

January 17th - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parish Financial Reports

The Parish Finance Council is pleased to present to you the 'Parish Finance Report' for the 12-month period ended June 30, 2020. The Parish is grateful to God and for the incredible resilience and dedication of our parishioners, staff, and volunteers. Our Church finances and the Parish community remain strong. We thank you for your continued financial support and prayers. Please visit the Parish website at: www.saintjohnevangelist.org

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 16

9:00am

4:30pm † *Juanita Aguilera*

Sunday, January 17

8:00am † *Roland & Fluff Campos*

10:00am † *Rodrigo Tarantan*

12:00pm † *Luzmilla Escoto*

Monday, January 18

9:00am † *Diahann Caroll*

Tuesday, January 19

9:00am † *Candelaria Hechanova*

Wednesday, January 20

9:00am *Respect Life Mass*

Thursday, January 21

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Friday, January 22

9:00am *Maria Leticia S. Tomas (bdy)*

Saturday, January 23

9:00am *St. John Parishioners*

4:30pm † *Ruth Bustos*

Novena masses for Life

A novena of masses for Respect and Protection of Life will begin on January 14th and end on January 22nd. The masses will be celebrated in the church at 9am privately. On Sunday, January 17th we will pray the Novena Prayer together from 8am to 12pm. The Knights of Columbus Council 615 are sponsoring these masses.

Santo Nino Celebrations

A Tridium will be celebrated in observance of the Feast of Santo Nino on January 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. It will consist of weekday masses followed by the Santo Nino prayers. The Tridium will be live streamed and posted on the Parish website www.saintjohnevangelist.org.

A traditional Blessing of the Santo Nino statues will take place on Sunday, January 24th at 10am in the church. You may bring your Santo Nino statue or images for the blessing.

From the Desk of the Pastor

Today we begin the Ordinary Time of the Liturgical Calendar of the Church. With the exception of today's Gospel, we will turn to St. Mark and stay with the Gospel until Ash Wednesday.

The Gospel passage today begins presuming that John the Baptist has been introduced already, and proceeds to tell us the vocation story of two of his disciples, Simon Peter and his brother Andrew.

These first disciples of Jesus come from among the followers of John the Baptist. Once John the Baptist points Jesus out to them, they take the initiative and seek Jesus out. They begin to physically follow Jesus, setting the stage for the central question: "what are you looking for"?

While this question in its historical context was directly aimed at these disciples, it is also meant to be a personal mystical experience for all times. It jumps out from the pages of the Bible, addressing all readers of this passage.

The Gospels have already cautioned its readers through the words of John the Baptist; that what they are looking for will appear right in their midst, but many will not recognize it. The only way to find who Jesus is, is to accept his invitation: 'Come, and you will see.' (Jn 1:39).

This encounter becomes a life changing experience: It is this divine power and authority, which confronts Simon, in whose presence, his name is changed. He becomes 'Cephas,' which is Aramaic for 'Rock,' indicating a transformation, which will involve trials, error, faith and much love... and ultimately, fidelity.

The process is the same for all disciples and all believers, including ourselves.

It all begins with the question: "What are you looking for?"

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

2020 CONTRIBUTIONS

"Individual Contribution acknowledgement letters" for the year 2020 will be issued by the Parish Office *upon request only*. You must be a registered parishioner using Parish envelopes in order to receive this letter. The Parish envelope number identifies your contribution records. The Parish Office is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30am to 5:00pm

Please call the Parish office (415-334-4646) a week ahead before dropping by to collect this letter. Thank you.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2020

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist thanks everyone of you who supported and contributed towards making our Parish assessment of the "Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2020". Our Parish assessment for the year 2020 was \$ 39,090.00.

- Our Parish raised through your contributions a total of \$ 24,732.14
- The balance we owe towards the Parish assessment is \$ 14,357.86

We take this opportunity to thank everyone of you who in everyway possible made this happen. May the good Lord always bless your generous hearts. Thank you!

The Mass Intentions Book for the New Year 2021

Please come to the Parish office 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 it is \$5.00. Mass intentions are published in the Parish bulletin with the deadline for printing on Monday afternoon. The Parish Office is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Sunday masses

Are recorded and made available on YouTube and posted on the Parish website every weekend. You may access the masses at <https://www.saintjohnevangelist.org/>

The church is open for Personal Prayer

And Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays from 8:00am to 1:00pm. The Knights of Columbus generously offer their time and treasure in faithful stewardship by keeping watch in the church.

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' first spoken words in the Gospel of John: "What are you looking for?" This penetrating question reverberates throughout John's Gospel. The disciples who form Jesus' first community, and many others who meet Jesus during his life, are drawn to him, seeking something they can't quite name. As Jesus called and formed his community of disciples, he probed their hearts and allowed them to probe his heart. They shared their deepest needs, hopes, and commitments. Jesus' words might be directed to us, here and now. Sometimes we struggle to name what we really want. In our faith journey, in prayer and in lived experience, we learn to share our dreams and also to open our hearts to know God's dreams. In time, with lots of practice, with many successes and failures, we learn to trust God to shape and to fulfill our deepest desires.