FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE GATHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I WITH THEM.

— Matthew 18:20 —
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

— Matthew 18:19

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).
Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).
Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).
Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

REDDINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Friday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Saturday: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day
Monday: Patriot Day
Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom
Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Saturday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

READ THE CATHOLIC BIBLE FOR ONE YEAR
[ ] September 10 Ezra 8–9, Joel 3, 1 Cor 12, Ps 105:23–29
[ ] September 11 Ezra 10, Amos 1, 1 Cor 13, Ps 105:30–36
[ ] September 12 Neh 1–3, Amos 2–3, 1 Cor 14:1–25, Ps 105:37–45
[ ] September 13 Neh 4–5, Amos 4, 1 Cor 14:26–40, Ps 106:1–5
[ ] September 14 Neh 6:1–7:36, Amos 5, 1 Cor 15:1–29, Ps 106:6–12
[ ] September 15 Neh 7:37–8:18, Amos 6, 1 Cor 15:30–58, Ps 106:13–20
[ ] September 16 Neh 9, Amos 7, 1 Cor 16, Ps 106:21–27

Readings are based on the Bible book arrangement as found in the Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition, but can be used with any Catholic Bible with full canon of Scripture (this is different from the liturgical readings of the Mass/Readings for the week). A link to a complete reading chart for a year is also available on our website: www.holynamesf.org

We pray for the Sick ...that they may experience God’s Love and Healing.
Tom Abdella, Evangeline Agbunag, Nick Aguila, Lenne Aguirre, Sofia Aguirre, Rosa María Alonso, Laura Andrade, Gina Arenas, Eunice Ausman, Julianne Beach, Joan Boike, Dalmacio Briones, Jr., Monica Briones, Pauline Boffi, Janet Cariganai, Remedios Cuchapin, Joseph Chu, Ron de la Cruz, Kathy Doherty, Isabel Dominguez, Patricia Dominguez, Gloria Etchelet, Mr. & Mrs. Rodolfo Ezequiel, Bob Fisher, Lourdes Gatchalian, Connor Gavney, Genoveva Guevarra, Theresa Ick, Kathy Ignacio, Joe Chu, Ron de la Cruz, Kathy Doherty, Isabel Dominguez, Patricia Dominguez, Gloria Etchelet, Mr. & Mrs. Rodolfo Ezequiel, Bob Fisher, Lourdes Gatchalian, Connor Gavney, Genoveva Guevarra, Theresa Ick, Kathy Ignacio, Max Kirkham, Richie Kreps, Steven Lee, Dimple Lim, Amelia Lippi, Leny Lopez, Flory Magat, George Maloof, Pat McGuigan, Tom Miller, Amy McNally, Mary Medina, Ann Murphy, Jeffrey Ng, Inge Nordstrom, Neil O’Sullivan, Susan Sumaylo, Manuel Pacheco, Josefina Palarca, Maryanne Piwowar, Soledad Rico, Maria Salas, Michael Joseph Suntar, Maureen Sweeney, Lawrence Tan, Rose Tang, Dodie Teague, Victoria Tolentino, Aurora Urmeneta, Laurentia Venenciano, Mona Wageck, John Xavier
We pray for those who have Died...that they may be granted a home in heaven. Terrence Hanley (HN’68), Salem K. Odeh

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH SAN FRANCISCO is a welcoming multicultural and liturgical community that celebrates our Christian Faith. In the spirit of the “Joy of the Gospel” we work together promoting Catholic values and teachings. Our parish encourages a strong devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, who gives us an example of faithful discipleship and a generous stewardship way of life.
Pastoral Center. This will be extended to the Preschool, and eventually, Lester Gee and Ryan Quan, one of Holy Name School's many stars.

On the other hand, we recently lost one of our graduates and I can see the unity and collaboration between our school and our parishioners Chris and Marybeth Cody. We also have a new Second Grade teacher, who came to us all the way from Ireland. She is Aoife Dillon, replacing Mrs. Sharon Aymard who is now the K-3rd Grade Resource Support Teacher. Sharon’s husband Roger Aymard is now our new Athletic director, a job he used to have years ago. Our new 6th Grade teacher is Brendan Nolan, who is also a graduate of Holy Name School and the son of our 7th Grade Teacher, Rita Nolan. We also have a new 8th Grade teacher, Sarah Currier, who has two children at school, Xavier (1st Grade) and Pauline (2nd Grade). Sarah’s husband Andrew Currier is the new president of Riordan High School. The Currier family is also a new addition to our parish family.

A new teacher of the earth science class was lecturing on map reading. After explaining about latitude, longitude, degrees and minutes the teacher asked, “Suppose I asked you to meet me for lunch at 23 degrees, 4 minutes north latitude and 45 degrees, 15 minutes east longitude...?”

After a confused silence, a voice volunteered, “I guess you’d be eating alone.”

Our school, under the leadership of our principal Natalie Cirigliano, has embraced the Stewardship model our parish is trying to nurture. Instead of having a Parent’s Guild this year, they have several committees to lead school activities and fundraising events. Four of our school fathers showed us an example of what stewardship is all about. Engineered by Silver Cusi, and joined by Ray Sum, Lester Gee and Ryan Quan, they spent practically the whole day last Saturday working on our internet wiring connections in our Pastoral Center. This will be extended to the Preschool, and eventually the Flanagan Center and the Church. With these fathers’ expertise, we will have a better internet connection at the Flanagan and the Church, as we have now at the Pastoral Center. We thank them for sharing their time and talent, and for showing us that you don't have to be a part of our church to practice stewardship in our parish. I can see the unity and collaboration between our school and our church, as one big parish community-parish family.

On the other hand, we recently lost one of our graduates and one of Holy Name School’s many stars. Mr. Terry Hanley (HN ’68), Star of the Sea school principal, passed away last Tuesday surrounded by his family. I was able to give him the Sacrament of the Anointing that Saturday evening when he was struggling for dear life. Let us pray for his eternal repose, and for his family and for the Star of the Sea School community.

When you look at death, it makes you understand the importance of the moment. When you have life and death in front of you, and you witness seeing someone deteriorating in front of you - it's an overwhelming experience. If you don't learn from that, I don't know what else you're gonna learn from.
HOLY NAME WEEKLY CALENDAR  Week of Sept 10, 2017

**Sunday, September 10, 2017**
- 9:30 AM Holy Name School Spirit Mass  Church
- 10:30 AM International Food Fair  Gym
- 10:30 AM Religious Education  Pastoral Center
- 10:45 AM YM Team  Pastoral Center

**Monday, September 11, 2017**
- 10 AM Monday Exercise Group  Flanagan Center
- 1 PM Sewing Group  Pastoral Center
- 7:30 AM SVDP Meeting  Pastoral Center

**Tuesday, September 12, 2017**
- 9:30 AM C/E Class  Pastoral Center
- 10 AM Lectio Divina  Pastoral Center
- 7:30 PM Legion of Mary  Pastoral Center

**Wednesday, September 13, 2017**
- 6 PM HN Choir  Pastoral Center
- 7 PM RCIA  Pastoral Center
- 7:30 PM Chinese Bible Study  Flanagan Center

**Thursday, September 14, 2017**
- 11 AM Senior Club  Flanagan Center
- 4 PM Taekwondo  Flanagan Center
- 7 PM RCIA  Flanagan Center

**Friday, September 15, 2017**
- 9:30 AM Reception  Pastoral Center
- 7 PM Fil-Am Meeting  Flanagan Center

**Saturday, September 16, 2017**
- 11 AM Baptism  Church
- 11:30 AM Baptism Reception  Flanagan Center
- 1 PM Chinese RCIA  Green Room
- 2 PM Chinese Social  Flanagan Center
- 3 PM Chinese Mass  Church
- 5 PM Youth Ministry with Mass  Flanagan Center

2018 MASS BOOK

The 2018 Mass Intention book is now ready. Please mail your requests with (1) the Name of the person you wish to have the Mass said for, (2) please indicate if the person is (L) Living or (D) Deceased, (3) your name, address and phone number (4) enclose a check payment. The cost is $10 for each Mass offering and send to 2018 Mass Requests Holy Name of Jesus Church 1555 39th Ave. San Francisco, CA 94122.

GOD’S WATCHERS  In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God’s will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today’s Gospel, where Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ’s body around us.
SEPTEMBER 10, 2017
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When couples who are going to be married in the Church come to see me for the first time I get them to fill out a brief questionnaire. The last two questions on the form ask:

“What do you like best about your partner?”
“What do you like best about yourself?”

The first question usually presents no problems, although it can hold a few surprises and sometimes a playful punch if the right answer is not forthcoming!

The second question seems to present all sorts of difficulties, especially for prospective grooms. Some of us find it hard to name the God-given qualities we value most in our character. Some couples try to pass it off, “That’s for others to say” or, “I don’t want to blow my own trumpet.” Others try to dismiss the question as being new age or trendy.

But the question does, in fact, cut to the heart of both today’s second reading and Gospel. “You must love your neighbor as you love yourself.” We cannot say in the same breath, “I hate myself, but I am a good Christian.” For St Paul, love of self was not indulgent, but the cornerstone of our mission to love as Jesus loves us. Paul knew the difference between self-love and self-adoration. Our love of God is expressed in the healthy and appropriate esteem we have for ourselves. Put another way, we cannot love anyone else if we don’t love ourselves. If we have poor self-esteem then often we need others to fill up this gap in our self-love. Most relationships cannot sustain such a demand.

The Church has to take some responsibility for this state of affairs. We used to be taught that mortification and self-denial were good Christian virtues, and indeed they can be. When properly understood they are never opportunities for self-hatred. The sanest spiritual writers in our tradition saw these virtues as paths of closeness with God and service of our neighbor.

One such writer was St Ignatius Loyola who in the Spiritual Exercises saw that it was precisely as sinners that God loves us. He saw that one of the greatest gifts the Lord can give us is when we see our sinfulness for what it is, but are not overwhelmed by it, and that we experience the power of God’s love for us who calls us to walk as children of the light.

Jesus in today’s Gospel attends to this destructive side of our human nature. Jesus teaches us that those who do not love their neighbor as they should are to be treated with dignity and respect and offered every opportunity to seek forgiveness until it is clear they can no longer be a part of the Christian family.

The challenge and hallmark of the Christian life is the way in which we live out God’s love and forgiveness. And, although the Christian community should be the last group to exclude anyone, even we have to have our boundaries. Sometimes this involves holding others to account for what they say and do, especially if they claim to be a follower of Christ. The love and forgiveness of God does not mean that “anything goes.” It is a love that calls for constant conversion. We can witness to it only to the degree that we have experienced it, from God, from others, and in the way we love and forgive ourselves.
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Confessions: 15 minutes before 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
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Sundays 12:30-2:30 PM, Flanagan Center
R.C.I.A. (Chinese):
Every Saturday—Green Room—1:30 PM
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