

1st September 2019 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*For those who exalt themselves
will be humbled,
and those who humble themselves
will be exalted*
Matthew 23:12

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, August 31

9:00am † *Larry Ayson*
4:30pm † *Casiano & Catalina
Carillo*

Sunday, September 1

7:30am *St. John Parish*
9:30am *Samuel Johnson (healing)*
11:00am † *David Castro*
12:30pm † *Mario Pineda*

Monday, September 2

9:00am *YMI brothers*

Tuesday, September 3

9:00am † *Diane Jean Shasky &
Family*

Wednesday, September 4

9:00am † *Marie Hong Tran*

Thursday, September 5

9:00am † *George Matranga*

Friday, September 6

9:00am † *Crisanto O. de la Torre*

Saturday, September 7

9:00am † *Ramon Coronado*
4:30pm *St. John Volunteers*

Have a Safe and Happy

L-A-B-O-R D-A-Y

Labor Day Weekend

The parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

The office will re-open on Tuesday, September 3rd.

The workers are the saviors of society, the redeemers of the race.

SECOND COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for the **Reserve Fund** for our Parish.

The Account is established to help fund the on-going major maintenance and needs of the Parish. Thank you for your generous sup-

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION
COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA**

August 19th - August 25th, 2019

Tuesday's Spec coll.\$ 98.00
Tues. On-line giving\$ 5.00
Weekend Offering.....\$ 2,318.80
Weekend On-line giving.\$ 330.00

From the Desk of the Pastor

While we appreciate when someone gives something impressive to us, are there times, we rarely look at the **quality** of our giving to others. We expect a lot better from others don't we? However, "Giving" of itself is not enough. It has to have a certain quality to it. It is **the way we give** and **the spirit in which we give**, that is important.

In today's Gospel Jesus sets for us a very high standard. Real giving, he says has no trace of self-interest in it.

If we look through the Gospel we will see how Jesus practiced this "unselfish giving". He shared his life and time of the day with others. He mingled with, and bestowed himself on those who had nothing to give him in return. Nor did he ask for anything.

The Good Shepherd is happy when he has found the lost sheep; no matter what hardships he suffers and endures in searching for it. He is happy when, as a result of his loving care, the sheep are thriving. He does not seek any personal profit or gains.

Happy are we and blessed shall we be, if we reach that stage where giving has become part of our nature. **To give is not a luxury for a Christian.** It is our first and fundamental duty as followers of Christ. It is something so obvious that we should not even talk about it or look for recognition. A true Christian loves his/her brother without expecting any reward for it.

"If you want to be happy, give, without counting or regrets." - Michael Quoist

"The ideal giving is when the giver does not even know to whom he/she is giving and when the receiver does not know from whom he/she is receiving." - Saying of the Rabbis

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a year-round process available to any adult who wishes to inquire into Catholicism. It is also an invitation for adults who have not received and would wish to receive all the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

R.C.I.A. is a journey of faith, filled with Hope and fired by love. This time is spent in discovering Jesus, to listen to his call as he says: "Have Courage, it is I, do not be afraid".

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or in sponsoring someone who is in the process of being initiated into the Church, please call the Parish office at 415-334-4646.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is conducted during the 9:30 am and 12:30 pm masses. All school age children are invited to participate.

Parents are urged to consider supporting this ministry to help our children to understand the Sunday Mass Readings better at their own level.

If you would like your child to participate in the Children's Liturgy on Sundays, please arrive 15 minutes before the mass starts to sign up your child and for the children to stand in line at the front of the church ready to be part of the procession. The sign up material will be supplied to you before the Mass.

Save the date for the "San Lorenzo Ruiz dinner and dance"

The FPC (Filipino Pastoral Council) of St. John the Evangelist will have their annual dinner and dance to celebrate the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz. The 'dinner and dance' is scheduled for September 28, 2019 in the school gymnasium.

Tickets are on sale now for \$25.00. For further information please contact Lety Tomas at (415) 585-5081.

FORMED Highlights

At the end of Mass, the priest says, **"Go forth, the Mass has ended."** Do you ever wonder what that means?

Our mission as Catholics is to share the Good News through Evangelization, but sometimes we can get overwhelmed with the state of our world and how to truly bring Christ into it.

Catholics are challenged to carry their faith after the celebration of the Holy Eucharist from the Church building out into the world: outside the parish doors. With our real stories from real Catholics sharing the beauty of the Church in their communities, inspire you to be the 'salt of the earth' and the 'light of the world' to take our Catholic Faith and live it out beyond Sundays.

2019-2020 Respect Life Essay Contest

Students from 1 through 12 Grades--in Catholic schools and religious education classes, as well as home-schooled students in the Archdiocese of San Francisco--are invited to participate.

Winning students receive cash awards from \$25 to \$250, depending on grade level.

More information at <https://sfarchdiocese.org/essay-contest/>