From the Desk of the Pastor ....

We see in today’s Gospel, how Jesus headed resolutely for Jerusalem: The phrase is translated to mean ‘resolutely determined’ implying some definitive setting up that will be immovable or unchangeable. Jerusalem is where He is headed to, even though he knew that death awaited him there.

Today’s readings address our human weaknesses: it’s easy to make promises, and to undertake commitments, but it is not always easy to be faithful. It is all too easy and all too common, to take back or to turn back.

The first reading narrates the call of Elisha to succeed the prophet Elijah. Elisha is not unwilling to follow Elijah, he simply wants time to say farewell to his old life. Struggling with the urgency of the ‘Calling’, he realizes that excuses are not acceptable; indeed excuses only prevent the fulfillment of the reason for which he was born, to be a prophet. Elisha’s response is then immediate and total.

Saint Paul in his letter to the Galatians warns us that despite our union with Christ and the gift of the Spirit, we still must struggle against the flesh which will do its utmost to distract us, to make excuses to vacillate and lead us into sin and slavery.

St. Luke recounts how Jesus is committed to the mission God the father has assigned to him: In spite of the fact that he knew that an ignominious death awaited him. He demands the same kind of unwavering commitment from those who choose to follow him.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

THE FILIPINO PASTORAL COUNCIL
The Filipino Pastoral Council was established in order to promote a better appreciation of Filipino Culture through religious -social-cultural activities; It encourages everyone to participate in all parish activities and exercise its exceptional stewardship with all God’s people in the life and ministry of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist. It’s endeavor is to serve God and our neighbor with God-given talent, talent & treasure for the good of all & for the greater Glory and Honor to God. We invite you to come and join us.

Looking forward in hope:
*The Filipino Pastoral Council (FPC) is accepting nominations for the upcoming new year, beginning this July 2019. The nominations are open for the positions of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Auditor, and Secretary.
Blank nominations are available at the back of the Church. Please fill out your nominations and submit or drop them into the ‘nominations box’ at the back of the Church.

Parish Family Picture Directory
Continuing with our Quasquicentennial celebration, we will be doing a new family pictorial directory and we hope every family will be in it. “Lifetouch” will be at the parish doing family portraits between July 11th and 20th. These appointments are now full. If you still wish to have a copy of the directory and to have your parish group or family picture in it we need you to contact us with your own pictures NO LATER THAN July 11th. We CANNOT accept professional pictures due to copyright law. Please contact Bill Elbernd at 415-587-8818 as possible.

We hope you’ll join us because our directory won't be complete without YOU!

Happy 4th of July!
The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen on Friday, July 5th.

Angels of God Prayer Group
Of St. John the Evangelist will have their Walk for Christ on Saturday, July 13, 2019. Please meet at the Parish Rectory Area at 19 St. Mary’s Street. The walk is from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be a reception in front of the rectory after the walk. All are welcome to join. Hope to see you there.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Children’s Liturgy of the Word will start on Sunday, July 7, during the 9:30 am and 12:30 pm masses. All school age children are invited to participate. Parents are urged to consider supporting this ministry to help our children to understand the Sunday Mass Readings better at their own level.

If you would like your child to participate in the Children’s Liturgy on Sundays, please arrive 15 minutes before the mass starts to sign up your child and for the children to stand in line at the front of the church ready to be part of the procession.

To sign up please talk to Sonia Urquilla, the person in charge of the program.

The sign up material will be supplied to you before the Mass.

Volunteer Catechists: Linda Catalano, Maria Hohn, Paquita Johnson, Ludy Marantal, Lety Tomas and Rojelio Rodriguez will serve as liturgical ministers facilitating the children’s participation in the Liturgy.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION
COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA
June 17th ~ June 23rd, 2019

Tuesday’s Spec coll. ....$ 161.00
Tues. On-line giving ......$ 5.00
Weekend Offering .......... $ 2,628.20
Weekend On-line giving $ 280.00
Peter’s Pence .............$ 1,026.00
Peter’s Pence On-line gving $ 75.00