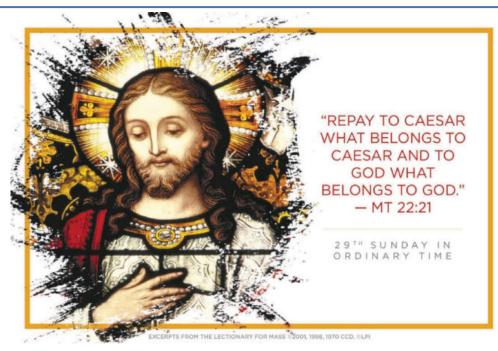
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- · Rice and beans
- Baby formula
- Baby food
- Dry pasta
 Tomato sauce
- Tomato paste
 Bread
- Tortillas (corn + flour)
 Tuna
- Sugar
- Salt
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Sunday Masses:

9:00am

Live-Stream & In Person 11:00am & 5:00pm - In Person

Mon - Sat: 8:30am Rosary - 8:00am Live-Stream & In Person

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

God revealed to the Persian King, Cyrus, that he would be an instrument of the Lord, proving that no other gods exist. What convinces you there is only one Lord of the universe?

Second Reading:

In his opening words to the believers in Thessalonica, Paul offers a prayer of thanksgiving to God for their faith and hope in Jesus. For what or for who are you thankful to God?

Gospela

The religious leaders in Jerusalem tried to "entrap" Jesus with the question, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" *How often do you feel you have to defend your faith*?

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TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6;

Psalm 96;

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b;

Matthew 22:15-21

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Today's readings encourage us Christian stewards to always be mindful of who we are and Who we are in every aspect of our lives.

Our First Reading, from Isaiah, takes us back to the very foundation of our faith. The prophet, serving as the "voice" of God, proclaims, "I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me." This is a powerful reminder of a fundamental truth. But it is easy to lose sight of this truth in our fast-paced, stressed-out, digital world. As disciples of Christ, we must make intentional choices each day as to how we spend our Time, Talents and Treasure so that each of these aspects of our lives proclaim that we indeed serve God and God alone.

Putting God first in all areas of life takes real courage, especially in this day and age. But we should not be afraid to live boldly for Christ. St. Paul reminds us of the power we have been given along with the gift of our faith. He says to the Thessalonians in our Second Reading (and we can claim these words for ourselves) that "our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction." Through our Baptism, and with the graces given to us in the Eucharist, Reconciliation, the Word of God, and the strength we find in each other in our faith family, we have everything we need to embrace the call to the stewardship way of life. We belong to God, and there is no other, after all.

Jesus reminds us of this truth in our Gospel passage today as He cleverly puts the Pharisees in their place during their attempt to verbally entrap Him. They ask Him whether it is lawful to pay the tax to Caesar. This tax was a daily reminder to the Jewish people of their humiliating status of occupation by the Roman Empire. The Pharisees thought they had laid a perfect trap for Christ. If He agreed that the tax should be paid, He would disappoint His followers. If he replied that it should not be paid, He and His followers would be in real trouble with the Romans.

But the Pharisees were thinking small. Christ, on the other hand, thinks big. We all know how the story goes. Christ asks to see the coin that pays the tax and has them state whose image is on it. They of course, reply, "Caesar." In response Christ tells them to "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." With that, He reminds us that while civil authorities should be obeyed, we answer to an infinitely higher Authority, God, Who is Lord of everything and everyone. All things and all people were created by God. In Baptism we have been claimed for Christ. Our lives are a gift from God and we have the privilege and responsibility to use every aspect of our lives in grateful response to Him.

Let us joyfully give thanks to this wonderful God by the way we live our daily lives. We belong to Him and there is no other!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

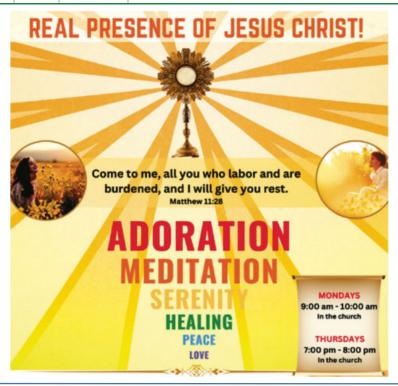
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; WORLD MISSION SUN. Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21 Sun St. John of Capistrano, Priest 10/23 Mon Rom 4:20-25; (Ps) Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21 St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop 10/24 Tue Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38 Wed 10/25 Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1-8; Lk 12:39-48 Thu 10/26 Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53 Fri 10/27 Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59

Sat 10/28 STS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Sun 10/29 **30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	10/23	8:30 am	Vincent Loffredo †
Tue	10/24	8:30 am	Terry Stambaugh †
Wed	10/25	8:30 am	David & Whilma D'Souza (wedding anniversary)
Thu	10/26	8:30 am	Jane McDonald †
Fri	10/27	8:30 am	Michael and Mary Coffey †
Sat	10/28	8:30 am	Michael Stone †
		5:00 pm	Sr. Betty Shields †
Sun	10/29	9:00 am	Ann Curtis †
		11:00 am	Guillermo Portillo Hernandez †
		5:00 pm	Ricky Cardenas †





ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you.
But since I cannot receive Communion at this time, Feed my soul spiritually. I unite myself to you now, as I do when I actually receive You in Holy Communion. Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God is greater than this world, and his truth is stronger than all its ideologies. Remember that no matter how we vote, who we agree with or what our background is, we belong to Him alone.

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Pope Francis' Universal Prayer Intention: October

FOR THE SYNOD

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Dear Lord,
Ignite a fire in our hearts that
burns brightly for You.
Help us to see in every soul
the value that You see.
Lead us to the people who need
to hear your message.
Inspire us, sanctify us, send us.
Here we are, Lord, send us! Amen.

FAITH IN ACTION



Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers: Bill Flora; Bruce Welch; George Bommarito; Janie Meacham; Vic LoBue, Jr.; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto; Carol Rakich; Frances Corpuz; Sharon Lyndon

For those who have recently died:

William & Hollis Buchanan; Maria de Jesus Cantú; Deacon Joseph Huynh Van Ngoc; Marie Antonowicz; Ronald Caselli; Cathy Stannard

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.

MASS INTENTIONS: A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO REMEMBER SOMEONE

You can offer a Mass for a special intention or for the repose of the soul of a deceased person. Remember that there is no better gift than the gift of God's love and compassion as celebrated in the Sacrifice of the Mass.

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Now through November 5 you are invited to join St Mary's parishioners and San Jose Diocese parishioners for peaceful rosary vigil prayer during our Fall 2023 campaign to help save the precious lives of the pre-born from abortion. Please come and pray with us for one hour per week. Call or email St Mary's parishioner Glen Jones (408) 771-8763 **glenjones38@hotmail.com** or call the San Jose 40 Days coordinator Dzung at (510) 939-2503 or email Mary Ann **missmaryann7@yahoo.com**. More information about 40 Days For Life is available on line at **40Daysforlife.com** and **40daysforlife.com/SanJose** for a schedule of events and vigil sign up.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE EVENTS IN SAN JOSE

- PRAY WITH THE LEGIONS OF MARY AT PLANNED
 PARENTHOOD English (every Tuesday 9am-11am at 1691 The Alameda, San Jose, 95126)
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2nd Offering - October 21 & 22 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all!

The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



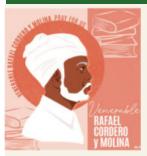
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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



SAINT OF THE WEEK: VENERABLE RAFAEL CORDERO Y MOLINA

Rafael Cordero y Molina was born October 24, 1790, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Venerable Rafael Cordero y Molina dedicated his life to the free education of children in Puerto Rico. Born into a black family and, thus, barred from the local schools as a child, he established a school committed to inclusion and provided free education for any in need. Before his death, he sensed that his life would be coming to an end and prayed with his students, giving them his blessing. He passed away in 1868 at the age of 78. In 2013 Pope Francis declared that Rafael Cordero y Molina lived a life of "heroic virtue" and was worthy of the title Venerable. There are many schools that bear his name in the USA and Puerto Rico and a national teaching award is given out yearly in Puerto Rico called the Rafael Cordero National Medal. Today, he is still

fondly remembered as the Father of Public Education in Puerto Rico.

PRAYER

Our Lord and God, You instilled in your Servant, Rafael Cordero y Molina, a Puerto Rican layman, an ardent zeal for the integral education of children and a luminous charity toward the poor and helpless. Help me to also respond with the generosity of service to those in need in around me. I ask of You, if it is Your will, that You grant me (my intercession) so that Your servant Rafael is elevated to sainthood. Amen.

(Prayer Source: https://elvisitantepr.com/rafael-cordero-ejemplo-de-humildad-y-servicio/ translation by LPi.) ©LPi

CHRIST HIMSELF SPEAKS: THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

"If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts." (Psalm 95)

Come, Holy Spirit,
Spirit of wisdom, knowledge,
and understanding!
Open my ears to the Word,
so that I may believe what I hear,
understand what I believe,
and love and live my faith more
effectively. Amen.

We have gathered and begun our shared prayer. Following the Introductory Rites of the Mass (see Part 1 in this series!) we move into the Liturgy of the Word.

The Church tells us that Christ is present in the liturgy in four ways: in the sacrament of his Body and Blood, the Eucharist; in the assembly gathered for prayer; in the priest presider; and in the word proclaimed: "Christ himself speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church." In other words, the Liturgy of the Word is sacramental.

The Second Vatican Council spoke about two tables being spread before us in the Mass: the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist. We receive the same Christ at both tables. At the beginning of Mass, the Book of the Gospels is placed on the altar, honoring the presence of the same Christ who will feed us with his Body and Blood later on in the Mass.

Jesus was nourished by the Scriptures and knew them intimately. In his teaching, he referenced dozens of passages that span the Old Testament, from the Pentateuch to the Prophets. After his Resurrection, Jesus explained the Scriptures to two of his disciples

as they walked from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Down through the ages, the Church has continued to walk that road with Jesus, seeking to understand the Scriptures in light of the Resurrection. The Bible, in the words of the Second Vatican Council, is "a mirror in which the pilgrim Church on earth looks at God" (Dei Verbum, 7).

THE LECTIONARY

At every liturgy of the Church—from Sunday Mass to a communion visit by a lay minister to the Rite of Committal at a graveside—a passage from Scripture is proclaimed. At Mass, the readings come from a book called the Lectionary. The Lectionary is the same everywhere—on any given day, any Catholic Church you might visit, anywhere in the world, is proclaiming, listening to, and reflecting on the same Scripture readings.

The Lectionary is a book of carefully selected passages from the Bible. Before the Second Vatican Council, the Lectionary was fairly limited in its scope. In fact, only 16% of the New Testament and 1% of the Old Testament were proclaimed in the course of the year! The expanded Lectionary that has been used since 1969 includes a lot more Scripture, but still falls far short of including the entirety of the Bible: in the course of three years, we hear 71.5% of the New Testament, and 13.5% of the Old Testament. (The lesson here is: we are really missing out if we do not read the Bible on our own or as part of a study group, in addition to hearing the readings at Mass!)

The Lectionary is designed with several purposes in view. The readings are chosen to include key passages from the Scriptures, especially the Gospels; to illuminate the liturgical seasons; and to allow the Old and New Testaments to "speak" to one another, as it were, by highlighting Old Testament passages that foreshadow teachings and events in the life of Jesus.

On Sundays, we hear three readings. Except in Easter Time, when the Acts of the Apostles is read, the First Reading comes from the Old Testament and usually relates closely to the Gospel. For example, when we the parable of the dishonest steward from Luke, we also hear a passage from the prophet Amos about God's anger with those who defraud the poor. "God, the inspirer and author of both Testaments, wisely arranged that the New Testament be hidden in the Old and the Old be made manifest in the New" (DV, 16).

Next week: The Liturgy of the Word continued.



TK WITH MRS. DEANE

TK Cougars brought items from home that start with the letter C to share with the class.

4TH **GRADE WITH MS. FOGARTY**

4th grade class made topography maps using salt doughs to represent the physical features and regions of California. Check out their amazing work!







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Sensons of Hope Grief Discussion Group

SESSIONS BEGIN WEDNESDAY: OCTOBER 13 1:00-2:30 SACRED HEART PARISH CENTER

The autumn 6-week session will begin on Wednesday, October 11, and continues on October 18, 25, November 1, 8, and 15. Our meetings begin at 1:00pm and continue until 2:30pm.

These will be in-person gatherings taking place inside the Sacred Heart Parish Center: 13716 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga 95070.

If you are grieving for a loved one and wish to talk to others on the same journey, the Seasons of Hope group provides a faith-based, confidential place to meet and share your experiences. Our agenda includes prayer, Scripture readings, reflection, and conversation.

Reading materials and a journal provided. No fee to participate. Come alone or bring a friend. Open to all.

To join, call or email Carolyn Orasin at 408-867-3634, <u>c.orasin@sacredheartsaratoga.org</u> or <u>call</u>

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