

*May 7 –13, 2017*  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*Reflections for the Week*

*Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come.*

*We have only today. Let us begin.*

*~ St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

**Today's Readings** [Click Here](#)

**First Reading** — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

**Gospel** — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

**Readings for this Week**

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;  
Jn 10:11-18  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7;  
Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a;  
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25;  
Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14  
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;  
1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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

**Judy Laxen** who is being challenged  
with a medical issue.

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,  
Ethel Friedrichs, Mary Dunn, Mike Marty,  
Martha Ayoub, Patrick Lee, Josephine Small,  
Teresa Hyatt, Dalia & Estela Becerra.

Blessings to all our members who reside in  
assisted living & care facilities.

**Mass Intentions**  
**May 5-11, 2017 (Fri thru Thur)**

Fri. Mary Fleming (Rest in Peace + ) 12:10pm  
Sat. 4:15pm  
Sun. First Holy Communicants 9:30am  
Sun. Martha Ayoub (Healing) 11:30am  
Mon. 12:10pm  
Tues. Judy Laxen (Healing ) 12:10pm  
Weds. Paddy Langan (Birthday Memorial) 12:10pm  
Thurs. Jerry Rowley (Birthday Memorial) 12:10pm

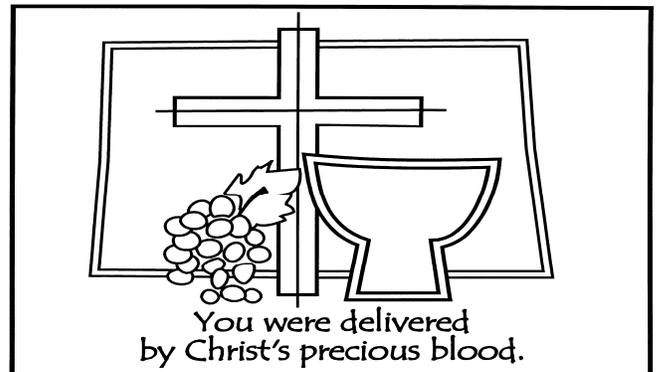
**Give the gift of a Mass Intention.**

Birthday, RIP, Blessings, Marriage, Get Well

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
Wednesday: St. Damien de Veuster  
Friday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus;  
St. Pancras  
Saturday: Our Lady of Fatima

Dear friends, we don't ever thank the Lord enough for the gift He has given us in the Eucharist! It is a very great gift and that is why it is so important to go to Mass on Sunday. Go to Mass, not just to pray, but to receive Communion, the bread that is the Body of Jesus Christ who saves us, forgives us, unites us to the Father. It is a beautiful thing to do! And we go to Mass every Sunday because that is the day of the resurrection of the Lord. That is why Sunday is so important to us. And in this Eucharist we feel this belonging to the Church, to the People of God, to the Body of God, to Jesus Christ. We will never completely grasp the value and the richness of it. ~Pope Francis



## **First Communion** **May 7, 2017 ~ 9:30AM**

In Holy Communion, you are intimately united with Jesus Christ — he literally becomes part of you. Please join with the St. John of God Community as we welcome our new Communicants:

**Joaquin Duca, Martina Mongillo, Annette Moore,  
Patrick Lee, Roan Purpura-Pontoniere**

*A reception will follow in Collins Hall*



### **The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos**

300 Manresa Way, Los Altos  
[jrclosaltos.org/retreats](http://jrclosaltos.org/retreats)

The Jesuit Retreat Center, El Retiro, has a variety of retreats and events. Visit the website above to see the full schedule and complete details, and to learn more about this beautiful retreat center in the hills of Los Altos. Private retreats for individuals and groups are also available .

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### **Natural Family Planning Course**

Saturdays, May 20, 27, and June 3  
St. Dominic Church, 2390 Bush St., San Francisco  
Deacon Bill and Pat Turrentine 415-246-3160  
E-mail Nicole Hull at [nicolehull87@gmail.com](mailto:nicolehull87@gmail.com)  
[live-the-love.org](http://live-the-love.org)

A new three-class course in the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning (NFP) starts Saturday, May 20, at St. Dominic Church in San Francisco. The cost is \$130. Complete information and registration are at the website, above. Also available are an online self-paced course and Live Online options. Many couples report a deeper respect for their spouse and a strengthening of their marriage by practicing NFP. Questions? E-mail or phone, see above.

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### **Catholic Charities Collection** **May 13-14 at All Masses**

[catholiccharitiessf.org/ccsunday](http://catholiccharitiessf.org/ccsunday)  
**“Believe”**: Catholic Charities believes in strengthening families and reducing poverty. Catholic Charities helps families struggling with homelessness; cares for aging adults and adults with disabilities; welcomes immigrants and refugees with love and compassion; and offers youth a safe place to learn and grow. They can't do this work without you. Please donate during the second collection at your parish on May 13-14. You can also make a gift for Catholic Charities Sunday using the envelope inside the May 11 issue of *Catholic San Francisco*; or donate online at the website, above.

### **Prayers Requested for**

**Archbishop George Niederauer** \* See note below

Archbishop Niederauer is very ill and hospitalized. While he is not able to receive visitors, he will appreciate the comfort of our prayers as we join our hearts and minds with his. Archbishop Niederauer was the 8th Archbishop of San Francisco, from 2006 until his retirement in 2012. Updates about his health, and Archbishop Quinn's, can be found on our website, [sfarch.org](http://sfarch.org).

### **THANK YOU**

*To my dear friends, thank you for your generous and compassionate support of a cause so dear to my heart. VOICE FROM THE WEST helps some of those most in need in the Holy Land, which is my homeland.*

*The many donations of cash and by check totaled nearly \$2,000.*

*Thank you all so very much.*

*With gratitude and God's blessings,  
Martha Ayoub*

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### **Community & Collections**

**Second Collection : Hospital Ministry**  
1st Weekend of the month

**Second Collection: May 14**  
Catholic Charities CYO Appeal

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.

\*Archbishop Niederauer died on May 2nd. [Link to Chronicle Obituary](#) [Link to statement by Archbishop Cordileone](#)

**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.