

# September 8, 2019

## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reflections for the Week

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. — *Psalm 90:14*

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — You sent your holy spirit from on high and thus were the paths of those on earth made straight (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

**Psalm** — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

**Gospel** — Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? (Luke 14:25-33).

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### Readings for the Week [Click here](#)

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11  
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19  
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26  
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38  
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42  
 Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
 Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17,19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

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

#### Rest in Peace:

Judy Laxen, Josephine Small,  
 Martha Araj Ayoub & David Desch

#### For Healing:

Edith Bucoy, Pat Hoffman, Tom Johnson,  
 Annette Gabrielli, Maureen Francis,  
 Joe Humphreys, Mike Marty, Ethel Friedrichs,  
 Patrick Lee, Teresa Hyatt,  
 Estela Becerra, Shirley Dela Cuz

...and a special reminder to pray for those we know now living in care facilities.

### Mass Intentions

September 6-12, 2019 (Fri thru Thur)

Fri.	12:10pm
Sat. Paul Tran (RIP+)	4:15pm
Sun. Joe Poppo (RIP+)	9:30am
Sun.	11:30am
Mon.	12:10pm
Tues.	12:10pm
Weds.	12:10pm
Thurs. Pellanda & Bosso Family	12:10pm

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

Birthday, RIP, Blessings, Marriage, Get Well  
*(contact the office)*

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
 Grandparents Day  
 Monday: St. Peter Claver  
 Wednesday: Patriot Day  
 Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Mary  
 Friday: St. John Chrysostom  
 Saturday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God's people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was "full, conscious, and active," a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered.

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### **A Get-Away Weekend!!!**

Do you need a vacation? Give yourself and your spouse time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. Enjoy a chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you! The **next Marriage Encounter Weekends** include: **Nov 8-10, 2019 in Menlo Park, CA and Sep 13-15, 2019 in Concord, CA.** For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website [sanjosewwme.org](http://sanjosewwme.org) [applications@sanjosewwme.org](mailto:applications@sanjosewwme.org) or 408-782-1413.

### **Parish Hall & Environs - Lighting:**

During the months of July & August, there were a number of lighting upgrades to the Parish Hall Kitchen, the Parish Courtyard, and the Parish Parking Lot.. There are now functional motion detector LED flood lights in the parking lot area (both front and back) and in the courtyard area between the hall & church (entrance to rectory, entrance to handicapped entrance to chapel, entrance to pastor's living quarters). In addition, all the lights in the hall kitchen were replaced with LED Lighting units; all switches and outlets (GFCI outlets where appropriate) were replaced; for some time, a number of outlets and switches have not been functioning. The light in the rectory dining room was replaced with a more appropriate LED chandelier. The total cost for all materials and labor installation was \$3,450.00; thanks to Ms. Cheri Cochran and her crew for providing these needed lighting improvements at such a reasonable price! (Source: Parish Finance Council)

### **Confirmation:**

St. John of God will begin its confirmation class for young people ages 12-17 on Sunday, Sept. 29. If you have a son or daughter or know of anyone who might be interested in preparing for confirmation, please contact Kathy Ohm via phone (415 902-5022) or email: [kathyohm@gmail.com](mailto:kathyohm@gmail.com). She has led our last 5 confirmation classes, and would be glad to talk with you and share more about our preparation program. FYI, in past years, we have had young people both from SJOG and other parishes join us for confirmation prep and the sacrament itself. Sunday mass and, if requested also during the 9:30 am mass on most Sundays this school year.

### **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.- Rev. Fr. Thomas L. Seagrave*

### **Religious Education Classes**

#### **Confirmation Classes for High School**

Students will begin in late August or early September on Sundays at the 11:30am Mass. Please contact Paul Riofski (415-517-4647).

**Pre-K and First Communion Classes** will begin again starting Sun. Sept. 8, 2019 at the 9:30am mass. The Religious Ed Team is expanding and looking for instructors for the program who enjoy working with grades Pre-K - 6th grades.

Commitment would be 1 hour classes per week, preparation time, Sept. 8, 2019 - May 24, 2020. Catechist training through the Archdiocese is available. Contact Beverlie Leano [torreano82@gmail.com](mailto:torreano82@gmail.com)

### **Dear Friends, 2 Jobs Open:**

**1.NEW** – Parish Secretary: St. John of God is looking for a part-time (M-F) Parish Secretary who is a self-motivated-person with administrative skills. Job duties Include: perform a full range of administrative/secretarial responsibilities; Maintain office record -keeping systems; a full range of office functions including effective interface with parishioners and visitors. Required are excellent Communication skills, general computer knowledge and the ability to multi-task.

**2.NEW** – Parish Bookkeeper: St. John of God is looking for a part-time Parish Bookkeeper who is self-motivated and self-directed with accounting/bookkeeper Skills. Job duties will include: maintain records for general ledger; process ADP Payroll; process check payments; maintain current information on all funds; Generate various Financial Reports. Required are excellent communication skills; general computer knowledge; experience with Quickbooks (on-line); ability to organize and prioritize tasks. Please send resume to Fr. Narcis Kabipi: [akabipi@yahoo.com](mailto:akabipi@yahoo.com)



**Please join us for coffee, tea, hot chocolate and pastries after the 9:30 Mass on Sundays.**

**Janice, Coco and their friends welcome you with love and fellowship. Also Join the 11:30 Mass for their Coffee with Coffee, Tea & Snacks.**

**Protecting God's Children:** If you believe you are victim of sexual abuse, please call the Archdiocesan Clergy Abuse Hotline 415-614-5506. Clergy Abuse is very serious and a priority in our church for more information visit: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

- ☐ Concerned about immigrants?
  - ☐ Want to know what caused the current mass migration?
  - ☐ Looking for ways to be more involved?
- ➡ Don't miss this event!

You will hear from:

- **José Artiga**, Executive Director, SHARE El Salvador and **Theresa Cameranesi**, long-time member of St. John's Sanctuary Committee and School of the Americas Watch. José and Theresa were part of the recent delegation that traveled to Honduras to learn *root causes of the current mass migration* from Central America.
- St. John of God parishioners who recently returned from the southern US border where they *ministered to newly arrived immigrants*.
- Individuals engaged in other *support programs for immigrants here in the Bay Area*.
- *Light refreshments* will be served following the program.



"Women's Forum for Life: for dreams cut short, for smiles erased, for lives snatched away. Justice!"

Date: Saturday, October 5, 2019  
 Time: 5:15 to 6:45 pm  
 Place: St. John of God Catholic Church  
 1290 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue (at Irving) in San Francisco  
 Parking is limited; carpooling or public transit is best.

RSVP\*: [susanfoxcfre@outlook.com](mailto:susanfoxcfre@outlook.com)

\*Not required but useful for planning.