

*February 24—March 3, 2018*  
*Second Sunday in Lent*

*Reflections for the Week*  
*If God is for us,*  
*who can be against us?*  
— *Romans 8:31b*

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

**First Reading** — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

**Psalm** — I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

**Gospel** — This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

**Readings for this Week**

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;  
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9,  
16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16;  
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a;  
Ps 105:16-21;  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17];  
Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2,  
5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a,  
40-42]

**Please pray for our parishioners & extended family:**

**Full Recovery for:**  
**Bob Donjacour, Christopher Lee-**  
**Special prayers**

**Rest in Peace: Olga deSouza, Josephine Small**  
**Judy Laxen, Mary Dunn**

**For Healing:**  
Elizabeth Wilson, Pat Hoffman, Joe Humphreys,  
Maureen Francis, Ethel Friedrichs, Mike Marty,  
Martha Ayoub, Patrick Lee, ; Teresa Hyatt,  
Dalia & Estela Becerra.

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

**Mass Intentions**  
**February 23-March 1, 2018 (Fri thru Thur)**

Fri.	James Hurley(100 BD / RIP+)	12:10pm
Sat.		4:15pm
Sun.	Josephine Small (RIP+)	9:30am
Sun.		11:30am
Mon.		12:10pm
Tues.	Noreen Corry (God's Blessing)	12:10pm
Weds.	Charles Conofrey (RIP+)	12:10pm
Thurs.	Eudisia Medina Wilson (RIP+)	12:10pm

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

**Saints and Special Observances**

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;  
Penitential Rite for Candidates for  
Full Communion

Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance)  
begins at sunset

Friday: Abstinence; First Friday;  
World Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday

**THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS**

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

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**I will make your**  
**descendants as countless**  
**as the stars of the sky**

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**Walk with Jesus  
Stations of the Cross**  
Fridays in Lent: Feb 23,  
March 9, 16, and 23  
7-7:30PM

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**Webpage with Lenten Information  
and Resources**  
*sfarch.org/lent*

New on the archdiocesan website is a page devoted to Lent. What do Pope Francis, Archbishop Cordileone, and Bishop Barron of *Word on Fire* have to say about how to keep the season of Lent and prepare for Easter? They are there, along with links to many Catholic resources, and a beautiful slide show illustrating this spiritually significant time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Visit the webpage, above.

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**PRAYERS**

**Prayer to  
Our Lady of Mercy**

Loving Mary, Help all who are in trouble.  
Give courage to the faint-hearted,  
console the sad, heal the infirm,  
pray for the people,  
Intercede for the clergy,  
Have a special care for nuns.  
Mall all enjoy your kind assistance.  
Hear our prayers, O Mother,  
and grant them all.  
Amen.

**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 a revelation of God's Love.*

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I'm looking for a few more volunteers to join our parish team that prepares dinners at  
**Raphael House.**

No cooking experience necessary!  
Raphael House, the longest-running family shelter in San Francisco, is an exceptionally well-run facility that addresses both the short and long term needs of its residents. Our St. John of God group has been volunteering there for nearly 23 years! We work in a spacious and modern kitchen under the direction of a professional cook and serve the residents family style in the dining room. This is a manageable commitment—volunteering 3 or 4 Sundays a year is enough.

Also a great opportunity for parents with kids 12 or older.

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**Parish Calendar of Events and Meetings**

**PARISH LENTEN RETREAT, MARCH 1-3,  
2018 (led by Verbum Dei Sisters)**

Thursday evening, March 1, 2018,  
7:00 to 9:00 PM

Friday evening, March 2, 2018,  
7:00 to 9:00 PM

Saturday morning, March 3, 2018,  
9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

**CONCLUDING MASS  
50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF CELEBRATION**

**Sunday, March 11, 2018**

***only one morning mass at 10:30 AM***

on the Fourth Sunday in Lent and  
Feast of Saint John of God (March 8).

Mass will include Sacramental Anointing  
of the Sick, Blessing of Caregivers, and a

Recommitment to our  
Ministry to UCSF Hospital  
**Pot Luck Reception to follow  
( Collins Hall)**

**Signup Sheets in the Church  
by the Bulletins.**

**LENTEN COMMUNAL  
RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

Friday, March 16, 2018, 7:30 PM (including  
opportunity for individual confession)

**Collections**

January 14 - March 17 AAA 2018 Campaign