From the Desk of the Pastor ....

The readings today draw us into the biblical images of the faithful love between a husband and a wife, and the care that we must extend to our children.

Our God is the loving Father of the world of nature. He is also the loving Father of the new creation of grace. He brings together the two orders of creation: Nature's gift of Children enriches the world and His new covenant of grace enriches the Church.

This outpouring of love in the sacrament of Matrimony seals the love of husband and wife and reflects the divine plan of love: a bond that God does not wish to see broken.

However much we may have come to this Eucharist as isolated individuals, the Eucharist, challenges us to be open to the power of God's Living Word, to transform us all into faithful witnesses to the marvels God has worked through our human relationships.

The Eucharist properly understood and celebrated creates that special bond of love between us, rendering us capable of recognizing God's face revealed in the faces of those we love. Christ does not wish to see this bond broken.

Unfortunately, through our failure in charity, we dial up selfishness and deepen isolation. We often give in to the temptations of fear and doubt, anger and distrust, and give up on our promises and even the hope of a better tomorrow, and break this bond and covenant relationship of love and friendship.

We come therefore in need of reconciliation, healing and restoration to be made whole again.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

We are pleased to announce that Online Giving is available for you to make contributions to the parish. This option makes use of current technologies and security standards and allows you the option of setting up recurring contributions. It also enables our parish to take advantage of new tools to become more efficient.

Online Giving Benefits: The process is
- Secure and confidential: No need to share payment information with the parish office.
- Efficient: Set up direct withdrawals from your checking or savings account.
- Simple: Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
- Convenient: No need to write a check or have cash available.

Online Giving is intended to be a convenient tool for you to use, and we strongly support both Online Giving and offering envelopes for contributions to the parish. "Online Giving is the electronic way to participate in the weekly offertory and in special collections."

You may start giving online today! So please:
1) Visit our parish website at www.saintjohnsevangelist.org and click on the online giving link.
2) Create your own account.
3) Schedule your gift, at your convenience.

Please prayerfully consider giving online. If you have any questions, you may contact the parish office. Michael Bennett, Christine Riley, and Juanita Aguilera of our Parish Finance Council among many others utilize the "Online Giving" Program and are available and happy to answer any questions regarding the program or assist you in the initial set-up.

October Mass Count

Starting this weekend ushers and greeters will conduct the annual count during the masses. Each October the Archdiocese of San Francisco instructs its parishes to count and report the number of people attending Sunday masses.

Mass Intentions Book 2019

The Mass Intentions Book for the New Year 2019 is now open. You are invited to come to the Parish office beginning this Monday with your request for Mass intentions. Please bring a written list with all the names, mass dates and times that you would like to request along with the stipend. The process is on a “first come, first serve basis”.

The Archdiocese of San Francisco has traditionally regulated Mass stipends for announced and unannounced mass intentions. The suggested donation for an announced mass is $10.00; for an unannounced intention the suggested is $5.00.

Mass intentions are published in the Parish bulletin with the deadline for printing on Monday afternoon. The Parish Office is open for business from Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

SECOND COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for the Reserve Fund. Thank you for your continued generous support.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Colecta de la Semana Pasada

Sept 25th - Sept 30th, 2018

Tuesday's Spec coll. .... $ 88.00
Tues. On-line giving .... $ 20.00
Weekend Offering .... $ 3,043.00
Weekend On-line giving .... $ 295.00
St. Vincent de Paul .... $ 1,294.00
St. Vincent On-Line giving .... $ 205.00

This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called “woman”