

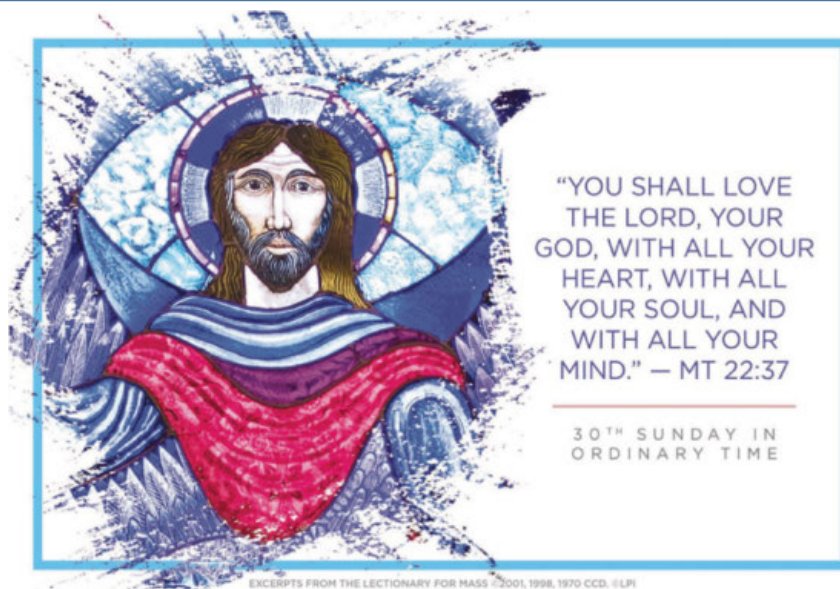


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October 29, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 pm - In Person

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm
(Office Conference Room)

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Mondays - 9:00-10:00am

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Thursdays - 7:00 pm

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Parish Office

ALL SAINTS DAY - NOV 1

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass Schedule: 8:30am and 7:00pm

ALL SOULS DAY - NOV 2

The month of November we pray for

All Souls

For those who sleep in Christ, life has changed but not ended.

**MASS : 8:30am &
Mass of Consolation
7:00pm**

If you would like to have deceased loved ones remembered at Masses during the month of November, **please use the All Souls' Day envelopes that are placed around the church.** Return them in the collection baskets or to the parish office. These envelopes will remain on the altar throughout the month. You may also enter the names of your loved ones on the page on our parish website:

<https://stmaryslg.org/all-souls-day>.

If you would like to bring a framed or unframed photo of your deceased loved ones, they will be placed near the front of the church. Photos can also be dropped off in the marked baskets in church or at the parish office.

You may also schedule a Mass intention for your loved one.

<https://www.stmaryslg.org/mass-intention-request>

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

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First Reading:

We hear today some of the laws that Moses received from God on Mount Sinai. Namely, God's expectation that we show compassion for those most vulnerable in society. *How could you show care for those in need this week?*

Second Reading:

Paul praised the Thessalonians for being role models of the faith for the surrounding regions of Achaia and Macedonia. *How do you model your faith to family and friends?*

Gospel:

For Jesus, love of God and love of neighbor and self are the most important commandments. *Which of these commandments do you do best?*

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TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 22:20-26;
Psalm 18;
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10;
Matthew 22:34-40

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Today's readings are all about love — the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives.

From the very beginning, God reveals Himself as a loving and compassionate Father Who has a particular concern for the most vulnerable of His people. He requires this same compassion from His people in our treatment of one another.

Our First Reading, from Exodus, is an example. In this ancient text God says, "You shall not molest or oppress an alien... You shall not wrong any widow or orphan... If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset... If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate." This love of neighbor was a radical departure for the people of this era. But this is the radical God that we serve.

Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets as well as the purpose of all God's laws in today's Gospel passage, from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing — but it is so beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and again. It is Christ's response to a question about which commandment is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second greatest commandments.

He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

How is the second like the first? What do the two commands have in common? Love.

Love God first and love neighbor as self. This is the heart of the stewardship way of life — simple enough for a child to understand, challenging enough to be the life's work of every "grown-up." The "how" of loving God first and neighbor as self is unique to each individual.

Perhaps God is calling you to love Him with your whole heart, soul and mind by committing to a daily time of praying with the Scriptures. Maybe He is calling you to spend time with Him in adoration or a weekday Mass. It might be that He is asking you to put Him first as a family with a time for evening or morning prayer together. Maybe He wants you to spend a bit less time watching the news or surfing the internet, and a little more time pondering the blessings He has given you throughout the day.

And how is God calling you to love your neighbor as yourself? Maybe it is by checking on a relative or neighbor who is isolated. Or by patiently listening to a colleague at work who is overwhelmed. Or by getting involved in a ministry that serves children or the poor.

The stewardship way of life is the unique way that each of us applies the two greatest commandments to our daily lives. To sum it up, it's all about love.

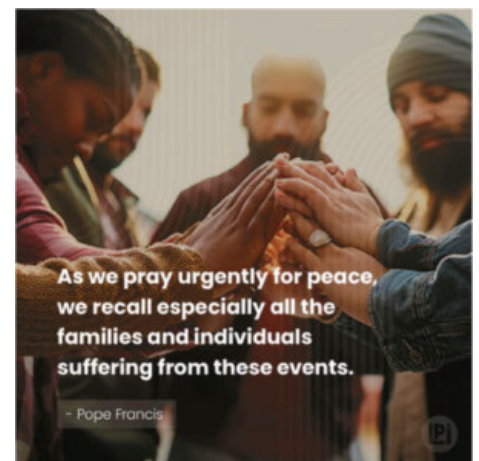
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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
Mon	10/30	Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
Tue	10/31	Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 13:18-21
Wed	11/1	ALL SAINTS Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-4b, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Thu	11/2	ALL SOULS' DAY Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23: 1-6; Rom 5:5-11; or Rom 6:3-9; Jn:6:37-40
Fri	11/3	St. Martin de Porres, Religious Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
Sat	11/4	St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sun	11/5	31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	10/30	8:30 am	Eli and Hannah (<i>special intention</i>)
Tue	10/31	8:30 am	Max Henderson †
Wed	11/1	8:30 am	Monica Diurca †
		7:00 pm	Fr. Henri Tomei †
Thu	11/2	8:30 am	All Souls †
		7:00 pm	All Souls †
Fri	11/3	8:30 am	Ethel and Nicholas Baxter †
Sat	11/4	8:30 am	Barbara Baxter †
		5:00 pm	Katie Schneider †
Sun	11/5	9:00 am	Edward Kramar †
		11:00 am	David Vetere †
		5:00 pm	Eleanor Bays †



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We look forward to being able to celebrate all of the hard work that went into the 55th St. Mary Country Fair.

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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 became human to show us that only love can change the world. Let's not just believe in that love — let's be that love, each and every day.

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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 OF COMFORT FOR ALL WHO MOURN

In our sorrow, may God's love give us a peaceful heart. May we be blessed and consoled by our Lord, Jesus Christ, who gently wipes every tear from our eyes.

We pray for this in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Those we love don't go away, they
walk beside us every day; unseen,
unheard, but always near, they are
always in our hearts, so dear.*

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FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship of PRAYER

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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Saturday, Nov. 11, 6:00pm

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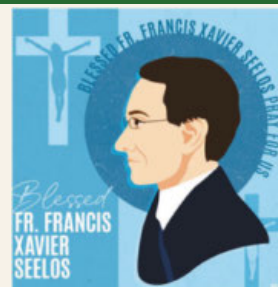


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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

SAINT OF THE WEEK: BL. FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS

Blessed Father Francis Xavier Seelos was a German immigrant and Redemptorist priest deeply committed to serving those marginalized in the USA during the 1800s. He was known for his gentle and compassionate nature and his tireless dedication to the poor and the sick. One of Father Seelos' most important contributions to the Church was his work among the black communities wherever he was serving. At a time when racial prejudice was rampant in America, he made a special effort to minister to the spiritual needs of his black neighbors, often putting himself at risk to do so. On October 5, 1867, Father Seelos contracted yellow fever while ministering to the sick in New Orleans. He died just a few days later, on October 7, at the age of 48. His death was mourned by people of all faiths and races across the USA. Father Seelos' life was marked by a deep spirituality and a strong devotion to the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II on April 9, 2000, and is considered Blessed.



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MEETING CHRIST: EXPLORING THE LITURGY SERIES

CHRIST HIMSELF SPEAKS: THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

(continuation from last week)

A Prayer before 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.

The First Reading is followed by a psalm—one of the 150 songs included in the Old Testament book of Psalms, which was and is the prayer and hymn book of the Jewish people. Jesus prayed the psalms; as he hung upon the cross, the words of two psalms were on his lips (see Psalm 22:1; Psalm 31:5). The psalm is chosen for its connection to the First Reading and is called "responsorial" because we join in a sung or spoken response.

The Second Reading is often the wild card of the Liturgy of the Word. In Ordinary Time, the Second Reading is simply a semi-continuous reading of one of the New Testament Epistles, moving through the text over the course of several weeks, without reference to how the passage lines up with the other readings.

The third reading is the Gospel and is set apart in several ways. This reading is proclaimed by an ordained minister, a deacon or priest. We stand to listen. The reading is proclaimed from a special Book of the Gospels. Candles are carried, and the book is solemnly carried from the altar to the ambo. Sung acclamations give special honor to the Gospel reading. Through all of these outward signs, we acknowledge the living word of God and the presence of Christ. The proclamation of

the Gospel is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

After listening to the Word in the three readings and the psalm, we respond in three ways.

The homily forms part of the Liturgy of the Word. In it, the preacher makes a connection between the Scriptures and our own community, our own place and time. The homily is not a Scripture lesson, but an integration of the Scripture readings into our lives. The preacher's task is to help us find ourselves in the Scriptures, as Jesus did in his conversation with the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Our second response is the creed or profession of faith. These words express the core of our belief about who Jesus is and who we are. This profession unites us with the Church throughout the world. At the heart of the Creed is the identity and the ongoing presence of Jesus.

Our third response is the Prayer of the Faithful, also called the Universal Prayer. In these prayers, we get specific: we bring before God the needs of our Church, our world, and our own faith community. Nourished by the Scriptures, which have been broken open for us in the homily, we broaden our perspective, looking beyond our individual needs and intentions to the needs of the world.

Throughout the Liturgy of the Word, there is a pattern of listening and response. We do not take in the word passively, but actively. How can we keep responding to the word of God after Mass is over?

- Corinna Laughlin, Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy - St. James Cathedral, Seattle

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More info: <https://bit.ly/3M8WCRj>.

For any questions, contact communications@dsj.org

SAVE THE DATE

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 5-11

The Vocations Office is inviting you to celebrate a special week to promote and pray for Vocations. Daily events to learn ways to promote and pray to the Lord for the youth and young adults' response to what the Lord is calling them to be. **More information available at dsj.org**



MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY TRAINING: Learn skills to serve as a Parish-Based Mental Health Minister. Join Listen with the Ears of the Heart, cohort 8! Session dates: Mondays **Oct 23-Nov 13** from 4:30pm to 6:00pm via Zoom. If you or others in your parish are interested in this first step in exploring Mental Health Ministry, contact Barbara Zahner at barbara-zahner1.mac.com. Limited space available.

Seasons of Hope Grief Discussion Group

**SESSIONS BEGIN WEDNESDAY: OCTOBER 11
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, c.orasin@sacredheartsaratoga.org or call Nancy Crowley at 408-209-6118. Please include your name, phone number, and email address so we can follow up with you.

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NOV 5, 2023

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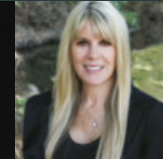
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