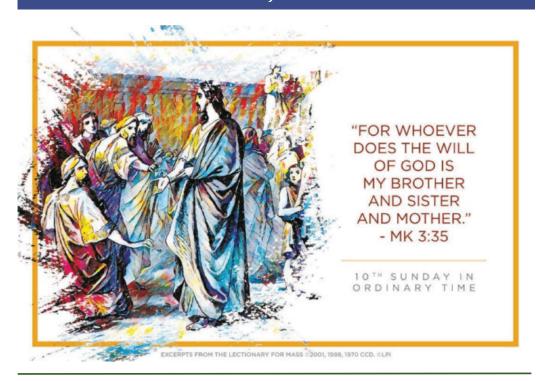
June 9, 2024

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Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

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Mon - Sat: 8:30am Rosary - 8:00am Live-Stream & in church

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OUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

We hear how Adam and Eve disobeyed God and listened to the serpent, who tricked them into eating the forbidden fruit. How can you more intentionally listen to God's voice this week?

Second Reading:

Paul urges the Corinthians to be confident that despite our current afflictions and discouragements,

God has given us an abundance of grace and has prepared for us eternal glory.

Who might need to hear this message of hope from you?

Gospel:

As he began his public ministry in Galilee, Jesus redefined "family" as whoever does the will of God. What would you say is "the will of God"?

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TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 3:9-15;

Psalm 130;

2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1;

Mark 3:20-35

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

The Feasts of May and June have been called a "liturgical love feast." They should help us to realize the persistent love of God. On May 20 we received the Holy Spirit Who pours the love of God into our hearts. The following Sunday we celebrated the Blessed Trinity. On June 3, last week, we celebrated the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Out of love Christ gave us the gift of Himself. He is always available to us, ready to listen and ready to support.

This past Friday we commemorated the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In the revelations of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Jesus promised, "Sinners shall find My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy. I will console them in all their troubles." What we hear in the Word at every Mass should be a source of inspiration and affirmation about the love of God toward us.

Adam and Eve were certainly aware of God's love. In the First Reading from the Book of Genesis, when they "hear" that God is in the garden, they know full well that He wants to be with them. It is difficult for us to conceive of how intimate and close God was to that first couple. What made them "afraid" of God was sin, something that probably makes all of us afraid of the Lord at times. Ever since Adam we as humans have tended to run from God's presence and we surely do not always wish to listen to His Word.

Nevertheless, we must always keep in mind that we are made in God's image, so as fearful of Him as we may be, we still want to be in the presence of God. As we note in the reading, Adam tried to blame Eve for his sin. That is something we may tend to do as well — blame others for our sins and faults. In 2 Samuel David declares, "I have sinned against the Lord." Each of us must consider taking that responsibility for our actions as David did.

St. Paul's message to us and to the Corinthians in this reading is that faith creates testimony. Paul believed deeply that God had a purpose in his, Paul's, sufferings. Paul understood and embraced and truly believed in resurrection. Al the trials he faced, and all the trials we may face, are trivial in relationship to the life that is to come. Suffering can destroy us; they could have destroyed Paul. Paul recognized that we tend to see the outward, not necessarily the unseen eternal things. He speaks, nevertheless, of the "eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison." That is where his focus was and where our focus needs to be — not the present but what is in our future.

President Abraham Lincoln is often given credit for saying "A house divided against itself cannot stand." This was the theme of a speech he gave when he was nominated for the United States Senate in 1858. However, we see it in today's Gospel Reading from St. Mark: "And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."

Jesus is quoted as saying that in all three Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke).

God expects unity among believers because once conflict enters the picture, the whole organization becomes weaker. That is part of what stewardship demands of us. There are times when each of us must place his or her personal preferences to the side for the good of the group. That is never easy to do, but to be the kind of community we wish to be and need to be it is necessary. Psalm 133 says, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity." Indeed!

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Readings for the Week					
Sun	6/9	10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Gn 3:9-15; Ps 130:1-8; 2 Cor 4:13—5:1; Mk 3:20-35			
Mon	6/10	1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1b-8; Mt 5:1-12			
Tues	6/11	St. Barnabas, Apostle Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 5:13-16			
Wed	6/12	1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1-2, 4-5, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19			
Thu	6/13	St. Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of the Church 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26			
Fri	6/14	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9c, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32			
Sat	6/15	1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37			
Sun	6/16	11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Father's Day Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34			

Mass Intentions				
Mon	6/10	8:30 am	Virginia Rapach †	
Tues	6/11	8:30 am	Virginia Rapach †	
Wed	6/12	8:30 am	Romano Buonaccorsi †	
Thu	6/13	8:30 am	Teryle Ward and Family (healing)	
Fri	6/14	8:30 am	Gloria Palmisano (birthday)	
Sat	6/15	8:30 am	Thomas Ward (birthday)	
		5:00 pm	Donna Hainey †	
Sun	6/16	9:00 am	Stacia Studzinski †	
		11:00 am	Louis Denis Laplace †	
		5:00 pm	Tam Nguyen Family (special intention)	

RIGHTSIZING DECISIONS FOR SILICON VALLEY St. Mary's Complimentary Seminar Series

Free admission! Just RSVP below to secure your spot. Enjoy some light refreshments and light snacks while you absorb valuable material.



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ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe you
are really here in
the Blessed Sacrament.
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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's family is not a country club—you don't need the right pedigree or the proper connections to join. Christ claims everyone who does the will of God. Let us call upon the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts, that we may live in kinship with Christ.

Pope Francis' Universal Prayer Intention: June

For migrants fleeing their homes: We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

PRAYER OF IDENTITY

In the garden You asked, "Who told you that you were naked?"
Who told me all kinds of things about myself — lists of flaws and failures a mile high. It wasn't You.
Plant Your truth inside of me.
Speak to me about how You see me.
Remind me that I am Yours, chosen from eternity for You. Amen.

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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: Frank Nolan; Michelle Schwartz; Bruce Welch; George Bommarito; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto

For those who have recently died:

Deloise Ann Jordan; Suzzane Klein Lewis; Mary Andrusky; Reed Kappen; Margaret Castellese; Patricia Malysz; Doris Sanford; Cecily Bradley

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.

Stewardship of TALENT



Parish choirs are on summer break from June - September. Cantors and small ensembles usually sing during the summer months.

SUMMER GRIEF DISCUSSION GROUP BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH

Wednesday - July 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, August 7th, 14th 1:00pm - 2:30pm

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RSVP: Nancy Crowley, T: 408-209-6118 OR Carolyn Orasin, 408-867-3634, c.orasin@sacredheartsaratoga.org

Faith-based materials are provided. There are no fees. All are welcome. Include your name, phone number, and email so we can confirm your attendance.

"... You will grieve, but your grief will become joy."
(John 16:20)



Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the July Marriage Program beginning with a weekend on July 19-21, 2024 call 408-605-4998, email us: SanJose@RetroCA.com or visit the website at

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Anyone interested in our work helping the unhoused and working poor in our community please contact conference president Sue Ahmadian at sue.ahmadian@gmail.com

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



Pope Francis on the Holy Mass

PART II Introductory Rites, the Penitential Act



Resuming the catechesis on the Eucharistic celebration, let us consider today, the context of the Introductory Rites, the Penitential Act. In its sobriety, it favors the attitude with which we are prepared to worthily celebrate the holy mysteries, that is, by acknowledging our sins before God and our brothers and sisters, acknowledging that we are sinners. In fact the priest's invitation is addressed to the whole community in prayer, because we are all sinners.

What can the Lord give to one whose heart is already filled with importance, with one's own success? Nothing, because a presumptuous person is incapable of receiving forgiveness, as he is satisfied by his presumed righteousness. Let us consider the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, where only the latter — the tax collector - returns home justified, that is, forgiven (cf. Lk 18:9-14). One who is aware of his own wretchedness and lowers his gaze with humility feels God's merciful gaze set upon him. We know through experience that only one who is able to acknowledge his mistakes and apologize receives the understanding forgiveness of others.

Quietly listening to the voice of our conscience allows us to recognize that our thoughts are far from divine thoughts, that our words and our actions are often worldly, guided, that is, by choices contradictory to the Gospel. Therefore, at the beginning of Mass, as a community, we perform the Penitential Act through a formula of general confession, recited in

the first person singular. Each one confesses to God and to his brothers and sisters to having "greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do". Yes, even in omissions, that is, in having neglected to do the good I could have done. We often feel that we are good because — we say — "I did no harm to anyone".

In reality, it is not enough to refrain from doing harm to our neighbor; we must choose to do good, seizing by opportunities to bear good witness that we are disciples of Jesus. It is good to emphasize that we confess to being sinners both to God and to our brothers and sisters: this helps us understand the dimension of sin which, while separating us from God, also divides us from our brothers and sisters, and vice versa. Sin severs: sin severs the relationship with God and it severs the relationship with brothers and sisters, relationships within the family, in society and in the community: sin always severs; it separates; it divides. The words we say with our mouth are accompanied by the of striking our acknowledging that I have sinned through my own fault and not that of others. Indeed, it often happens that, out of fear or shame, we point a finger to blame others. It costs us to admit being at fault, but it does us good to confess it sincerely. Confess your own sins. I remember an anecdote that an elderly missionary used to tell, of a woman who went to confession and started speaking about her husband's failings.

Then she moved on to talk about her mother-in-law's failings and then the sins of her neighbors. At a certain point, the confessor said to her: "But, madam, tell me: have you finished? — Very well: you have finished with the sins of others. Now start telling your own". Tell your own sins!

After the confession of sins, we ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Angels and Saints to pray to the Lord for us. In this too, the communion of Saints is valuable: that is, the intercession of these "companions and life examples" (cf. *Preface of 1 November*) supports us on the journey toward full communion with God, when sin will be abolished once and for all. In addition to "I confess", the Penitential Act can be performed with other formulae, for example: "Have mercy upon us, O Lord, / for we have sinned against thee. / Show us thy mercy, O Lord, / and grant us thy salvation" (cf. Ps 123[122]:3; Jer 14:20; Ps 85:8). Especially on Sundays, the blessing and sprinkling of water may be performed as a reminder of Baptism.

Pope Francis

Over the coming weeks, we will continue to run articles on CATECHESIS ON THE MASS FROM POPE FRANCIS.

FORGIVE ME, LORD, FOR I HAVE SINNED

We come to Mass because we are sinners and we want to receive God's pardon, to participate in Jesus' redemption and forgiveness.

One of the first things we do at Mass, Pope Francis reminds us, is to ask for forgiveness. And this shouldn't be just words but an actual act of penitence. "We must go to Mass humbly, like sinners, and the Lord forgives us," he says. The blessing that follows is a great act of reconciliation, not just with God, but with one another. What a powerful way to begin! By acknowledging both our sinfulness and God's power to

forgive, we are prepared to participate that much more fully, all of us together!

PONDER: How can I more deeply celebrate the reconciliation the Lord offers?

PRAY: God of mystery and wonder, help me to be conscious of all the ways you reach out to me!

Deborah McCann, What Pope Francis Says about the Eucharist (Revised Edition) (Waterford, CT: Twenty-Third Publications, 2022).

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