

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church Martinez, California

OCTOBER 31, 2021

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your mind,

and with all your strength.

~ Mark 12:30



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LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30 PM

SUNDAY: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM (LIVESTREAMED) 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM (SPANISH MASS)

DAILY ROSARY: Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM

DAILY MASS: Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: 8:30 AM

ADORATION: Thursday's 4-7 PM

RECONCILIATION: 7:15- 7:45 AM Daily (M-F)

Thursday: 5:30 – 6:30 PM ; Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM

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SAFE ENVIRONMENT:

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All Volunteers must have form on file in the Parish Office

PARISH REGISTRATION

Are you Registered with our Parish? Has your family status changed? If you would like to register or update your current family information with the Parish, you may do so with our new on-line form located on our website, www.stcmtz.org or call the office, and we can help you with any update.

Top Reasons to Register at a Parish

- A sense of belonging and identity in a parish community.
- It is a commitment to practice your faith.
- Registration enables the parish pastor and staff to get to know you better, to welcome you and to minister to you. This is especially important during a time of crisis so that the pastoral staff can attend to your spiritual needs and the needs of your family.
- Registration helps you stay connected with your parish and helps your parish stay connected with you. Providing your contact information is important so that parishes provide you timely updates via email, direct mail, phone, etc. Also, if you use offertory envelopes or online giving, you will also receive a year-end statement of your donations for income tax purposes. Once you are registered, please notify the parish office of any changes in address or phone number.
- Registered active members are eligible for sponsor/godparent validation.
- Registered active members are sometimes eligible to rent parish facilities.
- Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021



**YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND,
AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.**

Mark 12:30

THE CORE OF GOD'S COVENANT

In today's First Reading, from Deuteronomy, we hear the great summary of the very core of God's covenant with Israel, its title taken from its opening word, the *Shema* ("Hear!"). The *Shema* is at once a doctrinal summary of Israel's faith and the personal/corporate prayer of Israel's sons and daughters. To this day, devout Jews inscribe the *Shema* on parchment and enclose it in the *mezuzah* that adorns the doorways of so many Jewish homes. The residents kiss the *mezuzah*, and thus the Word of God, upon entering their homes and when going forth from them into a world that often acknowledges neither God nor the covenant. Recited several times daily, Deuteronomy's "formula" comes alive as a vivid reminder to devout Jews that their personal relationship with God is both source and safeguard of their public identity as members of God's chosen people.

EDITING THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Today's Gospel shows Jesus as fully part of Israel's covenant tradition: he responds to the scribe's question by proclaiming Deuteronomy's *Shema* which both of them would have revered and recited since childhood: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:4-5). But note the "editorial changes" both Jesus and the scribe make to the *Shema*. To Deuteronomy's heart, the Biblical seat of the will and affections, and soul, the deepest part of the human person, and strength, encompassing both physical ability and material treasure, Jesus adds "with all your mind," a phrase the scribe changes to "with all your understanding" (Mark 12:30, 33). Perhaps Mark, the author of today's Gospel, wanted to consecrate to the kingdom's service the philosophical reflection and intellectual exploration so valued by the Greco-Roman world—and our world—in which the Gospel would be preached.

KNOWING AND DOING

Jesus makes a further change to Israel's *Shema*: to the Deuteronomy text Jesus adds Leviticus 19:18: "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." For Jesus, these commandments cannot be separated. The scribe, delighted at Jesus' answer, goes on to indicate that he has grasped one of the central tenets of Jesus' kingdom: ritual worship and practical charity toward one's neighbor are twin expressions of love for God. This insight places the scribe "not far from the kingdom of God," says Jesus (Mark 12:34). But is "not far" close enough? For the scribe, as for the rich would-be disciple from a few Sundays ago, as for each of us, it is one thing to know what we ought to do and quite another actually to do it. So, then: what about us? How do we live out, in daily practice, the covenant whose words we know so well, but whose deeds we so often find a challenge?

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 31:7-9
Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 12:28b-34

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**Turn Clocks Back /
Standard Time**



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**It's that time of the year!
NOVEMBER 7th, 2021
Daylight Saving Time Ends**

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Entrance: God, We Praise You
NETTLETON

1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you!
God, we name you sov'reign Lord! Mighty King whom
angels worship, Father, by your Church adored: All crea-
tion shows your glory,
Heav'n and earth draw near your throne,
Singing "Holy, holy, holy," Lord of hosts and God alone!

2. True apostles, faithful prophets, Saints who set their
world ablaze, Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded, Join one
growing song of praise, While your Church on earth con-
fesses
One majestic Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God,
our hope eternally.

3. Jesus Christ, the King of glory, Everlasting Son of God,
Humble was your virgin mother,
Hard the lonely path you trod: By your cross is sin defeat-
ed, Hell confronted face to face,
Heaven opened to believers, Sinners justified by grace.

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GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
we praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

First Reading: Dt 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying:
"Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the
days of your lives, all his statutes and command-
ments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life.
Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that
you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with
the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to
give you a land flowing with milk and honey.

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD
alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your
God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and
with all your strength. Take to heart these words
which I enjoin on you today."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm: 18: 2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
R. I Love you, Lord, my strength. R

Second Reading Heb 7: 23-28

Brothers and sisters:

The levitical priests were many because they were
prevented by death from remaining in office, but Je-
sus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that
does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to
save those who approach God through him, since he
lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest:
holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners,
higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the
high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for
his own sins and then for those of the people; he did
that once for all when he offered himself. For the
law appoints men subject to weakness to be high
priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken

after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my father will love him and we will come to him.

Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
*(At the words that follow, up to and including "and be-
came man," all bow)*
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Presentation of the Gifts

Where Charity and Love Prevail
CHRISTIAN LOVE

1. Where charity and love prevail, There God is ever
found; Brought here together by Christ's love, By love
are we thus bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear God's charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love God in
return.
3. Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults
confess; And let us love each other well In Christian holi-
ness.
4. Let strife among us be unknown, Let all contention
cease; Be God's the glory that we seek, Be ours God's
holy peace.

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are Full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*When we eat this bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come
again.*

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer / Sign of Peace / Lamb of God,

All respond:

*Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under
my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be
healed.*

Communion: Christians, Let Us Love One Another
PICARDY

1. Christians, let us love one another, As we share the true living bread. Jesus is our God and our brother; With his flesh and blood we are fed. Ev'ryone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.

2. We who break this bread are one body,
We who share this cup are all one. Children of our Father in heaven, We are heirs with God's only son. Ev'ryone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.

3. We who eat and drink at this table Die and rise again with our Lord. Drawing from our Rock living water Giv'n to all who thirst for accord. Ev'ryone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.

4. On the path of life we may falter, Earthly food alone leaves us weak; Always you invite from the altar, "Hungry souls their food here must seek." Ev'ryone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.

5. Wheat and grape incarnate a myst'ry: Jesus is the true living bread. Let us eat with joy and thanksgiving, Trusting in the word he has said. Ev'ryone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.

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Sending Forth: We Are the Light of the World
GREIF

1. Blessed are they who are poor in spirit,
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit;
Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Refrain

We are the light of the world, may our light shine
before all, that they may see the good that we do, and
give glory to God.

2. Blessed are they who are meek and
humble, They will inherit the earth.
Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble;
Bless us, O Lord, our God.

3. Blessed are they who will mourn in
sorrow, They will be comforted. Bless us, O Lord,
when we share their sorrow; Bless us, O Lord, our
God.

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All Saints Masses
November 1st, 2021
8 AM, 12:10 PM. 7:00 PM

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All Saints



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"What is the Church if not the assembly of all the saints?" wrote the fifth-century bishop Niceta. Each Sunday, in the Profession of Faith, we express our belief in the communion of saints, the one body—with Christ as its head—made up of "those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified and the blessed in heaven." We are not alone! The preface for All Saints begins, "For today by your gift we celebrate the festival of your city, the heavenly Jerusalem, our mother." What astounding words! All Saints Day (like every solemnity) is nothing less than the festival of the fullness of the paschal mystery, our dying and rising in Christ. Of course, now in autumn the mystery comes "clothed" in glorious autumnal garb, and so we celebrate our Easter faith with signs of the harvest, signs of nature's dying, signs of the "homecoming" that happens naturally when the weather gets cold and families find themselves together more often. While the dying can point to our own mortality, the homecoming reminds us of the mystery of our own resurrection with Christ.

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NOVEMBER 2, 2021

CEMETARY MASS
9 AM

(weather permitting)
otherwise in church.

7 PM Remembrance Mass

Every November 2nd, the Church remembers the faithful departed. We would like to encourage praying for the souls of those friends and relatives who have gone before us to the Father's House. During the cultural celebration of the Day of the Dead, or el día de los muertos, it is customary to visit cemeteries. All Souls' Day can be a good opportunity to pray for our deceased loved ones and to affirm our faith in the Resurrection.

All are invited to bring a framed picture of your dearly departed family member to be displayed in the church. All pictures will be returned on November 21st. Please, no larger than a 5" X 7" framed photo. Don't forget to **write your name and phone number** on the back of your picture. Thank you.

MAP Mission: To align our diocese for missionary fruition and lead in this age of change.

"Don't forget to share your feedback on the Disciple Maker Index!

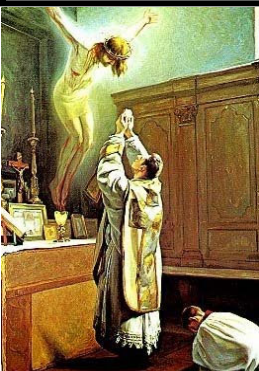
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We really need your help in making this a success, so please participate!"



Dear Father in heaven, look kindly upon the Diocese of Oakland as we take stock of the many gifts you have given us. Send your Holy spirit to guide and inspire us so that our efforts to proclaim the saving gospel Our Lord Jesus Christ more effectively may bear tremendous fruit. May we, as your people, courageously proceed on this path of self reflection and renewal. In the end, with your assistance, we know that we cannot fail. Holy Mary, Queen of the World and St. Francis de Sales, patron of our Diocese, pray for us.

If you are interested in serving as an usher at one of the Holy Masses, please attend the Training on Wednesday, November 17th at 7PM in the Church. For more information, please contact Rik Silva at (925) 348-4231. Women are welcome to join!



Beneath his Cross Prayer Cenacle

November 4th, 2021
(1st Thursday of the month)
6 PM - 7:30 PM

Adoration 4-7 PM
(Every Thursday)
Confession 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Mass Intentions

SAT	10/30	8:00	Vilma Costa†
		4:30	Pearl Balestrieri†
SUN	10/31	7:00	Int. St. Catherine Parishioners
		8:30	Vilma & Giovanni Costa†
		11:00	Legion of Mary †
		1:00	Angel Rubio †
MON	11/01	8:00	Int. St. Catherine Parishioners
TUES	11/02	9:00	Rose Battaglia Tavormina†
WED	11/03	8:00	Int. St. Catherine School & Families
THUR	11/04	8:00	Int. Shirley Tagatac
FRI	11/05	8:00	Baby Victor Rajo†
SAT	11/06	8:00	Balestrieri and Camarda Families†
		4:30	Walter Hall†
SUN	11/07	7:00	Int. Belleza Family
		8:30	Int. Irene del Rosario
		11:00	Catalina Quisumbing†
		1:00	Int. St. Catherine Parishioners



St. Catherine of Siena Parish offers deepest sympathy and prayers for the families and, the repose of the soul of all who entered into eternal life.

All Victims of the Coronavirus,

Doris Purtell

Nellie Ruiz

Theresa Mary Justice

Roger Rittenhouse

Dorothy Stratmeyer

Wilma "Suzi" Stratmeyer



2022 Memorial Votive Candles

Available to honor the deceased. They are located in the Sacred Heart of Jesus alcove inside the church and can be reserved for one year, renewable thereafter. Forms are available on the website and at the parish office. Please contact Sylvia at (925) 228-2230 Ext 1.

For Emergency Anointing of the Sick

(Only for those who are experiencing an imminent death)
Call (925) 228-2230 Ext 6

Please leave your name, phone # and address.

The Catholic Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, formerly known as Last Rites or Extreme Unction, is a ritual of healing, appropriate not only for physical but also for mental and spiritual sickness.



WORSHIP

To facilitate a transforming encounter with God as we come together in worship.

3 Habits of the saints to imitate

The saints were very different from one another, but they shared certain traits in common that we can emulate.

Leo Tolstoy once wrote, "Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way." It's debatable how accurate that statement is. **But it is true that happy people, like happy families, have certain noticeable traits in common.** The same can be said about holy people, too.

The more you study the lives of the saints, the more you notice their similarities in habits and lifestyles. Each one is unique and utterly different, it's true; after all, there are as many ways to Heaven as there are people. But there were important ways that their lives overlapped.

We have so much to learn from these lifestyle habits of the saints. These are 3 key habits that the saints had in common. We can try to imitate them in our own lives as well.

1 PRAYER

Of course, conversation with God is the defining habit of saints. Love for God is the first step to holiness, and how can you love someone you don't know? **The saints made their relationships with God their top priority.**

There are so many ways to make time for prayer in our days. We might pray a Morning Offering while making that first cup of coffee, pray the Rosary while commuting by car or train or bus, or pray an evening Examen while rocking the baby to sleep. **However you do it, making time for prayer is essential to imitating the saints.**

2 SERVING THE MARGINALIZED

"At the end of life, you take what you gave and leave what you did"

Selfless people stand out as extraordinarily unusual against the backdrop of our self-absorbed society. **But selflessness is a common and usual characteristic for the saints.**

St. Peter Claver (whose feast is today!), St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Damien of Molokai, St. Nicholas, St. Louis, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Katherine Drexel, St. Bridget of Ireland ... **The list of saints who served the marginalized is endless.**



STEWARDSHIP

To create a culture in the parish rooted in gratitude and generosity.

October 24, 2021

		ONLINE
Weekly Offering:	\$3,191.00	\$ 1,652.00
World Home Mission:	\$1,176.00	\$
Special Donation:	\$2,500.00	
School Support:		\$ 230.00
Parish Maintenance:		\$ 375.00
St. Vincent de Paul:		\$ 218.00

Thank you for your continued support both spiritual and financial.

If you are looking for a ways to help our parish, here are a few options and/or envelopes:

- 1) **On-line Giving:** www.stcmtz.org
- 2) **My parish App:**
CLICK on the "giving icon"

Support your parish



THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on world Mission Sunday. **Our parish raised \$1,176.00.** You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of world Mission Sunday, by visiting **MISSIO.org**

The saints noticed who in their society was downtrodden and oppressed. **Then they went out of their way to serve and help those people.** We, too, can look for ways to help and serve those in need, or as Our Lady said, to "lift up the lowly."

3 SACRAMENTAL LIFE

The saints had a great love for Our Lord in the Eucharist, and they cherished all of the other sacraments as well. **Their lives are a witness to us of how much we too should value the sacraments.**

St. John Vianney spent hours and hours every day in the confessional, because he knew how important it was for people to receive the grace of Reconciliation. St. Tarcisus literally gave his life to defend the Holy Eucharist. St. Francis Xavier baptized more than 700,000 souls.

These are only a few of the countless stories of the saints' fervent love for the sacraments of the Church. **Christ left these sacraments for us to grow in grace, and the saints realized how important these channels of grace are.** When we too prioritize and honor the sacraments, we imitate their example, and that of Christ.



**AMARÁS AL SEÑOR, TU DIOS.
CON TODO TU CORAZÓN.
CON TODA TU ALMA, CON TODA TU MENTE
Y CON TODAS TUS FUERZAS.**

Marcos 12:30

Primera Lectura

Dt 6, 2-6

En aquellos días, habló Moisés al pueblo y le dijo: “Teme al Señor, tu Dios, y guarda todos sus preceptos y mandatos que yo te transmito hoy, a ti, a tus hijos y a los hijos de tus hijos. Cúmpleslos y ponlos en práctica, para que seas feliz y te multipliques. Así serás feliz, como ha dicho el Señor, el Dios de tus padres, y te multiplicarás en una tierra que mana leche y miel.

Escucha, Israel: El Señor, nuestro Dios, es el único Señor; amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con todas tus fuerzas. Graba en tu corazón los mandamientos que hoy te he transmitido”.

Salmo Responsorial

Salmo 17, 2-3a. 3bc-4. 47 y 51ab

R. (2) Yo te amo, Señor, tú eres mi fuerza.

Segunda Lectura

Heb 7, 23-28

Hermanos: Durante la antigua alianza hubo muchos sacerdotes, porque la muerte les impedía permanecer en su oficio. En cambio, Jesucristo tiene un sacerdocio eterno, porque él permanece para siempre. De ahí que sea capaz de salvar, para siempre, a los que por su medio se acercan a Dios, ya que vive eternamente para interceder por nosotros.

Ciertamente que un sumo sacerdote como éste era el que nos convenía: santo, inocente, inmaculado, separado de los pecadores y elevado por encima de los cielos; que no necesita, como los demás sacerdotes, ofrecer diariamente víctimas, primero por sus pecados y después por los del pueblo, porque esto lo hizo de una vez para siempre, ofreciéndose a sí mismo. Porque los sacerdotes constituidos por la ley eran hombres llenos de fragilidades; pero el sacerdote constituido por las palabras del juramento posterior a la ley, es el Hijo eternamente perfecto.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio

Jn 14, 23

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

El que me ama cumplirá mi palabra y mi Padre lo amará y haremos en él nuestra morada, dice el Señor.

R. Aleluya.

Mc 12, 28-34

Evangelio

En aquel tiempo, uno de los escribas se acercó a Jesús y le preguntó: “¿Cuál es el primero de todos los mandamientos?” Jesús le respondió: “El primero es: *Escucha, Israel: El Señor, nuestro Dios, es el único Señor; amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con toda tu mente y con todas tus fuerzas.* El segundo es éste: *Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo.* No hay ningún mandamiento mayor que éstos”.

El escriba replicó: “Muy bien, Maestro. Tienes razón, cuando dices que el Señor es único y que no hay otro fuera de él, y amarlo con todo el corazón, con toda el alma, con todas las fuerzas, y amar al prójimo como a uno mismo, vale más que todos los holocaustos y sacrificios”.

Jesús, viendo que había hablado muy sensatamente, le dijo: “No estás lejos del Reino de Dios”. Y ya nadie se atrevió a hacerle más preguntas.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



NOVEMBER 1, 2021
ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES

**8:00 AM, 12:10 PM,
7 PM (Bilingual)**



NOVEMBER 2, 2021

CEMETARY MASS
9 AM (weather permitting)
otherwise in church.
7 PM Remembrance Mass



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Let us give thanks and help our neighbors in need. St. Vincent de Paul hopes to serve 100 families for Thanksgiving. We will collect canned and non-perishable Thanksgiving items on:

Nov. 6-7 and Nov. 13-14
after Masses
in the vestibule.



Food items requested:

Boxed stuffing
Canned cranberry sauce
Turkey Gravy envelopes
Canned corn, green beans
Canned pumpkin
Canned evaporated milk (not sweetened)

Thank you for your generosity.

Contact Anne Crisp at annecrisp@yahoo or
(925)787-0857 if you have any questions.



Join our St. Catherine 2nd grade students on November 1st at the 8AM daily mass. You never know what saint you'll be blessed to see!



Fr. Mike has requested that a parish drop-off sign be placed in the front of the church to help those parishioners who have difficulties walking a distance. We ask that you extend the courtesy of not parking in the designated area in front of the church to remain accessible to those who require this assistance.

Thank you

JOIN US FOR A

Night of Music & Healing

NOVEMBER 18TH | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Light refreshments will be served.

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Are you looking for ways to experience God? Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in serving people living in poverty. We see Christ in the poor because Jesus told us "whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me."

We assist neighbors in our Parish area who need food, clothes, rental assistance, utility assistance and other needs. The experience is rewarding. For more information contact Anne Crisp, Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference president at: (925)787-0857 or annecrisp@yahoo.com.

READINGS & REFLECTIONS



**Join in the Weekly Scripture Reflection with the Clergy
Tuesdays (via ZOOM) 7– 8:15 PM
Please call the office (925) 228-2230 Ext 4 or Ext 7
to be connected to the link.**

Sunday, Oct 31, 2021 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Now and at the hour of our death

All Hallows' Evening (contracted to Hallowe'en) begins the liturgical period of All Hallowtide, when saints, martyrs, and the departed in general are kept in special memory. Hallowed means consecrated, as the souls of the dead are in God's hands. All of the holy and troubled souls who have gone before us—represented by trick-or-treaters dressed as superheroes or vampires among others—are worthy of our mindful recollection and prayers.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34 (152). "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!"

Monday, Nov 01, 2021 SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Keep on marching

There are more than 10,000 saints venerated by the Catholic Church. (The exact number is a little unclear since some early saints may be more legendary than historical.) A lot of them are fairly new—Pope John Paul II (himself a saint) canonized more saints than all the popes in the previous 500 years combined. What does it mean to be a saint? A saint is anyone in heaven, whether canonized or not, and could include your own late family and friends. It doesn't mean they were perfect in life, but that they kept trying to live a holy life. Saints form the "great cloud of witnesses" and they're all cheering for you as you strive to be a saint, too.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667). "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Tuesday, Nov 02, 2021

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door

From the earliest days of Christianity—as believers shared Eucharist in the catacombs, alongside the dead—we Catholics have woven prayers for our dearly departed into many observances: every celebration of the Mass, praying the Rosary, annual parish-wide remembrances of the dead throughout November—even incorporating elements of Día de los Muertos from Latino tradition. We pray so that all souls who've been detoured through purgatory might, with our prayerful help, enjoy triumphant entry into heaven. As you remember your own dearly departed today, celebrate in Día de los Muertos style: Pray with their photos, visit their graves, enjoy their favorite foods. TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40 (668). "Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life."

Wednesday, Nov 03, 2021 MEMORIAL OF MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS

United in our diversity

Born in colonial Peru in 1579 to a mix of Spanish, African, and indigenous ancestors, Martin de Porres was barred from full membership in a religious order in his racially stratified society. Martin was not deterred, however, and his gifts as a healer and spiritual leader elevated him to a position of great renown and respect within the Dominican order and Peruvian society. Today,

there is a 61 percent chance that two people selected at random in the United States will be of different racial or ethnic backgrounds, according to the 2020 Census. As patron saint of race relations and those of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, Martin offers inspiration to all of us to work for social justice in our increasingly diverse nation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33 (487). "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

Thursday, Nov 04, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CHARLES BORROMEO, BISHOP

Times that try our souls

It's a tricky business to take stock of the "signs of the times," as Vatican II urged us to do. One person who was good at assessing the strengths and flaws of his culture was Saint Charles Borromeo (1538-84), a reformer who used his education and power as bishop to heal and repair the church. Pray that the Holy Spirit give us wisdom to perceive how God is present today, and to help bring about that presence where it seems to be lacking.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10 (488). "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people."

Friday, Nov 05, 2021

What would Jesus not do?

It's easy to understand why evangelism is so compelling. We can't wait to share the awesome news of finding our heart's treasure in Jesus the Christ and the Catholic faith. But we must also take great care in evangelism so that we do not end up "colonizing" others, that is, assuming there is nothing good or godly in another person or group and imposing our own "enlightened" ways upon them. Jesus certainly does not do this. Instead, he shows by his own life the love of God and he looks where God already is in the world and in people's lives. In what ways can we safeguard respect for others and God in our own call to be evangelists?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8 (489). "I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me."

Saturday, Nov 06, 2021

Inspiration knows no bounds

Jesus' life and ministry broke open the "old wineskins" of religious and social customs. Inspired by his example, the early church was remarkably diverse and creative, and women played key roles every step of the way. Priscilla (or Prisca, her formal name), along with her husband, Aquila, were companions of Saint Paul and prominent leaders in the early church—and Priscilla's name usually appears first when they are mentioned in the New Testament, a hint of her esteemed position. She instructed the learned Apollos, and some commentators think she may have had a hand in authoring the epistle to the Hebrews. Raise a glass to new wineskins—may they continue to pour out the Spirit!

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15 (490).

"Greet Prisca and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life."



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