

## February 14<sup>th</sup> - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, February 13

9:00am † Gil Hechanova Jr.  
4:30pm † Rufino Labari

#### Sunday, February 14

8:00am † Albert & Michael Gragnani

10:00am † Jerad Hoskins

12:00pm † Carmen Sanchez

#### Monday, February 15

9:00am † Wesley Ira Purkey

#### Tuesday, February 16

9:00am † Sululagi Palega Sr.

#### Wednesday, February 17

9:00am † Rodrigo Tarantan

#### Thursday, February 18

9:00am † Daniel Lewis Lee

#### Friday, February 19

9:00am † Gene Bush

#### Saturday, February 20

9:00am † Dusten Lee Honken  
4:30pm † Henry & Teresa Thran

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

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* quotes a famous line from St. Leo the Great: "What was visible in our Savior has passed over into his mysteries" (#1115). In other words, we experience in the sacraments what the original followers of Jesus experienced in knowing Jesus personally.

In today's Gospel Jesus touches the man with leprosy and he heals him. Christ's touch is made present today in the many experiences of human touch adopted in the form of rituals in our liturgies: the sign of peace, the laying on of hands, the signing of candidates for Christian initiation with the cross, the joining of the bride and groom's hands, the washing of feet, the anointing of the sick with the Oil of the Infirm etc.

The liturgies we celebrate underscore the importance to recognize and affirm the ways in which human touch can be an experience of God's grace. The self-sacrificing love of Jesus evokes a response in us to empathize with others to desire and will the best that there is for another. It prompts a disciple of Christ to express that compassion with its warmth, sincerity, authenticity, and, manifests the assurance of God's forever outreaching redemptive love, which liberates us all from bondage to sin and death.

This weekend, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, we celebrate the World Day of the Sick. In the words of Pope John Paul II, the Church offers this weekend, as a "special occasion for growth, with an attitude of *listening, reflection, and effective commitment* in the face of the great mystery of pain and illness. The Holy Father's message was a testimony to the sacredness of life, for the ill and for health care workers, volunteers, and pastors and, indeed, all people of good faith.

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

### February 17, 2021 is Ash Wednesday

As we mark the beginning of Lent, we once again need to adapt our practices to preserve the health of all worshippers while following the ancient traditions of the Church. Therefore, this year, instead of tracing a Cross of Ashes on the forehead, ashes will be distributed by the Ancient custom of sprinkling over the crown of the head. This practice is used extensively in Europe and the Holy See has mandated it to be used throughout the world this year. More information can be found on the Parish website. **The distribution of Ashes will take place in the Church at 8:30am, 10:30am and 12noon. The Church will be open from 8am till 12:30pm**

With the celebration of 'Ash Wednesday' we begin the season of Lent in our Liturgical calendar culminating into the celebration of the Solemnity of Easter on April 4, 2021. A schedule of events will be posted on this website. More information will follow as we come closer to the events.

### Sunday masses are celebrated at 10am in English and 12noon en espanol

Additionally, the Sunday Mass is video streamed and made available on YouTube. It is posted on the Parish website every weekend. You may access and pray the mass at <https://www.saintjohnvangelist.org/>

**The church** is open for personal prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays from 8:00am to 1:00pm. The Parish thanks the Knights of Columbus, Council 615, who generously offer their time, talent and treasure in faithful stewardship every weekend, keeping watch in the church.

### 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 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.

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.



*Whatever you do, do it all  
for the glory of God.*  
1Corinthians 10:31

**For the glory God...** In today's passage from First Corinthians, Paul concludes his extensive reflections on a variety of issues in Christian life, summarizing with "whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Beyond the specific problems he addresses, Paul invites his listeners deeper, to consider the primary orientation of life in Christ. We live "for the glory of God" when we organize our lives around God's values and purposes, as described in the scriptures. We are called to join God's work in care for others. Just like Paul, we wrestle with many difficult problems emerging from the messiness of daily living. As Lent approaches, we might claim some time to reflect upon how life's messiness connects with our identity and calling.