21 October 2018 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Desk of the Pastor....

On the eve of his Passion, Jesus bequeathed as a testament to His disciples, who had gathered in the Upper Room to celebrate the Passover, the "new commandment of love — mandatum novum". "This I command you, to love one another: (Jn 15:17). The brotherly love that the Lord asked of his "friends" originates in the fatherly love of God.

The Apostle John noted: "He who loves is born of God and knows God" (1Jn 4:7). Therefore, to love as God loves us, it is necessary to live in Him and of Him. God then becomes our first home and only by 'dwelling in God' do men and women burn with a flame of divine love that can set the world "on fire".

The disciples of Jesus then undertake works of human and spiritual advancement; and strive to draw vigor from this common mission of all Christians. Consequently being missionaries means loving God with all one's heart, with total fidelity, even to the point, if necessary, of dying for Him. How many priests, men and women Religious and lay people, have borne the supreme witness of love with martyrdom even in our times!

Being Missionaries means therefore, putting the needs of others first, and if need be, stoop down to the needs of all, like the Good Samaritan, especially those of the poorest and most destitute people, because those who love with Christ's heart, do not seek their own interests but the glory of God the Father and the good of the neighbor alone.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

Thank You

The Parish Family of St. John the Evangelist thanks all those who worked so much and so hard all through the year to make the Quasquicentennial Celebration a big success.

On June 16, 2018, we began the 'Centennial kick-off' with a Saturday vigil Mass at 4:30pm.

God providentially gave us a Saturday this year to fall on the actual historical date when our Parish originally was established in the year 1893. Our theme for this first part was: "Our Journey of Faith". The Filipino Pastoral Council (FPC) spared no efforts and went out of their way to treat us at a great reception in the Parish Hall after the Mass.

On August 14, 2018, we enhanced the commemoration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, as we gathered for the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 6pm and reflected on our second theme: 'Faith, Family and Friends Forever' The Hispanic Pastoral Council (HPC) brought the Parish Family and Friends together in the Parish Hall after the evening Mass for another great reception.

On September 8, 2018, honoring the birthday of our Blessed Mother, we came in together for the evening Mass to "Rededicate ourselves as a Parish for the next 125 years". Our brother Knights of Columbus (KofC), Council 615 invited the Color Corps of the Assembly 43. The brothers, their wives and friends all served the community with another wonderful reception after mass.

On October 13, 2018, having reached the weekend of the Quasquicentennial celebrations, we brought out Framed pictures of all our beloved past 12 Pastors in a Procession for the Holy Eucharist and made it into a memorable ceremony, inviting us to reflect with heartfelt gratitude to God through our fond memories. Once again, our Filipino and Hispanic Pastoral councils did not miss a beat, and put a huge table spread with delicious food.

October 14, 2018: Quasquicentennial Dinner

At the patio Español culminated our final theme of: "Family and Friends of St. John the Evangelist bound together and looking forward in Faith". It was a wonderful evening of great company, good food and much fun and laughter.

Thank you to all of you who bought the dinners, paid for the advertisements in the Souvenir booklet, brought in friends and family for the evening. We thank most especially all those on the Quasquicentennial committee: Joe & Judy Matranga, Michael Bennett, Joe Shasky, Aida Grona, Judy De La Torre, Cookie Hoeg, Linda Catalano, Mario and Sonia Urguilla, Joan Higgins, Paquita Johnson, Lety Tomas, Rogelio Rodriguez, Jose Calero, Flaviano Radubladlo, Maria Arnot and many more.

Fixing God's House

As the amazing people of St. John, the Evangelist we look forward with resilience and renewed courage:

We search deep and ponder on the invaluable treasure and legacy of St. John. We discern what is right, and we pray among many other things, for the gifts of prudence and courage to invest into the future.

We have embarked upon a Capital Campaign calling it FIXING GOD'S HOUSE, reflecting on the words of our dear Saint Francis, the Patron saint of our beloved city of San Francisco. We have formulated a document for this campaign. Copies of this "Fixing God's House" document are made available at the back of the Church. You may pick up one copy per family on your way home after the Mass. You may also pass it on to your friends and supporters of our Parish.

It is a pledge program. It is our hope that once you read it and pray over it, the Holy Spirit will move your hearts to extend your generosity and invest into the work of upgrading our Church facilities and hand it down for generations to come after us.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Saturday, October 20
9:00am † Philip Dollar
4:30pm † Lupe Padilla

Sunday, October 21
7:30am † Perfecto Herrero Jr.
9:30am † Merlin Cayabyab (bdy)
11:00am † Parishioners of SJE
12:30pm † Pedro Lepe & Maria Hernandez

Monday, October 22
9:00am - Young Mens Institute

Tuesday, October 23
9:00am † Nancy Kearney

Wednesday, October 24
9:00am - Parishioners of SJE

Thursday, October 25
9:00am † Raquel Bayadan

Friday, October 26
9:00am † Jose Tabllog

Saturday, October 27
9:00am Young Mens Institute
4:30pm † Luis & Tranquillina Baron

Christmas Bazaar

The Hispanic Community invites you to the Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, October 28 after all the masses. We will have Christmas items, jewelry, ornaments and household utensils. We will have a raffle of a 'nativiy set'. Free cookies and coffee will be available. We hope to see you there!

SECOND COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for World Mission Sunday. Thank you for your generous support.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

Oct 9th - Oct 14th, 2018

Tuesday's Special Collection .......$ 72.00
Tuesday, On-line giving .........$ 20.00
Weekend Offering .........$ 2,630.00
Weekend On-line giving ...... $ 335.00
AAA..........................$ 1,445.00
AAA On-line giving ........ $ 345.00