

## January 31<sup>st</sup> - Fourth 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](http://www.saintjohnevangelist.org)

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, January 30

9:00am *St. John Volunteers*  
4:30pm † *Hilario Bacaria*

#### Sunday, January 31

8:00am † *Demaris Emily Doherty*  
10:00am *Arielle Sanchez (bday)*  
12:00pm † *Manuel Escoto*  
Monday, February 1

9:00am

#### Tuesday, February 2

9:00am *Gerard Redublado (bday)*

#### Wednesday, February 3

9:00am

#### Thursday, February 4

9:00am † *David J. Sanchez*

#### Friday, February 5

9:00am † *Crisanto O. de la Torre*

#### Saturday, February 6

9:00am † *Paulyne Kirkes*  
4:30pm † *Luis & Tranquilina Baron*

### Second Collection

Today's second collection is for the Ministries of **St. Vincent de Paul Society 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.

*Lent*  
*A Time to Renew*

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."  
Psalms 90:3

### From the Desk of the Pastor ....

Today's Gospel passage is packed with exciting narratives and fast-paced action.

Finally the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

Jesus entered the synagogue to teach. All were amazed because he spoke with such great authority. **'He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him'**. When unclean spirit obeyed Jesus, the crowd stood in awe.

The Unclean spirit recognizes Jesus as one with greater power. It confesses Jesus, as "the Holy One of God", and the voice it employs is plural: 'Have you come to destroy us?' Jesus will battle the forces of evil to the death, his death, because the power of God is at work in Jesus.

The chilling words are complemented by action, for the man convulses as the unclean spirit is driven out, and then the spirit itself cries out in a loud voice. The remarks from the man, the spirit, from Jesus and from the crowd are vibrant and fascinating. The reading ends with the subtle acknowledgement of the impact of Jesus' ministry and fame.

News of his work on behalf of the sick, the possessed, and the poor is beginning to spread, and the Gospel of Mark is filled with the tension of the ever increasing spreading fame of Jesus' good works and his desire for solitude, prayer and silence.

## 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.

### 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.

### ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2021

On behalf of the Archbishop and our Parish Finance Council I thank you for your generous and continuous financial support extended to the "Archdiocesan Annual Appeal" over the years. Having begun the new year, the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal for the year 2020 (AAA 2020) is being wrapped up in our Parish Account Books.

This week we received the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2021 (AAA 2021) assessment letter from the office of the Archbishop. **Our 2021 AAA assessment is \$33,576**. This represents a decrease of \$5,514 from last year's amount of \$39,090.

The Parish office will embark upon the traditional mailing of the appeal letter soon requesting you to consider helping us meet that assessment for the new year 2021.

May God continue to bless your generosity, give you good health and help you persevere and guide us to get through these uncertain times.

One of the most difficult duties of a disciple is to follow the command of Jesus to spread the gospel to all nations. One reason may be that we do not feel we have the authority to tell someone else what to believe. How do we get that authority? We get it from the Holy Spirit, in Baptism and Confirmation. We can consciously decide to see God in other people, not just those we love, but everyone, even the ones who annoy us. You will know you have that authority when you can talk about your faith with confidence instead of hesitation, because you will be speaking from experience, not secondhand knowledge.