Reflections:

Jesus does not command us to love “God” in the abstract. Teaching Jew to Jew he says: “You shall love the Lord your God”—the Lord who had rescued the Jewish people from slavery. So, commanding a love which responds to an initiative of Divine Love.

Why wouldn’t one respond “heart, mind, strength, soul” in gratitude for the gift of life itself, for some particular person or incident, for the beauty and grandeur of nature, for rescue from some situation which seemed to engulf us? And if the Lord God loved you in such a way, why wouldn’t you love yourself?

Then you can properly “Love your neighbor as yourself.” There is nothing sentimental in his teaching from Leviticus 19:18 and the preceding verses. Jesus was pointing to the system of social justice which looked after the poor and which did not exploit workers. It is up to us as global citizens of the 21st century to recognize as “neighbors” those beyond our borders and to love them in the practical “Levitical” way.

Fulfilling the Dual Command, we guard against the extremes of religious piety or social activism and become Christian humanists loving God and neighbor.

We might pause a moment to pray in responsive gratitude to the Lord God, and to commit ourselves to loving our neighbor, hoping to hear the words of Jesus Christ: “You are not far from the Kingdom of God.”

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TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — The Lord, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).
Psalm — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).
Second Reading — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).
Gospel — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcede-3; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Saturday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcede-3; Lk 14:12-14
Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; 
Daylight Saving Time ends

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; 
National Vocation Awareness Week; 
Daylight Saving Time ends
Tuesday: Election Day
Friday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Saturday: St. Leo the Great

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Reflect: “You are not far from the Kingdom of God,” said Jesus to the lawyer who upheld the equivalency of love of God and neighbor. But there is a catch in the sentence: being not far only implies being close enough; it is no guarantee that one is definitively within the Kingdom. What would move the lawyer—and us—from within the proximity to within the boundaries of the Kingdom? If knowing the greatest commandment with its equivalent love of God and neighbor takes us close to the Kingdom, it is doing the commandment that will move us in.
Pray: Ask God for the wisdom to know the commandments and the courage to do the same.

LET US PRAY FOR:
We pray for the Sick …that they may experience God’s Love and Healing.
We pray for those who have Died…that they may be granted a home in heaven.
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This Thursday, November 1st, on the Feast of All Saints, six children from the Religious Ed and HN School. The gifts of people who offer their services to the church, including our volunteers and ministers of the Church. We are grateful for your support for our parish especially our dear In this month of Thanksgiving, I want to express my gratitude to all of last year to October of this year are remembered in this mass of our 8th graders will be commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers of our Deceased Parishioners which has now become a tradition in our parish and is sponsored by our Grief Ministry, led by Valerie Toy. Our deceased parishioners who have died from November our parish and is sponsored by our Grief Ministry, led by Valerie Toy. Our deceased parishioners who have died from November of last year to October of this year are remembered in this mass at 11:00 AM this Saturday.

In this month of Thanksgiving, I want to express my gratitude to all of you for your support for our parish especially our dear volunteers and ministers of the Church. We are grateful for the gift of people who offer their services to the church, including our children from the Religious Ed and HN School.

This Thursday, November 1st, on the Feast of All Saints, six of our 8th graders will be commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers to help distribute communion during our Thursday school masses. Congratulations and thank you to these students who will now be serving in God’s altar as ministers: Ann Anish, Isabelle Morren, Natalie Quock, Evelyn Koriganawitz, Gabriel Borromeo and Glenn Munar.

Our school had started taking up a collection during the Thursday school masses. Our school wants to instill in these young minds the value of giving. As St. Francis says in his prayer “for it is in giving that we receive.” With their giving, young students are practicing the Stewardship Way of Life, sharing their time, talent and treasure every Thursday.

A few of our parishioners will be doing a Lay Witnessing of the Stewardship Life at the mass this weekend. We thank them for sharing how they practice the Stewardship life and being a mission-partner of Christ in their life. This Lay Witnessing is in preparation for next Sunday’s Stewardship Renewal or Commitment Sunday.

The Religion School Teacher asked her eight eager 10 year-olds if they would give a $1,000,000 to the missionaries. “Yes!” they all screamed! “Would you give $1,000?” Again, they shouted “YES!” How about $100?” “Oh, yes we would!” they all agreed! “Would you just give a dollar to the missionaries?” she asked. The boys exclaimed, “Yes!” just as before, except for Johnny. “Johnny,” the teacher said as she noticed the boy clutching his pocket, “Why didn’t you say ‘yes’ this time?” “Well,” the boy stammered, “I have a dollar!”

Everything we have belongs to God and is a gift from God. This is the principle of Stewardship. If you want to multiply your blessings, give them away cheerfully and with an attitude of gratitude.

Hello Holy Name of Jesus parishioners.

Earlier this year some parishioners approached Father Arnold about having Holy Name of Jesus Parish host a series of training sessions for earthquake preparedness. Many of us on the Parish Council were here back in 1989 and remember all too vividly the October 17th Loma Prieta earthquake and the destruction it wreaked. And while the Sunset neighborhood fared better than other parts of our city, the lesson we all learned (again) was it’s better to be prepared than unprepared for this sort of event. With this in mind, the Parish Council met in late summer and endorsed Father Arnold’s request to use our Parish as a place to host an earthquake-training event. We considered it a blessing that our parish could host a potentially life saving event.

Luckily for all of us at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, we have several parishioners who are veterans of such training efforts. Our Parish is blessed to have as parishioners Ramsey Ramos, Dick Morten, Manzel de la Cruz, all of whom are active with San Francisco Fire Department Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT). It didn’t take long for them to organize a NERT neighborhood training, held at our Parish over a six week period starting October 2nd and ending November 5th.

For those of you unfamiliar with NERT, it is community based training program dedicated to a neighbor-helping-neighbor approach. NERT training is free for individuals, neighborhood groups and community-based organizations in San Francisco. The training includes hands-on disaster skills that will help individuals respond to a personal emergency as well as act as members of a neighborhood response team. https://sf-fire.org/neighborhood-emergency-response-team-nert

I am happy to report that the event quickly was sold out! Over eighty people, comprised of parishioners and neighbors, attended this 20-hour comprehensive program consisting of six (6) class sessions. Every attendee who attended and completed all six classes obtained a certification. During Mass I heard from a few parishioners the following question, “Who is a NERT volunteer?” The answer is: A typical NERT volunteer is not one type. The NERT volunteer is anyone who is active and involved in the community--or wants to be. In short a NERT volunteer is YOU! Please keep this in mind for the next time our Parish hosts a NERT training.

Blessings,
Paul Roscelli Chair of the Parish Council of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.
**FAITH FORMATION**
**CATECHESIS**
**PASTORAL OUTREACH**

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**REFLECTION:**
Rooted and Grounded in Love

“If we know how great is the love of Jesus for us we will never be afraid to go to Him in all our poverty, all our weakness, all our spiritual wretchedness and infirmity. We must love our own poverty as Jesus loves it. We really do not know how to forgive until we knew what it is to be forgiven. It is our forgiveness of one another that makes the love of Jesus for us manifest in our lives, for in forgiving one another we act towards one another as Jesus has acted towards us.”

Thomas Merton, “Thoughts in Solitude”

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**National Vocation Awareness Week** will be observed on November 4-10, 2018. It is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Please ask our Lord for more dedicated and holy priests and deacons, and consecrated women and men. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community. May many young adult men and women respond generously to God’s gift of vocation.

**Building Bridges of Hope** is the main theme of this year’s Santa Clara Faith Formation Conference. It will be held on Friday, November 29 and Saturday, December 1, 2018, at the Santa Clara Convention Center. For more information, visit [www.scffc.org](http://www.scffc.org).

**New Beginnings: A Catholic Divorce Ministry** The Archdiocese of San Francisco strives to make known Christ’s healing love, so that all who suffer from separation or divorce might experience new life, reconciliation, and restoration, and by meeting people in similar position may find help to rebuild their own lives. We also recognize that separated and divorced people are not mere recipients of the Church’s compassion; they are also ministers of that compassion. Through their vulnerability, suffering, courage, faithfulness, and patient endurance they bear witness to Christ and his redeeming grace in the world. If you are interested you are invited to support this group: First and Third Wednesdays, 7:00PM at St. Brendan Parish Center, 29 Rockway Avenue. For more information, contact dianamwild@gmail.com or Martin at 650-739-6446. The archdiocesan coordinator is Ed Hopfner at hopfneres@sfarch.org/newbeginningssf.info.

**Canossian Lay Associates** are women and men, single, married or widowed, who want to live their baptismal commitment with the spirit of dedication inspired by the charism of St. Magdalene of Canossa, united with the Canossian Sisters, Fathers and Brothers. Their spirituality is the Greatest Love of Christ Crucified and Mary, Mother of Charity at the foot of the cross. Their mission is to make Jesus Christ known that He may be loved. If you or someone you know is interested to know more about the Lay Canossians, you are invited to their meeting every first Sunday of the month, at 2:00-4:00PM in the Flanagan Center. You may also ask Jim Regan, Susan Logan, Angela Testani of Sr. Cristina for more information.

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**Religious Education Program**

We still have time for parents to register their children for catechism classes. These are held every Sunday, 10:45 AM-12:00 Noon in the Pastoral Center. We encourage children and youth who need to be baptized, receive first Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. We have very few children in our Religious Education classes, to date. We understand that your children can not come to register themselves or come to the Pastoral Center by themselves. We enjoin parents or guardians to give this matter serious thought. Thanks for your kind attention and response.

**Confirmation Class for Adults** If you or someone you know need to prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, please call Sr. Cristina in the parish office. You may schedule an individual session with Sister, or join the ongoing class on Wednesday at 6:15-7:30PM in the Pastoral Center.

**Youth Ministry Forthcoming Activities:**

**Saturday, November 17, 2018**
- 5:00 PM Mass
- Decorating the Pastoral Center areas for Thanksgiving
- Small faith sharing groups.

**Saturday, December 15, 2018**
- Mass at 5:00 PM
- Prepare care packages for the poor
- Faith sharing groups on Advent.

For further information about Holy Name Youth Ministry, please ask any of the following: Julie Quock, Erin Grogan, Justina Quock, Alejandra Brito and Sr. Cristina.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

*Sign up now!* Catholic Charities has more than 30 programs in need of Christmas gifts for at-risk children, seniors, and adults living with chronic illness. Contact Carol Laughlin, Volunteer Services Manager, at clahughin@CatholicCharitiesSF.org, 415.972.1236.

**Let’s Party! Help Catholic Charities families and vulnerable adult residents celebrate the holiday season**
- **Lend a hand** at one of our Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year’s Eve parties at several locations throughout San Francisco. Most opportunities are for three hour shifts between the hours of 11 am to 8 pm. May include decorating, craft making, room set up, food preparation, clean up and socializing. For details, dates and locations contact us
  - Provide Thanksgiving Dinner ingredients (and sweets and desserts) for families and individuals served by one of Catholic Charities programs. We’ll match you to a program.
  - **Pass the Produce** – help build healthy eating habits, distribute groceries to families and seniors. Sort and set up food, and hand out to clients. Thursdays 11:30-2:30 at 10th and Mission Housing. Sign up required to participate.
HOLY NAME WEEKLY CALENDAR
Week of November 4, 2018

Sunday, Nov 04, 2018
9:30 AM  8th Grade Bake Sale  Church
1:00 PM  Lay Canossians Meeting  Flanagan Center

Monday, Nov 05, 2018
10:00 AM  Line Dancing  Flanagan Center
1:00 PM  Sewing Group  Pastoral Center
6:00 PM  NERT TRAINING  Flanagan Center
7:30 PM  SVdP Meeting  Pastoral Center

Tuesday, Nov 06, 2018
FLANAGAN CENTER CARPET CLEANING
10:00 AM  C/E Class  Pastoral Center
10:00 AM  Lectio Divina  Pastoral Center
7:30 PM  Legion of Mary  Pastoral Center

Wednesday, Nov 07, 2018
10:00 AM  C/E Class  Pastoral Center
11:00 AM  HNLA Meeting  Pastoral Center
5:30 PM  Choir Practice  Pastoral Center
7:00 PM  RCIA  Pastoral Center
7:30 PM  Chinese Bible Study  Flanagan Center

Thursday, Nov 08, 2018
12 Noon  Senior Club  Flanagan Center
5:00 PM  Fright Fest Dinner  Flanagan Center
7:00 PM  Adult Faith Formation  Pastoral Center

Friday, Nov 09, 2018
7:00 PM  Vigil  Church

Saturday, Nov 10, 2018
10:30 AM  Reception  Flanagan Center
11:30 AM  Chinese Ministry RCIA  Green Room
1:00 PM  Chinese Ministry Social  Flanagan
3:00 PM  Chinese Mass  Church
4:30 PM  Confessions  Church

ACE COLLECTION
Today’s Second Collection is the ACE COLLECTION for the benefit our Parish School. Your generous donation is very much appreciated by our school children.

ST. PATRICK’S SEMINARY COLLECTION
Next Sunday’s Second Collection is for St. Patrick’s Seminary. For more than a century, St. Patrick’s Seminary & University in Menlo Park has been dedicated to the ministry of priestly formation, preparing seminarians for ordination and supporting the continued growth of priests already ordained. Well prepared priests are needed more than ever this time. To sustain their vitally important work, they rely on the generosity of our benefactors and of the parishioners whom our seminarians will one day serve as priests.

HOLY NAME TREE OF LIFE
The Holy Name Tree of Life is a bronze tree trunk with approximately 400 leaves. It is located at the back of the church. Donations to the Tree of Life go towards a much needed Capital Improvement Fund.

Each leaf costs $500 with a $25 engraving charge. We suggest a maximum number of characters to 5 lines, up to 25 characters per line including spaces. Leaf color choices are gold, silver or bronze.

You may send your request along with your check to the Parish office (1555 39th Ave. San Francisco, CA 94122). If you need more information, please call (415) 664-8590 or drop by the Parish office during business hours and the Staff can give you more information or help you make your selection, or help you with wording and processing your leaf donation.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH
COFFEE AND DONUTS SCHEDULE November 2018

4  Holy Name School  Natalie C.
11  Youth Ministry  Julie Q. & Erin G.
18  Holy Name School  Natalie C.
25  Parish & Stewardship Council  Paul & Bruce

Holy Name School is Now Accepting Applications for the 2019-2020 School Year!

If you are interested in learning more about Holy Name School, please call the main office at 415-731-4077 to schedule a tour!

Holy Name School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. Holy Name School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, gender or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletics and other school-administered programs.

Archdiocese of San Francisco
ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2018

Thank you to all who have already sent in their generous donation to the 2018 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. I humbly ask those of you who have yet to participate in the Annual Appeal to do so soon. You may want to consider a donation of $600.00 (or more) which qualifies you for the 1% Club. All 1% Club Donors for the 2018 Annual Appeal will be treated to a catered Thank You Dinner. For about the cost of a cup of Starbucks Coffee per day, you could contribute $600 per year or more to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal to aid the work of the Church and to minister to all those supported by these services and agencies.

For More Information regarding the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, please contact the parish office at (415)664-8590 or the Archdiocesan Office of Development at (415) 614-5580 development@sfarchdiocese.org

UPDATE: As of 10/29/2018 we have received $61,071.00 we still need $5,066.00 to reach our goal of $ 66,137.00
SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**Sunday:**
- 7:30 AM
- 9:30 AM (Family Mass)
- 11:30 AM

**Saturday:**
- 7:30 AM
- 9:00 AM
- 3:00 PM (Chinese)
- 5:00 PM (Vigil)

**Weekdays:**
- 7:30 AM
- 9:00 AM

**Holy Days:**
- 7:30 AM
- 9:00 AM
- 7:00 PM

Confessions:
- 15 minutes before 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses on Sunday & 4:30 - 5:00 PM Saturday or by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Every Wednesday—9:30 AM—12 Noon

Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotions:
- Friday after 9:00 AM Mass

Perpetual Help Devotions:
- Saturday after 9:00 AM Mass

First Saturday Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- begins at 8:30 AM with the Rosary, then Mass & Benediction

Baptisms by appointment

Baptismal Preparation—Every 1st Saturday of the month in the Pastoral Center - 1:30 PM—You need to register for the class ahead of time.

Baptism Ministry (Sewing Group):
- Every Monday 1-3 PM in the Pastoral Center Event Room

Marriages:
- Contact Pastoral Center 6 months in advance.
- Sundays 12:30-2:30 PM, Flanagan Center

R.C.I.A. (Chinese):
- Every Saturday—Green Room—1:30 PM

Lectio Divina:
- Tuesday 10—11 AM (Pastoral Center)

Bible Study Group (Chinese):
- Every Wednesday—7:30 PM, Flanagan Center

Parish Pastoral Council:
- contact Fr. Arnold Zamora

St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting—every Monday at 7:30 PM in Flanagan Center

Holy Name Ladies Aid:
- every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 11:45 AM (Pastoral Center)

Senior Club:
- every Thursday at 12 noon-3 PM (Flanagan Center)

Holy Name Choir Practice:
- every WEDNESDAY at 5:30 PM in the Pastoral Center

The Gabriel Project:
- Contact Rose Tang (415)793-0967

Legion of Mary:
- every Tuesday at 7:30 PM

Youth Ministry:
- One designated Saturday a month 5 PM—7:30 PM including Mass. Contact person: Sr. Cristina & Team (415)664-8590

Blood Pressure Screening:
- every 2nd Wednesday from after the 7:30 AM Mass until 11 AM (Pastoral Center) except July & August

Hospitality:
- Every Wednesday after the 7:30 AM and 9 AM Masses in the Pastoral Center except July & August

Chinese Ministry
- Nelson Lao

Fil-Am Ministry
- Ramsey Ramos & Freda Motak

St. Vincent De Paul Conference
- Carol Elliott Maloof

Marian Shrine
- Ester Aure

Legion of Mary
- Ray Frost

Gabriel Project and Cancer Support
- Rose Tang