

*May 14-20 2017  
Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*Reflections for the Week*

*With Christ our light  
as the beacon lighting our way,  
let us march toward the glory of Pentecost.*

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

**First Reading** — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

**Gospel** — "Show us the Father," Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: "Whoever sees me, sees the Father" (John 14:1-12).

**Readings for this Week**

- Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;  
Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;  
Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10;  
Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12;  
Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5;  
Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;  
1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16;  
Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

**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 12-18, 2017 (Fri thru Thur)

Fri. Jim Gutting (RIP + )	12:10pm
Sat. Sally Hizon (Memorial BDay)	4:15pm
Sun. Sefcik Family (Blessings)	9:30am
Sun. Brenda Heagney (RIP +)	11:30am
Mon.	12:10pm
Tues. Judy Laxen (Healing )	12:10pm
Weds. Mary Beth Palmer (RIP + )	12:10pm
Thurs.	12:10pm

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

Birthday, RIP, Blessings, Marriage, Get Well

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter;  
Mother's Day
- Monday: St. Isidore the Farmer
- Thursday: St. John I
- Saturday: St. Bernardine of Siena;  
Armed Forces Day

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In many parish churches, more rarely in monastery churches and cathedrals, the tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament is visible from a doorway or aisle in the church. Normally, a person is to give the proper sign of reverence, a genuflection, when passing in proximity to the tabernacle. The word "genuflect" comes from Latin roots meaning bending (or flexing) the knee. A common-sense exception to the rule is for a sacristan who is taking care of the church and can't be genuflecting every thirty seconds during a vacuum run. Also excepted are persons in procession entrusted with important symbols of the Lord's presence. So, a cross bearer or a minister carrying the Gospel book, or ministers on their way to their Communion stations do not genuflect. For everyone else, the usual sign of reverence for the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament is to genuflect on the right knee.

The oldest form of reverence during prayer in our tradition is standing; kneeling or genuflecting is a sign borrowed from old civic practice. The posture of kneeling, even on one knee, is a sign of submission. Servants would take this position before their masters in the ancient world. It said: I'm not running away, I'm yours, I'm here for you. This is what your genuflection says when you enter a Catholic church where the place of reservation of the Blessed Sacrament is visible to you: I'm yours.

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## Motherhood : Pope Francis

To celebrate the feast of the Holy Mother of God reminds us that we are not interchangeable items of merchandise or information processors. We are children, we are family, we are God's People," the pope said. Francis spoke on Sunday morning in St. Peter's Basilica, celebrating the annual Mass to mark the Marian feast, extolling her as the patron and role model for mothers in every age.

"She was able to watch over the beginnings of the first Christian community, and in this way she learned to be the mother of a multitude," he said.

"She drew near to the most diverse situations in order to sow hope. She accompanied the crosses borne in the silence of her children's hearts. How many devotions, shrines and chapels in the most far-off places, how many pictures in our homes, remind us of this great truth?"

Mary, the pontiff said, is the one who nurtured and preserved the "revolution of tenderness" launched by Christ.

"Mary gave us a mother's warmth, the warmth that shelters us amid troubles, the maternal warmth that keeps anything or anyone from extinguishing in the heart of the Church the revolution of tenderness inaugurated by her Son," he said.

As he has each year on this feast, Francis closed by inviting the congregation to repeat a chant associated with the fifth century Council of Ephesus, which proclaimed Mary the theotokos, or "birth giver of God."

"Holy Mother of God, Holy Mother of God, Holy Mother of God," the pope had the crowd repeat.

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**SAVE THIS DATE! JUNE 3**  
**After the 4:15pm vigil AT 5:15PM**  
**....continuing our 50th yr anniversary**  
**Dedication of The Peace Pole (8' tall**  
**and can be seen from all corners)!**  
**Outside of Collins Hall.**  
**Reception will follow.**

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### Music at Mission Dolores Basilica

Sunday, May 14, 4:00 pm

Mission Dolores Basilica, 3321 16th St.

Jerome Lenk 415-621-8203 [muic@missiondolores.org](mailto:muic@missiondolores.org)  
[missiondolores.org](http://missiondolores.org)

Christian Elliott will present the May concert of the Second Sunday Organ Series, Sunday, May 14. One of today's prominent concert organists, he is equally at home performing classical or popular genres. The program is free to the public. Donations are accepted in support of the Basilica Parish Music Ministries.

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## Get on the Bus

### *Uniting Children with their Mothers and Fathers in Prison*

Last year we started a new ministry at St. John of God. The project is

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- a non-profit founded in 1999 - and its goal is to unite children with their mothers and fathers in prison. This year during May and June, 48 buses will take children to visit their fathers and mothers in various prisons in California. On May 21st I will be in the Hall to accept donations which will be used to buy games and art supplies to be used by the children in the visiting room at San Quentin. These items will then be left there to be used by future visiting families.

*I am asking for your support for the children. I will be in the hall after Masses on May 21st. Please make checks out to*

#### Get on the Bus.

*Thank you,  
Elaine Blair*

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## **Catholic San Francisco Newspaper Has New Website [catholic-sf.org](http://catholic-sf.org)**

### Community & Collections

Second Collection: May 13- 14

This Weekend

Catholic Charities CYO Appeal

Second Collection : Hospital Ministry

May 20-21 (this month)

**Second collection Catholic Communications May 27-28**

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.

**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.