

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

When I was sophomore in college, one of the professors explained the etymology of the word sophomore: a composite word from the Greek 'sophos' (meaning clever or wise) and 'moros' (meaning foolish or dull). A sophomore is one who is not a freshman anymore, he/she knows something already, but does not know all, half wise and half foolish. I personally got a kick out of it! In the parable of the ten virgins, five of them are wise and five of them are foolish, not one of them is in between, either foolish or wise. The wise virgins were ready with extra oil for their lamps, the foolish ones did not have extra oil. So, when the bridegroom arrived only the wise virgins were able to follow him with their lighted lamps and the foolish ones were not able to follow him; eventually, they were left out of the feast. What a tragedy! The foolish virgins were given the same opportunity, they also had their lamps, but they were not prepared like the wise ones. In our journey of faith, we all have been invited to the heavenly feast; we must be prepared like the wise virgins. Oil represents our faith; we must nourish our faith with the sacraments, prayers, works of charity and so on. That way, when the bridegroom comes, who is Jesus Our Lord, we will be able to follow Him to the feast in heaven!

Cuando curse el segundo año en la universidad, uno de los profesores nos explicó la etimología de la palabra sophomore: una palabra compuesta del griego 'sophos' (que significa inteligente o sabio) y 'moros' (que significa tonto o aburrido). Un estudiante de segundo año es alguien que ya no es un estudiante que ya sabe algo, pero no lo sabe todo, mitad sabio y mitad tonto. ¡Personalmente, me encantó! En la parábola de las diez vírgenes, cinco de ellas son sabias y cinco de ellas son insensatas, ninguna de ellas está en el medio, ni insensata ni sabia. Las vírgenes prudentes estaban preparadas con aceite extra para sus lámparas, las insensatas no tenían aceite extra. Así, cuando llegó el novio, sólo las vírgenes prudentes pudieron seguirlo con sus lámparas encendidas y las insensatas no pudieron seguirlo; Eventualmente, fueron dejados fuera de la fiesta. ¡Qué tragedia! A las vírgenes insensatas se les dio la misma oportunidad, también tenían sus lámparas, pero no estaban preparadas como las prudentes. En nuestro camino de fe, todos hemos sido invitados a la fiesta celestial; Debemos estar preparados como las vírgenes prudentes. El aceite representa nuestra fe; Debemos alimentar nuestra fe con los sacramentos, oraciones, obras de caridad, etc. De esa manera, cuando venga el novio, que es Jesús Nuestro Señor, podremos seguirlo a la fiesta en el cielo.

REFLEXIONES BÍBLICAS

"Velad, pues, porque no sabéis ni el día ni la hora." - MATEO 25:13

Muchos de nosotros hemos pospuesto hacer algo porque pensamos que estamos demasiado ocupados. Todos hemos dicho, "lo haré más tarde, cuando tenga tiempo". Desafortunadamente, muchos de nosotros aplicamos esta actitud a nuestra fe. La llamada de Jesús es urgente, en el aquí y ahora, en sus circunstancias actuales. ¿Te está llamando Dios a usar tus dones hoy? No te demores. Ninguno de nosotros tiene garantizado el mañana.

Soup Kitchen

Please consider donations for the soup kitchen:

beef/chicken broth; coffee, sugar, powder milk,
pastas.

Comedor Común

Por favor, considere las donaciones para el comedor de beneficencia:
caldo de res/pollo; café, azúcar, leche en polvo, pastas.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK NOV. 12, 2023**NOV. 12: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

5:30 p.m. Nick & Maureen Staniewicz
 7:00 p.m. Almas en Purgatorio
 9:00 a.m. Franklin Caputo
 10:30 a.m. Dionicia & Lino Inciong
 12:00 p.m. For the Parish

NOV. 13: MONDAY, ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

9:00 a.m. Special Intention for Hallie Larkin & Family
 7:00 p.m. For the People

NOV. 14: TUESDAY, WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Gregory & Frances Gruchacz
 7:00 p.m. For the Parish

NOV. 15: WEDNESDAY, WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Gregory Dillon
 7:00 p.m. For the People

NOV. 16: THURSDAY, WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Jose Munoz (Anniversary)
 7:00 p.m. For the Parish

NOV. 17: FRIDAY, SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

9:00 a.m. Milagros (Mila) Dionisio
 7:00 p.m. For the People

NOV. 18: SATURDAY, WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Departed Souls of Bateau, Julien & DuPerval Families
 5:30 p.m. Fr. James Keenan
 7:00 p.m. Silvina Morales & Ubaldo Torres

NOV. 19: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. Flo Ilg
 10:30 a.m. The Feula Family
 12:00 p.m. Cesar Rivera

CANDLES

ALTAR CANDLES will burn this week as a Special Intention of Healing for Betty Anderson.

SANCTUARY CANDLES will burn this week as a Special Intention for the sick of the parish.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

• REGULAR COLLECTION.....	\$4,596.00
• BUILDING FUND.....	\$1,374.00
• ALL SAINTS.....	\$157.00
• ALL SOULS.....	\$635.00

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!

*How dear is Our Lady of the Valley to your heart?
 Please consider remembering her in your Will.*

STEWARDSHIP SCRIPTURAL REFLECTIONS

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - MATTHEW 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Hoe is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

PRAYER REQUEST CORNER**For the recently deceased:**

For those who are ill: Kate & Theresa Bamford, Victor Cirello, Pauline Wahlers, Edward Lightner, Al Robinson, Alena & Todd Galante, Angelina Killane-Sims, Martha Strong, Jean Barrateau, The Thompson Family, Charmaine Coleman, Frances Kinsella, Llewellyn Ramos, Jason Illing The Romano Family, Christi Lynn & Scott Nichols, Fran Steiner, Rosemarie Arloro, Chastity White, Tyler Whille, Christy Harnish, Khadijah Harden, Trinity Causey, Rita Lavery, Pacita Ong, Giana Kingsland, Tina Galante, Jack McDonald, Terrance Durant, Melissa, Anthony Yodeci, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Patricia Russo, Betty & Vincent Battista, Robert Kren, Frank Capron, Catherine Trezza, Natalie Thomas, Barbara Mirsky, Kathy Snell, Sr. Joan O'Connor, James Schoenig, Paula Ferraro, Lula Revuelta, Michael Guerrieri, Laura Spero, Valda Wright, The Loraw Family, John Gruchacz, James Davis Jr., Brennan Family, Pope Francis, Larry Donahue, Marty Veniero, Maria Del Carmen Martinez Reynoso, Mindy Holley, Saul Zhunio, Elizabeth Martoe, Phyllis Racavich, Natalie Floth, James Williams, Betty Anderson, Fr. John Nazzaro, Howard Casey, Terrence Witter, Dela Cruz Family, Louis Mariano, Debbie Romano, Jennifer Beyor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **WEDNESDAYS** - Confessions with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm.
2. **LECTOR WORKBOOKS** - in English and in Spanish for the new liturgical year are available on the counter in the Sacristy. All lectors and commentators, please stop after Mass and pick up one of the workbooks.
3. **BULLETIN SUPPORT** - please patronize the businesses that advertise on the back of our parish bulletin each week. These advertisers make the publication of our bulletin possible.

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Ms. Irene Gruchacz, Sacristan

Mrs. Cristina Pamaar, Soup Kitchen Coordinator

Conducted By:

The Salesians of St. John Bosco

Lay Ministers and Catechists

Parish Council and Trustees

Marriage

It is required that every couple contact the parish priests to make arrangements for the proper preparations. An appointment must be made **ONE YEAR** before the wedding.

Religious Education Oratory Program

Saturday Classes: 9:30 am-12:00 pm

Communion Calls

The Priests and Eucharistic Ministers will bring Communion to any homebound parishioners. It is the responsibility of the family to contact the Rectory.

Anointing the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing is available for those of advanced age or anyone who is seriously ill. Please contact the parish priests.

Parish Policy

Every Catholic family or individual living within the parish boundaries must be registered. All address changes must be reported to the Rectory. You must be registered for Baptism, Marriage and Religious Education.

The Eucharist

Saturday Evening	5:30 pm (Spanish Mass) 7:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am, and 10:30 am (Spanish Mass) 12:00 pm
Weekdays	9:00 am and 7:00 pm
Holy Days	9:00 am and 7:00 pm

Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions

Saturday	9:30 am
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Christian Initiation

Baptisms will be celebrated on the third Saturday of the month. Call the Rectory Office to arrange a meeting for more information. **Los bautizos son el tercer sábado del mes. Llame a la oficina para mas informacion.**

Penance

Saturday	4:30 - 5:15 pm
Wednesday	7:30 pm
By Appointment anytime at the Rectory.	