

January 24th - Third 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 23

9:00am *Vicky Genoves (hlng)*
4:30pm † *Ruth Bustos*

Sunday, January 24

8:00am † *Herman Cain*
10:00am *Diane Elsbernd (bday)*
12:00pm

Monday, January 25

9:00am † *Mary Campos Bush*

Tuesday, January 26

9:00am *Mario Melchor (bday)*

Wednesday, January 27

9:00am

Thursday, January 28

9:00am *Stephanie Tomas (bday)*

Friday, January 29

9:00am † *Ernest Go*

Saturday, January 30

9:00am *St. John Volunteers*
4:30pm *YMI Brothers*

From the Desk of the Pastor

Physical realities change: governments collapse, species disappear, friends and relatives die, we do not inhabit the same world of realities. So comes the need to take a good look at the Spiritual realities within and around us.

Jesus' coming changed everything.

The conversion of Saul, the persecutor of the early Church, was of pivotal importance for the worldwide spread and development of Christianity. Paul literally saw the light. The love of the risen Christ transformed him and impelled him to illuminate the whole world by the light of the Gospel.

St. Paul knew that once we are rooted in Christ, our relationship to the world must change: 'We are in the world but not of it'. The things in this world are fleeting, their value transitory, and we must hold lightly to the world's goods lest they hold on to us and distract us from what really matters.

At a moment when 'time was running out' for sinful people of Nineveh, God did something extraordinary: he called and sent Jonah to preach repentance, conversion and salvation to 'the great city and its inhabitants'.

When Jesus came proclaiming the Gospel of our loving God the Father, Christ's first action was to call people to discipleship. Nothing convinces us of the compassion, the love, the kindness, and the goodness of God like the witness of these humble believers: Simon and Andrew, James and John, who leave nets, boats, and their father to follow Jesus.

Jesus words ring with zeal and strength and excitement. He captures their imaginations, and wins their allegiance, They left everything to follow Jesus. They invested their lives in God's kingdom. It might help you to recall if ever, and if so, how Christ first won your heart and allegiance

We could pray, 'Lord teach me your path', Jesus invites us: "Come and follow me!"

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 \$ 28,611.14
- The balance we owe towards the Parish assessment is \$ 10,478.86

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.



SECOND COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for **Music Ministry of St. John the Evangelist.**

Thank you for your continued generous support.

Lent 2021

February 17th is Ash Wednesday. With the celebration of "Ash Wednesday" we begin the Season of Lent.



Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?