

October 29, 2017
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections for the Week
Love of our neighbor
is included in the love of God.
—St. Thomas Aquinas

Today's Readings [Click Here](#)

First Reading — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

Psalms — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

Gospel — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

Readings for this Week

- Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
- Thursday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
- Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7

Please pray for our parishioners & extended family

Full Recovery for Elizabeth Wilson
Bob Donjacour, Special prayers

Rest in Peace: Judy Laxen

Msgr. Labib Kabti, Fr. Bill Brady,
Msgr Mickey McCormick (former Pastors at SJOG)
Pat Hoffman, Joe Humphreys, , Maureen Francis,
Ethel Friedrichs , Mary Dunn, Mike Marty,
Martha Ayoub, Patrick Lee, Josephine Small and her
daughters Sheila and Mary;
Teresa Hyatt, Dalia & Estela Becerra.
Blessings to all our members who reside in
assisted living & care facilities.

Mass Intentions
Oct. 27-Nov. 2, 2017 (Fri thru Thur)

Fri. Evelyn S. Rull (RIP +)	12:10pm
Sat. Law Thong (RIP +)	4:15pm
Sun. The Protection and Safety of	9:30am
Sun. Immigrants and Refugees	11:30am
Mon. John Corry (Healing)	12:10pm
Tues. Maria Abigail Zabanta (Happy BD!)	12:10pm
Weds. Patrick Cunnie (RIP Anniversary)	12:10pm
Thurs. Busby & Langan Family (RIP Memorial +)	12:10pm

Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday; World Youth Day
- Tuesday: Halloween
- Wednesday: All Saints
- Thursday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful
Departed (All Souls' Day)
- Friday: St. Martin de Porres; First Friday
- Saturday: St. Charles Borromeo; First Saturday

BALANCE

Today's scriptures emphasize the fundamental link between love of God and love of our neighbors, especially those who are most in need. Love of God should compel us to love the people whom God cherishes. Conversely, work for justice and charity for those in need should be rooted in our love of God.

That connection and balance, however, isn't always easy to maintain in our lives. Even in religious orders we find that some Christians are more oriented toward contemplation and prayer, while others are more active in reaching out to those who are oppressed. Today Jesus reminds us of the necessity for both in the life of faith.

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Please Help Keep Our Church Clean.

Sanctuary Weekend Oct. 28-29

On Oct. 28-29 the Sanctuary Committee will coordinate special liturgies in support of greater economic opportunities for youth in El Salvador as well in support of local immigrants who more than ever need our accompaniment. Please wear a Romero or red shirt to Mass that weekend. Checks in support of our parish's Sanctuary work should be made payable to "St. John of God" with "C.A.R. Fund" written in the memo line.

From: Santa Rosa de Lima Parish, Cuscatancingo, El Salvador, September 2017

To: St John of God Parish, San Francisco, Ca.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

I send you greetings from the youth in our project and from all in our parish. We pray that our Lord Jesus bestow many blessings upon all of you and accompany you always in your ministry to the needy.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all the members of the Sanctuary Committee who organize the Sanctuary Weekend and collect the funds that help those of other parishes like our own. Your commitment to social justice becomes a lay ministry of caring for those in other countries like El Salvador.

Your aid for 2017 has supported at risk youth, single mothers and adults who have not previously been able to study. Forty three will graduate high school in December and 54 are expected to complete the program in 2018 thanks to you.

I reiterate our gratitude and may you be held in the love of the Lord.

Affectionately, Pedro Cortez, Pastor

Luis Figueroa, Project Coordinator

Translated from the Spanish

Pupusas will be on sale after the 9:30 and 11:30 mass on Sanctuary Sunday, October 29th.

Pupusas are a traditional Salvadoran dish of a corn tortilla with a filling of cheese, bean or meat and topped with curtido, a cabbage slaw.

Roxana Barahona is from El Salvador and several members of our community have accompanied her in her journey through the immigration process. The Sanctuary Committee helped donate funds so Roxana could have a grill and cart to start her pupusas business, so please come prepared to help support Roxana and buy some of her delicious pupusas.

They generally sell for \$2.50 each.

SERIES ON THE OCCASION OF THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION (1517-2017)

Thursday Evenings

November 9 and December 7

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Collins Hall

More info: Paul Riofski sjogmusic@aol.com

Community & Collections

Second Collection:

Sanctuary Sunday

**All Saints Day, November 1,
Holy Day of Obligation**

All Hallows' Eve is on Tuesday, October 31. Wednesday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a holy day of obligation

Sunday October 29 - Fr. Kabipi's birthday

The Saint John of God Prayer

Dear God, through the intercession of St. John of God, patron of the poor and the sick, grant me the grace this day to greet every person that I meet with understanding and compassion.

Reveal to me their needs and give me the means to inspire in my heart the humility and generosity of St. John so that I might be to them revelation of Christ's love. Amen
~ Rev. Thomas L. Seagrave



All are Welcome to JOIN the community

**For coffee, tea and treats
after all masses on Sunday**

⚡ ST. JOHN OF GOD SANCTUARY COMMUNITY ⚡

1986-2017: Thirty-One Years of Immigrant Advocacy and El Salvador Support

In 1985 the members of the St. John of God community embarked on an eight-month course of prayer and discernment regarding the plight of the Central American refugees coming to the Bay Area. Members studied Archbishop John R. Quinn's 1983 Pastoral Letter on Central America, participated in house meetings in which refugees shared their stories, and informed themselves about moral and legal issues regarding political asylum. In January 1986, over 90% of the parishioners voted in favor of Sanctuary. Since Palm Sunday 1986, our community has reaffirmed the covenant, which articulates the vision of faith taught by our brothers and sisters of El Salvador and Guatemala.

Christ's call is to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need. In response to this call, the members of the St. John of God Community enter into this covenant to provide sanctuary -- support, protection, and advocacy -- to Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees who request haven out of well-founded fear of persecution and possibly death if they are returned to their homeland. We do this out of concern for the welfare of these refugees, regardless of their official immigration status. . .

St. John of God Covenant of Public Sanctuary, Palm Sunday, 1986

As in the early years, Sanctuary work focuses on advocacy, emergency aid and accompaniment for immigrants in San Francisco and the Bay Area and support of development projects in El Salvador.

☀ Report on Projects ☀

Guided by the Spirit, we have continued the Sanctuary commitment to solidarity through:

Human Rights Advocacy and Accompaniment: Funds were given to the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity and Faith in Action to sustain their work of human rights advocacy for all people, regardless of their immigration status. Members of the St. John of God community have accompanied our immigrant sisters and brothers in deportation, asylum, detention and bond hearings. Through accompaniment and solidarity, as well as our prayerful support, our sisters and brothers know they are not alone in their fight and that they have the support of faith-based communities.

Development: Funds were given to anti-gang efforts at Santa Rosa of Lima Church in San Salvador. The funds enable parish teens to continue their high school education in a collaborative project with the Ministry of Education. The teens study in a supportive environment that is safe from gang-related threats and intimidation. Of the 97 students in the program, 43 will graduate this December and the remaining 54 will graduate next year. Also, funds given to Voices on the Border were used to support a women's group in Morazán, El Salvador, that provides workshops on women's rights and counsels domestic violence victims.

Direct Support: In the past year funds were given to the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN), for legal and social services for local immigrants. This nonprofit is a leader in providing legal and social services to low-income Latino immigrants.

☀ Please Support SJOG Sanctuary Work in 2017-2018 ☀

Please make checks payable to **St. John of God (in memo line put "C.A.R. Fund")**

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We invite parish community members to join us.