



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, February 23**

9:00am † *Cosme & Natalia Caceres*  
4:30pm

**Sunday, February 24**

7:30am † *Perfecto Hierro Jr. & Jesus Navarro*  
9:30am † *Cathy Lauzon*  
11:00am † *John Brennan*  
12:30pm † *Mario A. Pineda*

**Monday, February 25**

9:00am † *Guido & Marie Guinasso & family*

**Tuesday, February 26**

9:00am † *Henry & Teresa Thrane & Michael & Albert Gagnani*

**Wednesday, February 27**

9:00am *SJE Volunteers*

**Thursday, February 28**

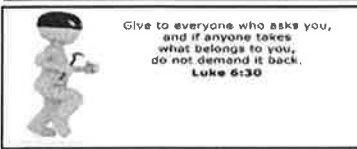
9:00am *Ada S. Cayabyab (bdy)*

**Friday, March 1**

9:00am † *Crisanto O. de la Torre*

**Saturday, March 2**

9:00am  
4:30pm



**Parish Council**

The Parish Council of St. John the Evangelist Church is comprised of representatives of all groups of the Parish. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, at 10 am in the Parish Pastoral Center. All the representatives are invited to come and attend the meeting.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

**COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA**

**Feb 12<sup>th</sup> - Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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| Tuesday's Spec coll. ....  | \$ 75.00    |
| Tues. On-line giving ..... | \$ 5.00     |
| Weekend Offering .....     | \$ 3,631.00 |
| Weekend On-line giving..   | \$ 315.00   |
| CRS Offering.....          | \$ 501.00   |
| CRS On-line giving.....    | \$ 0.00     |

**From the Desk of the Pastor ....**

In her book "Left To Tell" Immaculate Ilibagiza, a native Rwanda, narrates the painful story of her experience of the Rwandan holocaust where she lost all the members of her family with the exception of her brother. She tells about her nine months ordeal, hidden in the bathroom of a minister with eight other women: crowded, hungry and terrified as men outside sought to kill them.

She tells how she learned the unconditional love of God for her in that terrifying experience, and how she learned to forgive her enemies.

This is what God does through his Son Jesus. This is how He deals with us, and asks us to treat others (even our enemies) as we would like them to treat us.

We exactly how we like others to treat us: We like them to be forgiving, merciful, kind, generous and loving towards us. But could we say in all honesty, that we treat others in that same way?

Jesus urges us to forgive others, as God has and continues to forgive us. He challenges us to be generous to others, as God has been generous to us; and compassionate to others as God has been compassionate to us.

In showing selfless compassion to others, we begin to live according to our true authentic nature, children of the same God who created us in His image and likeness.

**PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Fixing God's House**

This Campaign Fund money is classified as "Restricted Income" to be used only to pay for the projects mentioned in the "Fixing God's House" brochure.

If you have not yet made your pledge and wish to do so, you may send in your donations, designating in the memo of your check as "Fixing God's House". There are several options available for you to give to this campaign:

- you can drop your check at the Parish Office, or mail it
- you may give "On-Line"
- you may also put in the Sunday collection in an envelope, marked as "Fixing God's House"

Thank you for continuing the legacy of St. John the Evangelist

**Fixing God's House**

Our Parish **Hispanic Community (HPC)** has embarked upon a "kick off" campaign for "Fixing God's House". We are invited to join them in this endeavor. The kick off begins with a raffle; tickets will cost \$5.00 with a grand prize of \$500.00. You may buy the raffle tickets from the HPC members. For further information please contact, Gloria & Jose Calero or Sonia & Mario Urquilla.

**"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father."**

This is not an easy command from our Lord. But it is a command of love. First, He calls us to love our enemies. Who are our enemies? Hopefully we do not have "enemies" in the sense of those who we have willfully chosen to hate. But we may have people in our lives who we are tempted to have anger toward and who we have a difficult time loving. To love them does not necessarily mean we must become best friends with them, but it does mean we must work toward having a true affection of care, concern, understanding and forgiveness toward them. The second part of this command will help. Praying for those who persecute us will help us grow in the proper love and affection we need to foster.

This aspect of love is quite straightforward even though it is also quite difficult. Think about those whom you have a very difficult time loving. Those toward whom you have anger. It could be a family member, someone at work, a neighbor or someone from your past with whom you have never reconciled. It is in keeping with this Gospel passage to honestly admit that there is at least someone, or perhaps more than one person, with whom you struggle, either externally or internally. Admitting this is simply an act of honesty.

Once you identify this person or persons, think about whether you pray for them. Do you spend time regularly offering them to God in prayer? Do you pray that God pours forth His grace and mercy upon them? This may be hard to do but it is one of the healthiest acts you can do. It may be difficult to show love and affection toward them, but it is not hard to consciously choose to pray for them.

Praying for those with whom we have a hard time is key to letting God foster a true love and concern in our hearts toward them. It's a way of letting God reform our emotions and feelings so that we will no longer have to hold on to feelings of anger or even hate.

Commit yourself this day to prayer for the person you struggle with the most; over time God will slowly change your heart and free you of the burden of anger and hurt that may keep you from the love He wants you to have toward all people.