

September 5th - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 4

9:00am † Ernest Hemmingway
4:30pm

Sunday, September 5

8:00am † Dan Silva
10:00am Bill Elsbernd (bdy)
12:00pm † Carmen Urbina

Monday, September 6

9:00am † Herbert Smith

Tuesday, September 7

9:00am

Wednesday, September 8

9:00am † Eduardo Genoves

Thursday, September 9

9:00am

Friday, September 10

9:00am

Saturday, September 11

9:00am
4:30pm † Rufino Labari

From the Desk of the Pastor

In the first reading today the prophet Isaiah tells people who are weary of life's challenges, burdens, and struggles: "Be strong, fear not!". To be faithful to God. He reminds them that God has promised to be with them, and that God will come to save and vindicate them. The prophet goes on to give examples of the new life God gives to his people. He gives sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf. He cures the lame. He puts a song on the tongue of the mute.

Jesus in the Gospel fulfills the prophecy.

The miracles of Jesus were outward manifestations of the in-breaking of the kingdom of God. Jesus came to remove all obstacles that prevent the kingdom of God from coming to us and those elements which hinder or block us from being in communion with each other. Being unable to hear or speak clearly could certainly remove a person from being present to or for others.

Jesus gives new lease of life to the man who is deaf and has a speech impediment. Touching the man's ears and tongue and interceding to the Father, Jesus gives this man new life. Jesus heals him. The man begins to hear "his voice" and speak 'orthos' which is rendered as "plainly" and "rightly".

Each year when we celebrate Holy Week and Easter, we celebrate this new life that is given to us in and through the suffering, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Every Sunday, we commemorate this event in the hope of being more and more integrated and assumed into this very mystery of eternal life.

He opens our ears to "hear his voice" as he says "Be strong and fear not and releases our tongues to speak 'plainly and rightly' to sing his praises.

Labor Day

The parish Office will be closed on **Monday, September 6th** in observance of Labor Day.

The office will re-open on **Tuesday, September 7th**.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

The Church is open for weekend Masses

Saturday Mass at 4:30pm and Sunday Masses at 8am & 10am in English and 12 noon en español

The church is open for personal prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays from 7:30am to 1:00pm.

We pray the rosary at 9:30am in English and at 11:30am in Spanish. Come and join us in praying the rosary.

The Parish thanks the Knights of Columbus, Council 615 and our liturgical ministers who generously offer their time, talent and treasure in faithful stewardship every weekend, keeping watch in the church and taking care of the church.

**EPHPHATHA!
BE OPENED!**

October Mass Count

After a challenging 2020, the Chancery office of the Archdiocese will resume the October mass count. Everyone is anxious to learn where we are with mass attendance throughout the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The mass count will be taken during the weekend masses of October 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st.

Celebration of the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz: September 29, 2021

& Nine days Novenas

The Filipino community is sponsoring 9 days Novenas in honor of their patron St. Lorenzo Ruiz. The Novena Masses will be celebrated in St. John the Evangelist Church starting from September 19th and ending on September 28th.

- On weekdays, (Monday to Friday) the Novena Masses will be celebrated at 9am
- On Saturday September 25, at 4:30pm
- On Sundays (September 19 and 26) at 10am.

We invite everyone to come and join us to pray these Novenas in preparation of the Feast of our Patron Saint.

This year our Filipino Community invites you to support and sponsor the Fixing God's House project to Install a brand New Church Heating system.

For more detailed information, please contact Mary Alfonso, Henry Falcon, Paul Limpin and Flaviano Redublado.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Council 615 of the Knights of Columbus, meeting at St. John the Evangelist, will be holding a membership drive after all masses on September 11th and 12th. We invite all Catholic men aged 18 and over to talk with our members, learn about our organization, and join the world's largest fraternity of lay Catholic men in supporting the Church, our parish, school, communities, and families. Our Council was founded in 1902, making it the oldest existing council in the Western USA and we would be proud having you help continue that legacy by joining us to support our religious and charitable programs.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

August 23rd - August 29th, 2021

Weekend Offering.....\$ 2,163.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....\$ 986.25

Religious Education Program: CCD 2021-2022

Sacramental Formation Program

The Religious Education program is now accepting applications for school year 2021-2022, for First Communion and Confirmation preparation classes. Classes will resume on September 11th at 10am in Spanish and 1:30pm in English. For more information please see the Catechists after the 10am and 12noon masses.