

November 12, 2023

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you."" - Mt 25:11-12

A PRAYER FOR HELPING THE POOR

Dear Lord, Help us to be your voice speaking out love and acceptance. Help us to be your feet walking beside those in need. Help us to be your hands to clothe, feed and shelter them. Amen.

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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

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Wisdom is presented as a virtue seeking to be found. How might you search for wisdom this week?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be comforted in the belief that believers will be raised from the dead and live eternally with the Lord Jesus. What family members, friends, or co-workers need to hear these words of comfort?

TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 63; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Gospel:

In the parable of the ten virgins, Jesus is teaching about the importance of being prepared for his Second Coming. In what ways is this directive from Jesus a challenge for you?

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and it is key to living the stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.

Our First Reading is taken from the very Book of Wisdom. It instructs, "Taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her (that is, wisdom's) sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care."

How does the seeking of wisdom — not worldly wisdom, but the wisdom that comes from the Holy Spirit — "free us from care"? It causes us to rely on God to lead and guide us. This is indeed a freeing way to approach life, removing the pressure from us to have all the answers — because the truth is, we don't. The world is too complicated and unpredictable. The Christian steward can rest in the power of the Holy Spirit to help us navigate any situation.

No situation is more complex (or painful) than death, a subject that St. Paul takes on in our Second Reading from his letter to the Thessalonians. Paul teaches us to be wise in our attitude towards death — our own and that of our loved ones. He advises that we not be "unaware... about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep."

This is both comforting and sobering. It reminds us that death does not have the final word, because Jesus has conquered even death. But it also calls to mind the inevitability of death. We are wise stewards if we live our lives with this truth in mind, setting priorities that will keep us ready to face our judgment day.

Jesus makes this point very explicitly in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of 10 virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them into the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The stewardship way of life — with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure — is the "oil" that we always keep with us. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom.

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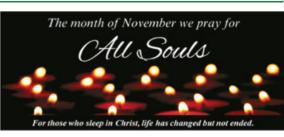
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	11/12	32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13
Mon	11/13	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tue	11/14	Wis 2:23—3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19' Lk 17:7-10
Wed	11/15	St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thu	11/16	St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin Wis 7:22b—8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Fri	11/17	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 17:26-37
Sat	11/18	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
Sun	11/19	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	11/13	8:30 am	Lucciano Castillo †
Tue	11/14	8:30 am	Gloria Palmisano (special intention)
Wed	11/15	8:30 am	Randy Radonich †
Thu	11/16	8:30 am	Marie Antonowicz †
Fri	11/17	8:30 am	Dieter Dauber †
Sat	11/18	8:30 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †
Sat	11/10	5:00 pm	John Knauss †
		9:00 am	Olivia Gray †
Sun	11/19	11:00 am	John Edward Wylie †
		5:00 pm	Olivia Gray †

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.

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

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

Podcast for the Grieving SOLACE: Soul + Grief WEEKLY PODCAST

This WEEKLY podcast sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries serving the San José area offers grief support and grief journeying with spirituality. The journey through grief can often feel like a lonely one. Whether you're longing for spiritual direction, struggling with surrender, or simply seeking a comforting voice, this PODCAST offers a beacon of hope. Subscribe on Google Podcasts, Apple, Amazon Music, Spotify.



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 knows that, sooner or later, we all face a night that is long and dark. He has given each of us exactly what we need to make it through. If we keep Him with us, the light will not go out.

Pope Francis' Universal Prayer Intention: November

We pray for the **HOLY FATHER**; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER FOR HUMILITY

Dear Lord,
Help us to see ourselves as
You see us.
Help us to see our neighbors as
You see them.
Armed with these truths,
help us to act in the world
as children of Yours,
with full humility. 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:

Ernesto Fernandez; William & Hollis Buchanan; Maria de Jesus Cantú; Marie Antonowicz

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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2ND OFFERING - NOVEMBER 11 & 12 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Mary's conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) has been serving the needs of the disadvantaged in Los Gatos since 1965. Funds we receive support our work through 2024 which includes rental assistance, utility needs, laundry vouchers, socks, tarps, sleeping bags, tents, etc. for our working poor and unhoused neighbors.

If you write a check, please write it to St. Vincent de Paul or refer to SVdP on the memo line. Envelopes are available in the pews and in the vestibule.

For more information and to make an online gift visit stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul.

2ND OFFERING - NOVEMBER 18 & 19 **CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN** DEVELOPMENT

Offering a hand up, not a hand out Next weekend, our diocese will take up the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) on **WORLD DAY OF THE POOR.** When you support this collection, you help vulnerable people nationwide work for change that increases opportunity and trains community leaders. You also help your neighbors, because 25% of the collected funds stay in our diocese. Your support helps protect and empower vulnerable communities. Prayerfully consider a donation to the CCHD. To make an online gift: stmaryslg.org/online-giving

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

MEETING CHRIST: EXPLORING THE LITURGY SERIES THE PROCESSION OF GIFTS

In the earliest accounts of the liturgy, this presentation of gifts stands out as an important part of the Mass, a great procession in which all the faithful participated. People brought bread prepared at home and wine from their own tables. They brought gifts of money. Sometimes they brought oil, cheese, olives, milk, honey, and other goods as well! A description of the papal Mass in Rome from the year 700 describes the whole assembly coming forward to the altar with gifts of various kinds. The deacons were on hand to receive and sort the gifts. Everyone, from choristers to the Pope himself, brought an offering.

Obviously, much more bread and wine would be presented than could be used at a single Eucharist. Some of the gifts made their way to the altar; others served the needs of the clergy. The largest portion, however, was distributed among the poor.

With time, this ritual action—which must have been lengthy and quite complex—faded from use. The bread and wine were simply brought from the side table by the altar servers, or even placed on the altar before Mass began. People still made their financial offerings; but the intimate link with the celebration of the Eucharist was lost.

With the renewal of the liturgy following the Second Vatican Council, this important moment for the participation of the faithful was restored and expanded. "Even though the faithful no longer bring from their own possessions the bread and wine intended for the liturgy as was once the case, nevertheless the rite of carrying up the offerings still keeps its spiritual efficacy and significance" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 73). At weekend Masses at St. Mary, we continue the ancient tradition. Following the Prayer of the Faithful, as the altar is prepared for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, all are invited to bring forward their own offerings or ushers bring collection baskets to the faithful. As they place their gift in the basket, they are offering something back form all God has given to us.

LAYERS OF MEANING

The presentation of the gifts is rich in meaning. In this part of the Mass, the divine and the human meet: the bread and wine, "fruit of the earth and work of human hands," are placed on the altar, where they will become the Body and Blood of Christ. God receives our simple gifts in order to return them to us transformed into something infinitely more precious: the very presence of the Godhead. The liturgy highlights this holy exchange in the silent prayer that is said as the priest or deacon adds a little water to the wine: "By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity" (Roman Missal). In every Mass, the Word becomes flesh, and makes his dwelling among us.

Participation in the presentation of gifts is closely linked with participation in the Eucharist itself; the two processions are like two sides of the same coin. In the early Church, only the baptized were allowed to bring forward their gifts. The non-baptized were not to bring an offering until the day of their baptism. To bring forward the gifts is the privilege of those who are already members of the Body and Blood of Christ.

The presentation of gifts is also intimately linked with the Christian call to share with the poor. Thus St. Cyprian of Carthage (c.200-258) scolded a wealthy woman who came to the Eucharist but made no offering of her own: "You are rich and well-to-do; yet you think you celebrate the Lord's Supper even though you... come to it without an offering and receive a part of the offering brought by a poor person. Consider the widow in the gospel." The same holds true today. Eucharist and charity go hand in hand.

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

Next week: Praying the Procession of Gifts

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST. ROSE-PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE

Saint Rose-Philippine Duchesne was a French Roman Catholic religious sister and missionary who served France during the French Revolution before immigrating to the USA. Inspired by a missionary spirit Sister Rose-Philippine accepted an invitation to set up schools for Native American and French children in the diocese of Louisiana. In September of 1818 the first Sacred Heart school outside of Europe was opened in St. Charles, Missouri.

She died on November 18, 1852, at the age of 83. On July 3, 1988, Pope John Paul II declared Rose-Philippine Duchesne to be a saint. Sister Rose-Philippine was known for her kindness, her compassion, and her unwavering faith. She inspired many others to follow in her footsteps, and her legacy lives on today in the work of the Society of the Sacred Heart and other religious orders that co

legacy lives on today in the work of the Society of the Sacred Heart and other religious orders that continue to serve others around the world.

ROSE-PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL OF OUR DIOCESE - PASTORAL PLAN OCTOBER UPDATE

SAVE THE DATE



Diocese of San Jose 2023 Pastoral

Plan Unveiling and Vespers

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

6:00 pm

Our Lady of La Vang Parish

389 E Santa Clara St, San Jose

Reception to follow

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT THE PLAN

- 1. **Pray for the success of our pastoral plan.** Your prayers and support can go a long way in ensuring that the diocese is renewed spiritually.
- 2. Watch Bishop Cantú's 3-minute videos on each of the six priorities outlined in the plan. In these videos, Bishop explains why these priorities are essential to our goal of spiritual renewal of the diocese. https://bit.ly/3QCV7NY

Sensons 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 II, 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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