

## October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, October 2

9:00am *YMI Brothers*  
4:30pm † *LeRoy Denton*

#### Sunday, October 3

8:00am † *Travis (Art) Tapia*  
10:00am † *Peggy O'Leary*  
12:00pm *Nina Jackie (hlng)*

#### Monday, October 4

9:00am † *Henry & Teresa Thran*

#### Tuesday, October 5

9:00am † *Leonila & Hermogenes Datu*

#### Wednesday, October 6

9:00am *St. John Parishioners*

#### Thursday, October 7

9:00am *St. John Volunteers*

#### Friday, October 8

9:00am † *Eduardo Genoves*

#### Saturday, October 9

9:00am *YMI Brothers*  
4:30pm † *Rufino Labari*

### 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 at the weekend masses of October 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.



### 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

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

**COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA**  
September 20<sup>th</sup> - September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Weekend Offering.....\$ 1,964.35  
Catholic University.....\$ 344.00

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

The readings today draw us into the biblical images of the faithful love between a husband and a wife, and the care that we must extend to our children.

Our God is the loving Father of the world of nature. He is also the loving Father of the new creation of grace. He brings together the two orders of creation: Nature's gift of Children enriches the world and His new covenant of grace enriches the Church.

This outpouring of love in the sacrament of Matrimony seals the love of husband and wife and reflects the divine plan of love: a bond that God does not wish to see broken.

However much, we may have come to this Eucharist as isolated individuals, the Eucharist, challenges us to be open to the power of God's Living Word, to transform us all into faithful witnesses to the marvels God has worked through our human relationships. The Eucharist properly understood and celebrated creates that special bond of love between us, rendering us capable of recognizing God's face revealed in the faces of those we love. Christ does not wish to see this bond broken.

Unfortunately, through our selfishness and isolation, we often give in to the temptation and give up on our promises and even the hope of a better tomorrow and break this bond and covenant relationship of love and friendship. We come therefore in need of reconciliation, healing and restoration to be made whole again.

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

### The Church is open for Masses

**Weekday masses at 9:00am Monday through Saturday, Saturday Vigil 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.

### Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me a channel of thy peace, that where there is hatred, I may bring love; that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness; that where there is discord, I may bring harmony; that where there is error, I may bring truth; that where there is doubt, I may bring faith; that where there is despair, I may bring hope; that where there are shadows, I may bring light; that where there is sadness, I may bring joy. Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted; to understand, than to be understood; to love, than to be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life.

### Blessing of the animals will be on Monday October 4

On the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the co-patron of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, there will be a special Blessing for animals, after the 9:00 am mass. All pets and their caretakers/guardians are invited to attend this Blessing ceremony at the front of the Church on 19 Saint Mary's Avenue at 9:30am.

Genesis gives us a picture of the marriage bond before sin entered the world: "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" "One flesh" echoes the language when Adam first meets Eve and exclaims, "This one is bone of my bone, and flesh from my flesh!". Two becoming one in marriage involves uniting two whole and separate people into a new life. Marriage was intended to be an unbreakable, lifelong union. Termination of marriage in divorce was not considered before sin came into the world. The Bible teaches that all instances of separation and divorce were because of sin. When God said, "And the two shall become one," His ideal objective was for the man and woman to join together in an inseparable and exclusive union. The *two shall become one flesh* clause expresses the original purpose of marriage: to seal a permanent relationship between a husband and wife. Husbands and wives become "one flesh" in their child. A child is one, new, whole, individual, and separate life created through the physical union of two people—a man and a woman.

### Religious Education Program: CCD 2021-2022 Sacramental Formation Program

The Religious Education program began the school year 2021-2022; the program offers preparation classes for First Communion and Confirmation. Classes began on September 11<sup>th</sup>; classes are conducted at 10am in Spanish and 1:30pm in English. Classes are held at the old convent at 98 Bosworth Street. For more information please see the Catechists after the 10am and 12noon masses.