



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 21

9:00am St. John Parishioners
4:30pm † Beatrice Primacio

Sunday, March 22

8:00am † Henry & Theresa Thran

10:00am † Etta Moreno

12:00pm † Josefa Martinez

Monday, March 23

9:00am St. John Parishioners

Tuesday, March 24

9:00am † Concesa Pedro

Wednesday, March 25

9:00am † Roger Gantan

Thursday, March 26

9:00am St. John Volunteers

Friday, March 27

9:00am † Leo Primacio

Saturday, March 28

9:00am Coronavirus Patients

From the Desk of the Pastor

How many times do we, like casting directors, judge people by their appearance, voice, or ethnic background? Maybe we wait to learn more about their education, work, family or financial situation. Sooner or later we stereotype people. And once we have put them in those boxes, it becomes impossible to imagine them in any other way. We limit our vision of who we/others are, and who we/others might become.

The story of how the prophet Samuel chose David to be king of Israel is one of the most beloved stories in the Bible. There are elements of both humor and drama in the narrative, but the key point is contained in the line, 'Not as man sees does God see' (1 Samuel 16:7). The author wants us to be clear about the fact that God is guiding the destiny of Israel and that our human efforts will be successful only to the extent that they operate in accord with the divine will.

In the Gospel, Jesus heals a man who had never seen in all his life. One can imagine what it was like: He had no memory of the faces of his parents, no sense how blue a summer sky is or even any concept of color.

A world of utter darkness was completely normal to him. Perhaps he learned to find his way across the room when he was just a crawling baby.

Then one day he met Jesus and asked for the gift of sight. Jesus dabbed a bit of damp clay on his eyes and sent him off to wash. The story goes on to tell us that he began to see. He gets to learn to see. Like all of us, he learns to focus his eyes on an object, realize its shape, size, whether distant or close to him, sort the jumble of letters into words, estimate the speed of a moving object, etc.,

We also at the same time learn not to see: like shutting out distractions when we concentrate on a task at hand; We learn how to ignore unpleasant interruptions etc. Unfortunately we also learned how to ignore things to which we should have paid attention: like the plight of the poor and the needy; the loneliness of the shut-in, the plight of the refugees fleeing from war torn countries etc.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS OF DAILY, WEEKEND MASSES & LENTEN DEVOTIONS

IS TEMPORARILY CANCELLED

With great respect to Civic authorities and their directive to "Shelter in Place" in order to help curb the spread of the pandemic COVID-19, and for the safety of our immediate Faith community, we are advised and recommended to practice 'safe distancing' from one another.

To that end, we take this unprecedented measure to suspend all public celebrations of the Masses including weekend Masses and other Lenten devotions temporarily until further notice.

All Public Masses including weekend Masses with Parishioners are temporarily cancelled until further notice.

Las Misas con publicos han sido canceladas por estas semanas, incluyendo las misas dominicales.

Lo sentimos mucho pero debemos respetar las decisiones de autoridades civiles y religiosas.

As you Pastor, I will continue to celebrate Holy Masses every day at 9am privately (alone in the Church: I look forward to remain united with you in Prayer) to pray for your Mass intentions, for the needs of our Parish faith Community of St. John the Evangelist, our City of San Francisco, our State of California, for our Nation and for the whole world.

Some efforts are being made to 'stream live' our Sunday Mass. More information will follow on our Parish Website. <https://www.saintjohnevanglist.org/> If those attempts are successful, you will be informed about it via our e-mail communications through the various coordinators of our ministries in the Parish.

We shall continue to pray that our Lord intercede on our behalf to God our Loving Father that through His merciful intervention, curb this infection, eliminate the disease, keep us all safe and make us healthy again.

All Pastoral & Community events are canceled temporarily until further notice.

We shall not be praying the Stations of the Cross in a group setting in the Church during this time. I would encourage you to pray this devotion at home.

Les animamos rezar sus Via Crucis personal, pero sin formar grupos numerosos.

INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES:

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/do-we-have-mass-coronavirus-closures-and-dispensations-in-us-dioceses-96801>

<https://sfarchdiocese.org/health-alerts>

The Parish Office: The Parish office is closed for public business temporarily until further notice.

However, the office will operate in a limited time frame attending to some essential business.

In case you need some information and address some issues related to the Parish office please call and leave a message at: 415-334-4646.

You may also contact us via e-mail at: saintjohnevanglist@yahoo.com OR saintjohnevanglist@gmail.com

The Parish secretary will check the e-mails and other messages and respond to your needs on a case to case basis in every way possible.

CHURCH OPEN ON SUNDAYS: FOR INDIVIDUAL - PERSONAL - PRIVATE & SILENT PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT from 8am to 1pm until further notice.

With this communication to our Faith community of St. John the Evangelist that all Public Scheduled Masses are cancelled, we are aware and can imagine our feelings of helplessness, disappointment and sadness. We have never gone through in our life time without a Sunday Mass. This is truly an unprecedented practice. However with no other known alternative to curb the spread of this virus infection, one would see why these measures have become necessary.

In response to that and following the direction of our Archbishop, we wish to keep the Church OPEN for personal, private and individual prayer on Sundays from 8am to 1pm.

We shall pray individually, silently and privately raising our minds and hearts with Trust and Confidence in Jesus, pleading before our God and Father, that He may have pity on us and show us His Merciful intervention and curb this virus causing disease, to heal those infected, and restore in us calm and good health.

For the safety and security, good health and sanity of everyone around us, we would insist that we practice social distancing, sit far from each other, avoid any unnecessary moving around and socializing etc., at all costs. Parish parking grounds on Saint Marys' Avenue will be 'open' from 8am to 1pm on Sundays.

CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading:

Ezequiel 37:12-14

2nd Reading:

Roman 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

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1^{ra} Lectura:

Ezequiel 37:12-14

2^{da} Lectura:

Romanos 8:8-11

Evangelio:

Juan 11:1-45

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SEGUNDA COLECTA DE HOY

La segunda colecta de hoy es en beneficio de **Servicios Católicos**.

CSR trabaja con instituciones católicas locales, nacionales e internacionales para ayudar a las personas con sus necesidades, no importa el credo, raza o nacionalidad de la persona.

Agradecemos su generosidad

VIA CRUCIS LOS VIERNES DE CUARESMA...

Invitamos a todos asistir al santo vía cruces todos los viernes a las 6:30pm durante el tiempo de cuaresma. Su asistencia y participación es importante para recordar y meditar en el camino de Jesús rumbo al calvario.



"La mirada de Dios no es como la del hombre: el hombre ve la apariencia, pero el Señor ve el corazón." Pero Dios ve una realidad más profunda, nos ve con ojos de puro amor sin ningún rencor.

Reflexiones del Párroco...

¿Cuántas veces, como directores de reparto, juzgamos a personas por su apariencia, voz u origen étnico? Tal vez esperamos aprender más acerca de su educación, trabajo, familia o situación económica. Tarde o temprano categorizamos a la gente. Y una vez que los hemos puesto en estas categorías, resulta imposible imaginarlos de cualquier otro modo. Limitamos nuestra visión de quién son/somos, y que podemos/pueden llegar a ser.

La historia de cómo el profeta Samuel escogió a David para ser Rey de Israel es una de las historias más queridas en la Biblia. Hay elementos de humor y drama en la narrativa, pero el punto clave está contenido en la línea, 'Dios no juzga como juzga el hombre' (1 Samuel 16:7). El autor desea que estemos claros sobre el hecho de que Dios está guiando el destino de Israel y que nuestros esfuerzos humanos tendrán éxito sólo en la medida en que operan de acuerdo a la voluntad divina.

En el Evangelio, Jesús sana a un hombre que nunca había visto en toda su vida. Uno puede imaginarse como era: No tenía ninguna memoria de los rostros de sus padres, no tenía sentido de lo azul que es el cielo en el verano o cualquier concepto de color.

Un mundo de oscuridad era totalmente normal para él. Tal vez aprendió a encontrar su camino en una habitación cuando era apenas un bebé gateando.

Entonces un día conoció a Jesús y le pidió el don de la vista. Jesús le aplicó un poco de lodo húmedo en sus ojos y lo mandó a lavarse. La historia pasa a decirnos que empezó a ver. Aprende a ver. Como todos nosotros, él aprende a enfocar sus ojos en un objeto, se da cuenta de su forma, tamaño, ya sea lejano o cercano a él, a ordenar el revoltijo de letras en palabras, estimar la velocidad de un objeto en movimiento, etc.,

También al mismo tiempo aprendemos a no ver: como cuando dejamos fuera las distracciones y nos concentramos en una tarea; Aprendamos a ignorar las interrupciones desagradables etc.. Desafortunadamente también aprendemos a ignorar las cosas al que le debemos prestar atención: como la situación difícil de los pobres y necesitados; la soledad del confinado, la situación de los refugiados huyendo de la guerra en su países etc..

El hombre que nació ciego recibió iluminación tanto física como espiritual. Ahora se puede ver a sí mismo, los fariseos y Jesús como Dios los ve a todo ellos. Ya no está cegado por la visión estereotípica de la cultura. Ya no está limitado a la función a la que ha sido emitido toda su vida – el pecador a ser despreciado. Ha sido despertado a nuevas posibilidades. Ha visto por la luz de Cristo, y eso va a cambiar todo.

ANUNCIOS...

Algunas sugerencias para reducir la propagación del virus Corona y COVID-19

Con el brote de COVID-19, la "prevención" de la enfermedad respiratoria es responsabilidad de todos.

Llame a su médico si desarrolla algún síntoma como:

- fiebre, tos, o si no puede respirar
- Se recomiendan las buenas prácticas de higiene: lavarse las manos con frecuencia con agua y jabón durante 20 segundos.
- Toser y estornudar en el codo o en un pañuelo desechable (deshacerse inmediatamente del pañuelo).
- Evite tocarse los ojos, la nariz y la boca con las manos sin lavar.
- Limpie y desinfecte las superficies frecuentemente tocadas.

Información adicional está disponible: <http://www.sfdph.org>

- **CDC:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- **SF Department of Public Health:** <https://www.sfdph.org/infectious-diseases-a-to-z/coronavirus-2019-novel-coronavirus/>
- **CA Department of Health:** <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>

A few friendly guidelines and suggestions to reduce the spread of Corona Virus and COVID-19

With the outbreak of COVID-19 respiratory disease "prevention" is everyone's responsibility: **"Practice Safe Distancing"**.

Call your doctor if you develop any symptoms:

- fever, cough, shortness of breath
- Good hygiene practices are highly recommended: Washing hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Coughing and sneezing into your elbow or a tissue (immediately disposing of the tissue).
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

Additional information is available from <http://www.sfdph.org>,

- **CDC:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- **SF Department of Public Health:** <https://www.sfdph.org/infectious-diseases-a-to-z/coronavirus-2019-novel-coronavirus/>
- **CA Department of Health:** <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>