

March 11-17, 2018
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Reflections for the Week

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

— John 3:17

Today's Readings

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First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

Readings for this Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

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
March 9-15, 2018 (Fri thru Thur)

Fri. Maureen Harrington (Blessings!) 12:10pm
Sat. 4:15pm
Sun. ST. JOHN OF GOD COMMUNITY **10:30am**
Mon. Denis O'Sullivan (RIP) 12:10pm
Tues. Amy Ann Morris (God's Healing) 12:10pm
Weds. Richard Medina Wilson (RIP+) 12:10pm
Thurs. Betty Bridge (101 Birthday!) 12:10pm

Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent;
Second Scrutiny;
Daylight Saving Time begins;
Girl Scouting Sunday

Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: Saint Patrick

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Year B of the Lectionary has the Letter to the Ephesians today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience. His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) seventeen gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim.

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Parish Calendar of Events and Meetings

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)

**The Committee will be decorating Collins Hall on Saturday,
March 10 at 1:30pm.**

A huge THANK YOU for all those that helped in the planning
and execution of the event.

***If you still want to join in and help, please assist with
the clean up of the Hall after the potluck. Thank You!***



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. Amen.*

Walk with Jesus

Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent: Feb 23,
March 9, 16, and 23
7-7:30PM

**LENTEN COMMUNAL
RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

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

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS!

Please use the envelopes in the
pews for your intentions.

Please include your name and
those your are honoring.

(please put them in the offertory basket)

Thank you for your generosity!

Collections

January 14 - March 17 AAA 2018 Campaign

March 18, 2018 Catholic Relief Services
"thank you for being so generous to us" CRS

March 30 Holy Land (Good Friday USCCB)

April 29 Black & Indian Home Missions/
Catholic Home Missions (USCCB)