

# March 15, 2020

## Third Sunday of Lent

### Reflections for the Week

#### AVAILABILITY

God does not ask for our ability or our inability, but our availability.

—Anonymous

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

**Gospel** — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

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### Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
 Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

### Please pray for our parishioners & extended family: Rest in Peace:

Judy Laxen, Dorle & Paul Gross, 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.

### Mar. 13 thru Mar. 19, 2020 (Fri. thru Thur.)

Fri Sister Anthony Selewicz (RIP+) 12:10pm  
 Sat. Richard Medina Wilson (RIP+) 4:15pm  
 Sun. Claire Wilson Mabanag (RIP+) 9:30am  
 Sun. 11:30am  
 Mon. (RIP+) 12:10pm  
 Tues. (RIP+) 12:10pm  
 Weds. Daniel Mc Mahon (RIP+) 12:10pm  
 Thurs. Ivan Scope (Rip & Birthday) 12:10pm

### Give the gift of a Mass Intention.

Intention for Birthdays, Memorials, RIP, Blessings, Marriage, and Get Well.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent  
 Tuesday: St. Patrick—Bishop  
 Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem—Bishop  
 Thursday: St. Joseph; Spouse of Mary - Spring begins  
 Friday: Day of Abstinence

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

March 19

Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: "With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus" (Preface of Saint Joseph, *Sacramentary*). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive "Saint Joseph's Table," welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as Patron of a Happy Death. Descended from David's house, which God finished "building" through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary & Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature's rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Saturdays from 3:15-3:45, Father Kabipi

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(After Stations of the Cross, 7:00-7:30 PM in the church) The Book of Revelation – See Paul Riofski to get your copy of the Commentary.

**Dear Parishioners—Please Collection Counters Needed**

Recently, Dave Freitas gave us the annual financial report, showing that, through our weekly collections, the annual raffle, and special donations, this community continues to provide the funds to meet our financial needs. But, we also need volunteers to count the collections and other income and prepare a weekly bank deposit. This requires two volunteers to devote a few hours on a Sunday to count, record, and deposit the collections and other funds received during that week. Ideally, there should be at least 16 volunteer's. This would spread the burden so that no one would have to count more than once every couple months. In reality, the number of counters has declined to just 7 (all of whom have been counters for several years). This means that we often can't meet the archdiocesan audit requirement that the counting be done by at least two persons. It also makes it very difficult to set up schedules as not everyone is available every month. We need participation in this task from all segments of our community. Please consider volunteering. For more information **Contact Dave Freitas** [d.freitas@gte.net](mailto:d.freitas@gte.net) or **Joe & Joan Humphreys** @ [joehum@gmail.com](mailto:joehum@gmail.com) for more information.



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 Hour with Coffee, Tea & Snacks. **Also be sure to Give Donation in the Tins marked Donation because this money helps pay for your**

**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

**An Invitation from Father Kabipi**

I invite all members of the following Groups to join me in leading us in our Stations of the Cross this Lenten Season. Stations will be every Friday Evening at 7:00pm and should be done by 7:30pm. This is my invitation to the Following Groups to lead us in the Stations of the Cross. I wish you peace in this Lenten Season. Fr. Narcis Kabipi

March 20 Choir

March 27 St. Francis Cursillo

April 3 Bible Study

**There is only one Mass on April 9th and that is the Mass of the Lord's Supper. So the Mass Intention for April 9 for Generosa Flores will be at the 7:30pm**

**Dear Friends, Job Openings**

**Dear Friends, Job Opening For Parish Secretary:**

**St. John of God is – 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. . Please **Send** resume to Fr. Narcis Kabipi at: [akabipi@yahoo.com](mailto:akabipi@yahoo.com) or to our Office email: [stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stjohnofgod-sf@sbcglobal.net)

**Principal Keyboard Musician**

St John of God is looking for a part-time Principal Musician with keyboard & vocal skills. Responsible for leading the community & or accompanying the community for weekend services, Holy Days & other services (infrequent). Required are the ability to work independently in a self-motivated and self-directed manner working collaboratively with the Director of Parish Music Paul Riofski at: [sjogmusic@aol.com](mailto:sjogmusic@aol.com) . Please send resume to Fr. Kabipi at: [akabipi@yahoo.com](mailto:akabipi@yahoo.com) or to our

**Easter Flower Envelopes**

Please use the Easter Flower Envelopes if you want to Contribute for our Lenten & Easter Liturgical Environment. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Please indicate your intentions on top line. We will issue an acknowledgement and ask the entire Parish to join you in Praying for you intentions. Thank You.

**Show Your Community Some Love**

**Ensure that every member of your household is counted in Census 2020 – including infants.** All communities need love and support to grow and thrive. Join Catholic Charities and other faith-based organizations and social services in participating in the Census 2020, which can help bring a whole lot of heart to your community when it comes to jobs and road maintenance as well as funding critical social service programs that San Francisco residents rely on like affordable housing, early childhood education and food and nutrition assistance. The Census helps communities get funding they need so show your community some love and pledge to participate in the 2020 Census. Census Day is April 1<sup>st</sup>. You can respond by phone and online beginning March 12<sup>th</sup> in multiple languages. Census 2020 Toolkit and Resources for Congregations.

**Second Collections- Up-Coming:  
March 21-22 Catholic Relief Services**

**SATURDAY-SUNDAY, MARCH 7-8, 2020**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT; FEAST OF SAINT JOHN OF GOD**

All three weekend masses will include the **Sacramental Anointing of the Sick** and the **Blessing of Caregivers** (those in the healing professions and those caring for their loved ones in their homes and other settings).

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