

Parish Bulletin

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2021

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



January 17 - 23, 2021

Sunday, January 17

- 10:00 * Healing of Timothy McCue;
Stacey Ver (D)
12:00 ** Mary Petrovich (D) & Parishioners of St. Anne

Monday, January 18

- 8:45 * Fr. Bernard Brennan (D);
Leonarda & Benito Hidalgo (D)

Tuesday, January 19

- 8:45 * Fr. Bernard Brennan (D); Karen Finnegan (D);
Don & Bea Torres (D)

Wednesday, January 20

- 8:45 * Bday of Eufemia Bedania; Fr. Bernard Brennan (D)

Thursday, January 21

- 8:45 * Ben Bergado (D)

Friday, January 22

- 8:45 * Intentions of Irene Malabed

Saturday, January 23

- 8:45 * Confraternity of St. Anne
4pm * Mary Lou Sheridan (D)

* - Watch mass at: <https://www.facebook.com/StAnneSF/>

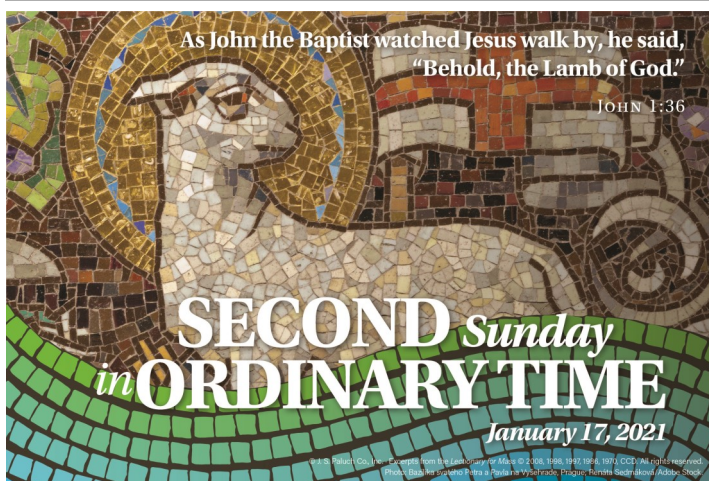
** - Watch Chinese mass at: <https://www.facebook.com/CCinSF/>

Pastor's Corner

Christian & National Unity - Tomorrow, Jan 18, marks the beginning of the Annual Prayer for Christian Unity. It concludes on the feast day of the conversion of St. Paul, Jan 25. And as we will be inaugurating a new President on Wed, Jan 20, it is certainly appropriate that we also pray for National Unity. It's so much easier to see our differences than to acknowledge what we hold in common. And that's true not only in politics but also in our faith. Catholics seem also to be divided down the party line, some even accusing the other of not being truly Catholic enough. Apparently some even accuse the Pope of not being Catholic enough. But then, can anyone be Catholic enough? Paul, before his conversion, persecuted the followers of Christ, who were still mostly Jewish. He felt they weren't Jewish enough. They had allowed this liberal Jesus to contaminate their orthodoxy. He was not stern with sinners, he ate with them, associated with them, welcomed them into God's Kingdom. Jesus and His gang was defiling Judaism. But after His conversion, Paul wrote the most beautiful words about love. *"If I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. Faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love"* (1 Corinthians 13).

Paul, after his conversion, came to recognize that what God wanted, what pure religion and orthodoxy is, is that we love one another. That is how we will be judged on judgment day. There are 3 steps in the Christian journey towards maturity. (1) The first is coming to realize that Jesus is real and to develop a personal relationship with Him; (2) the 2nd is then seeking to please Him, to serve Him, to let go of our sinful past, but also to embrace His ways; (3) the last stage in the Christian journey is to see each other as brothers and sisters, as part of the beloved family of God. That's why the saints cared for the sick, the elderly, the weak, the neglected, the enemy because they've grown, like St. Paul, to see in each other, the face of God. This week as we pray for the Unity of all Christians, let us ask God for the grace to see in each other, the face of Christ. And let us pray also for our own nation, our fellow Americans, not members of one party or the other, but as we truly are, children of God. And let us ask God to bless us that in our disappointments or joys, we may help one another, pray for one another, and as our Patron Saint, St. Francis taught us, be instruments of peace in our divided world.

- Fr. Dan



*"Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will." (Ps 40)*

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2021

Abide in My Love...
You shall bear much fruit.

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JOHN 15:1-17

If My People

which are called by my name,
shall humble themselves,
and pray, and seek my face,
and turn from their wicked ways;
then will I hear from heaven,
and will forgive their sin,
and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)

LORD, make me an instrument of thy Peace.
Where there is hatred, Let me sow Love;
Where there is injury, PARDON;
Where there is Doubt, faith;
Where there is Despair, hope;
Where there is Darkness, Light;
And where there is sadness, Joy.



O, Divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be Loved, as to Love;
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in Pardoning
that we are Pardoned,
and it is in Dying that we
are born to eternal Life. ❤️