

February 7th - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 6

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

Sunday, February 7

8:00am † Samuel Mason Walden
Jr.
10:00am Sean Elsbernd (bday)
12:00pm † Carmen Sanchez

Monday, February 8

9:00am † Eduardo Genoves

Tuesday, February 9

9:00am † Gerald Adams

Wednesday, February 10

9:00am

Thursday, February 11

9:00am † Ed & Richard Scanzio
Sr.

Friday, February 12

9:00am

Saturday, February 13

9:00am
4:30pm † Rufino Labari

SECOND COLLECTION

Today's Second Collection is for the **Reserve Fund** of St. John the Evangelist. This account was established to help fund the on-going major maintenance and needs of the Parish of St. John. 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. More information will follow soon.

From the Desk of the Pastor

Job's cry of helplessness stands in marked contrast to the strong hope of those who put their trust in Jesus. Jesus heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds. Such are the blessings of the good news.

The story of Job is well known, and the poetry of this man's tale of sorrow and heavy burdens is at one and the same time beautiful and yet heart wrenching. It draws the hearer or reader into Job's plight, and at the same time makes one admire the vibrant faith and some hope of Job.

The book of Job introduces Job as "blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil", with "seven sons and three daughters," yet calamity after calamity befalls him. In just two verses, we hear that a great wind blows through the house where his children were having a party, and the house collapses, killing them all. The sorrows of Job continue with "months of misery" and "troubled nights", and Job "like a slave who longs for the shade" continues to struggle, while his trust in God remains unshaken.

Job's experience is that of someone who has suffered much and tried to make sense of it in faith. Ultimately, fidelity and perseverance pays off, and Job is vindicated and is able to call God, his redeemer. Job is restored to good health and happiness.

Sickness and suffering is addressed again in the Gospel today. The story may sound a bit odd to contemporary ears. Peter's poor mother-in-law, St. Mark tells us, begins to wait on the men folk moments after she was healed from a sickening fever. However, the point of the story is not about her subservience. St. Mark tells us that every healing encounter with Jesus is for the purpose of restoring the sick person to active service in the community. It is a complete restoration and integration of a healed person into the whole community.

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.saintjohnnevangelist.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.