE. There are so many seeds hidden in the ground that just await the rain for the LIFE to spring forth.

Based on contemplative prayer with Scripture (*Lectio Divina*), this retreat will provide a sacred space for reflecting on our Lenten and Life Journey, allowing ourselves to be drawn back to the fullness of Love that lives, moves and breathes within all.

Blessings to you all as we begin our Lenten journey! -- Sister Alyssa

**St. Dominic Has “the Last Mass in the City”
Every Sunday**

9:00 pm St. Dominic Church, 2390 Bush Street, San Francisco 415-567-7824 info@stdominics.org
It is often referred to as “the Candlelight Mass.” It is also known as “the last Mass in the City,” and grateful Catholics call it “a lifesaver.” Has weekend work, or travel, or some unexpected obligation interfered with your schedule? If Mass has to be the last thing on your Sunday instead of the first—here it is. The 9:00 pm Mass at St. Dominic Church in San Francisco, each Sunday night, all year round, has been a dependable part of the parish calendar for twenty years. St. Dominic’s director of music and liturgy, Simon Berry, adds this: “This late evening Mass offers a more reflective and subdued worshiping atmosphere, with the lights dimmed to about fifty percent, and votive candles enhancing the visual atmosphere. The music is based on the simple chants of Taizé and Gregorian chants. We currently welcome an average of 250 worshipers each week. All types attend, but we do notice lots of young professionals.”

A great time was had by all!

The start of our 50th year was a success!

Maryann Ring and Chuck Witherell (Planners), Paul and the choir, Judy and Janice, Sasha, Marlene, Rose, Susan, Cathe, Mark, Debbie, Steve, Jim, Karen, and csqueri

(Our Volunteers are love in motion!)

The gift of their time and work is priceless!

Thank you and God Bless, Fr. Kabipi

**Archbishop at Cathedral Liturgies
Holy Week and Easter**

St. Mary’s Cathedral,

1111 Gough Street, San Francisco

415-567-2020 stmarycathedralsf.org

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will preside at several Lenten and Eastertide liturgies at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption:

- Thursday, April 6, 5:30 pm:
The Holy Chrism Mass
- Sunday, April 9, 11:00 am:
Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
- Holy Thursday, April 13, 7:30 pm:
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
- Good Friday, April 14, 3:00 pm:
Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion
- Holy Saturday, April 15, 9:00 pm:
Easter Vigil Mass of the Lord’s Resurrection
- Easter Sunday Mass, April 16, 9:00 am

Community & Collections

Support Catholic Relief Services March 25-26

Second Collection at all Masses

Your donation will help **Jesus in disguise** by providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families; advocating on behalf of the vulnerable. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief to learn more about YOU are making a difference! Thank you .

Second Collection : Hospital Ministry

1st Weekend of the month

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.

Palm Sunday April 9

Good Friday April 14

Easter April 16

First Communion May 7 9:30AM

**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.