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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 31, 2021

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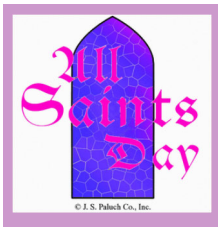


All Saint's - November 01, 2021
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass at McKean Church
6:30 P.M.

MASS TIMES

BIG CHURCH MCKEAN RD

Sunday Masses:
8:30 a.m. Indoor Mass
Livestream
https://www.facebook.com/stanthonycatholicchurchsj/

10:30 a.m. Indoor Mass

Weekday Mass :
Tuesday - Friday
8:00 a.m.
Indoors in the Church
Livestream
https://www.facebook.com/stanthonycatholicchurchsj/

LITTLE CHURCH BERTRAM RD

Indoor Saturday Mass
4:00 p.m.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are you or someone you know struggling with emotional challenges like isolation, anxiety over health, grief due to some kind of loss, tension from work, juggling childcare, school, financial strain or job loss, uncertainty about the future or any other unexpected life challenges? If so, you don't have to face it alone.

Stephen Ministers provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties. Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support. A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately--by phone, by video chat or if possible, in person--to offer care and support. The service is free and completely confidential. For more information contact Claranne at 408-782-1413

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

For those needing assistance with everyday essentials, St. Vincent de Paul provides critical support to those in need. Some of the services provided by St. Vincent de Paul are help with rent, utilities, food, gas, clothing, furniture etc. If you or someone you know is looking for help, please call the main help line at **408-249-2853**. St. Vincent de Paul will direct you to the closest facility to where you live.

Pastor's Desk

FINANCIAL UPDATE – MAYDAY, MAYDAY!

Dear Parishioners,

There comes a time when every pastor needs to share with his community members some things that are not easy to say and not easy to hear. By "some things" I mean asking for monetary contributions to help the parish.

I'm writing this on Tuesday morning and yesterday I met with our Finance Council. We reviewed the financial reports of the parish and we're lagging in comparison to our budget. Income is down.

Just last Sunday I expressed my gratitude to all the families who participated in our Annual Diocesan Appeal, which had been pretty good. You might remember that at the end of our ADA campaign it seemed that we would not meet our goal for the first time in the history of our parish. But then some generous families stepped up to the plate and made larger contributions than they normally would. That made all the difference! So, we were off to a good start.

Fast forward to today, I'm somewhat worried when looking at our reports. The numbers always tell the truth – not sure who said that but it's so true! This week many companies in the Silicon Valley provided reports to their shareholders. I would also like to give you a brief quarterly report on our parish finances.

As mentioned already, the numbers indicate an approximate $30,000 loss due to our lower revenue coming from our Sunday Collections. Yes, the pandemic took a heavy toll on our finances. We have cut our expenses as much as we could but still, we face the coming months with heavy worries. The number of people attending the Sunday worship services or contributions made through Parish Pay are not increasing to keep up with the contribution level needed to keep us on track financially.

We need to accept the reality and take some steps sooner rather than later! I need your help and I want to call you to ACTION. First of all, we all need to seriously look at our weekly donations!
The majority of monthly contribution levels have not increased over time. As I look at the financial report from the last 3 years, I see many families maintaining the same level of generous giving. But half of our community members have decreased their donations by 50% or more in the last year. If people are going through financial hardships, then I totally understand and respect that cut.

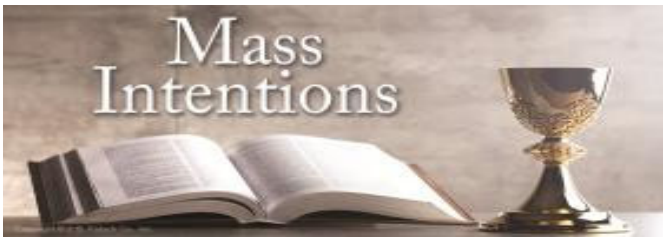
In order to just meet our Sunday collection budget which amounts to approximately $400,000, we would need a weekly commitment from our 251 registered parishioners in the amount of almost $31 per week. An ideal situation would be if our parishioners could find a way to support the parish at $50 per week. Yes, it seems like a lot! But this is the reality of where we are and where we need to be. For that reality to happen, we need to reach deeper into our pockets and prayerfully and sacrificially make this weekly commitment. The same amount that you donated last year is not enough anymore. I wish it was!

Moreover, I would like to ask that instead of using the envelopes, let us use the *Parishsoft Online Giving* that is displayed at the back of our bulletin. Your *Online Giving* can be made timely and regularly, hence strengthening our parish with your steady support.

I will also soon try to reach out personally to each of our families by writing them a letter and asking for an increase of your donations towards our St. Anthony Church. It is my hope that you positively accept my appeal at this critical moment in the financial life of our parish and join with many others by becoming good stewards. Yes, I ask for your alms.

In the Book of ***Tobit 4:8***, Tobit tells his son Tobiah: ***"Son, give alms in proportion to what you own. If you have great wealth, give alms out of your abundance; if you have but little, distribute even some of that. Do not hesitate to give alms".***

Blessings,
Fr. Tad



October 31, 2021
Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:30 A.M. Paul Johnston (RIP)
4:00 P.M. Mildred Helen Huba - Reich (RIP)
4:00 P.M. Kenneth James McIntosh (RIP)

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 31, 2021

You shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength.
— *Deuteronomy 6:5*

Greg Pawloski, Jr. Dan Morrison, Roy Elkins, Mary Jane Dias, Chris Thrash, Roger Rayundo, John Gerhardt, Mrs. Niem Nguyen, Todd Ericson, Mary Sheehan, Charles Roig, Tony Elliot, Diego Pelayo, Juanita Elizabeth Croker, John Malloy, Luca Colacino, Janice Page, Tracy Riffe, Carolyn Hackett, Kathy Zwibelman, Sean Banchero, Dale Anderson, Rose Flowers, Sally Pfeiffer, Matt Cesario, Dennis Ikerd, Marlene Agnoletti

The people and families of those on the Prayer Request List would like to give a big "Thank You" to those who continuously lift them up in prayer. They greatly appreciate all of your thoughts. The power of prayer does great things!

To add a name to the Prayer List, please contact the Parish Office: churchstanthony@dsj.org

ANOINTING & CARE OF THE SICK

† If you or someone you know is preparing for surgery, received a recent serious medical diagnosis, or is experiencing the burden of years, please call the Parish Office for Anointing of the Sick.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).
Psalm — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).
Second Reading — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).
Gospel — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday:	Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; Halloween
Monday:	All Saints
Tuesday:	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day); Election Day
Wednesday:	St. Martin de Porres
Thursday:	St. Charles Borromeo
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

LIMITS TO SAINTHOOD

All saints can do miracles, but few of them can keep a hotel. *–Mark Twain*

ADORATION MINISTRY

Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love. (Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Canae)

Won't you consider setting aside some time to honor, adore, pray, or simply sit with our Lord during our first Friday Eucharistic adoration?

Mass begins at 6:30 pm on Friday, November 5, and Eucharistic exposition follows for twelve hours, concluding with benediction at 7:00 am on Saturday. Everyone is invited to stay for the complimentary coffee and breakfast treats offered by the Adoration Ministry after the benediction. Please visit our website for more information.

October 31, 2021

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6 | Heb 7:23-28 | Mk 12:28b-34

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

"Oh no," was my first thought when I began reading today's Gospel – "another scribe trying to trick Jesus." But this scribe agrees with Jesus: Loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself are the greatest commandments. When the scribe explains that loving God and your neighbor are worth more than all offerings or sacrifices, Jesus recognizes that the scribe took these commandments "to heart," as Moses had taught. He doesn't just *know* the law, he *understands* it. Because he understands it, Jesus assures him that he is not far from the kingdom of God. So, how can *we* grow in our understanding of what it means to love God and love our neighbor? We do this by spending time with Scripture and "taking to heart" his words; by prayerfully reflecting on Jesus' life and giving thanks for his sacrifice for us; by drawing closer to him through the sacraments; and by asking him to help us grow in our love for God, and for one another. An authentic love for God will show itself in love of neighbor, and the more we truly love one another, the greater our love for God will grow.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Loving our neighbors is essential if we seek to draw them to God's love. For many of us, that's much easier said than done. It's not easy to love someone with whom we disagree or are in competition with. And these days, with so much division in society, it is all too simple to assume the worst rather than the best about others with whom we interact, or see on television. Can we commit to truly seeing others as God sees them – his beloved children, made in his own image? After all, it is through Jesus and in keeping his word that we become more like him, in thought and deed: "Whoever loves me will keep my word … and my father will love him and we will come to him." Let us pray to see our neighbors as the Lord does; and pray that we ourselves might be the kind of neighbor in whom others may see God's image! We have the opportunity to be an example of, and a witness to, a love that forgives and is not overcome by fear or division.

PRAY As we prepare for the feast of All Souls, make an effort to see others as God sees them by reflecting on the lives of those who have loved you and what their lives have taught you about God's love. Attend Mass and give thanks for those you hold in your heart. Then pray honestly and sincerely for those with whom you know you have a difference of conviction or opinion, asking God to graciously answer all their needs and to care for them as you yourself would like to be cared for.

YOUTH MINISTRY

SALT Goes to Halloween Haunt!!

This past week, our Saint Anthony Leadership Team (SALT) teens had a bonding night at Halloween Haunt at Great America! The night started with attending Mass at Our Lady of Peace celebrating the feast of St. John Paul II. We heard an encouraging homily talking about the virtue of fortitude and though there may be reasons in life to fear things, we can live inspired by St. John Paul II's words, "Be not afraid." We went through all five haunted mazes at Great America and had a spooky good time, nothing like a bit of fear to get the adrenaline pumping! Grateful for this rad leadership team and all they do for youth ministry!

OASIS

High School Ministry:
9th - 12th grade youth

- **There will be NO OASIS tonight as it's Halloween** - we'll see y'all next week as we continue our series on the four Catholic spiritualities. We will meet back at our normal time, 6:30pm - 8:00pm, dinner provided!
- ALL high school students are welcome at OASIS! This community is about loving one another as God has loved us and building up God's kingdom here on earth! Any questions? Join our Discord or **DM us on Instagram @st.anthony_ym!**
- Registration remains open for the 2021-2022 school year! OASIS is for teens 9th - 12th grade. Join this super rad community! Contact Ana Fuentes (analisa.fuentes@dsj.org) for more info. Check out our Instagram @st.anthony_ym for more updates and content!

NOVA

Middle School Ministry:
7th - 8th grade youth

Mark your calendars, our next NOVA gathering is Wednesday November 10th from 7:00pm - 8:00pm! This is an opportunity to dive into our faith lives and talk about what our personal relationship with Jesus means for our lives. Contact Ana Fuentes (analisa.fuentes@dsj.org) for more registration info and make sure to check out our Instagram @st.anthony_ym for more updates and content!

Youth Ministry Discord

Are you a teen in 6th - 12th grade? You are welcome to join our Youth Ministry Discord by emailing Ana Fuentes (analisa.fuentes@dsj.org or analisabfuentes@gmail.com) for a direct link! This is where we send the most direct info regarding all youth ministry events and gatherings! Come chat with us and get plugged into our faith community!

Religious Education

I am so proud of St. Anthony's catechism students! Three weeks ago now, a group of 17 courageous young men and women, ranging from 1st to 5th grade, met in the church with the catechetical team to kick off the 2021–2022 faith formation program. From the very first meeting the children demonstrated great enthusiasm and an extraordinary level of engagement and participation. Case in point, when we were practicing our prayers, I called for a volunteer to lead the group in our first prayer: the Apostles' Creed. A second grader sprung up, and read with excellent rhythm and intonation. Encouraged by this, the whole class volunteered afterwards, so for the rest of our prayers, all the children led in prayer their parents and their catechists. As a long time catechist, I feel so blessed to have an opportunity to serve St. Anthony's by working with such wonderful children. - Alex Baretta , Catechist

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SUNDAY COLLECTION WEEK: 10/10/2021

Giving Method

Cash $517

Check $8,432

Online $2,953

Collection Total $11,902

Two Week Budgeted Collection $15,384

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to St. Anthony Parish!

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https://www.myowngiving.com/

Thank you for your continued support!!

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS AND SINGERS

The 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM choirs are looking to recruit more singers and musicians. We are especially looking for another pianist to help at our Masses. Please consider sharing your talent and joining us in praising God through music.

Rehearsals for the 8:30 AM Mass are on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM and Sundays before Mass at 7:30 AM.
Rehearsals for the 10:30 AM Mass (The Band Fearless) are on Sundays at 9:30 AM and after Mass from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM Rehearsal in preparation for the following week.

For more information, contact Denise Delong at denisedelong68@gmail.com or speak to a choir member after Mass.

PARISHIONER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sacred Heart Community Center is in need of volunteers for the upcoming season. We will be sorting clothing or boxing up meals for families to pick up. Please consider joining in with a group from Saint Anthony's on either:
Saturday, November 20, from 9 to 12
or
Saturday, December 4, from 9 to 12.
We will carpool from the church. Contact Patti Rottjakob by November 1st if interested at psrottjakob@gmail.com

OUTREACH'S ANNUAL SACRED HEART COMMUNITY SERVICE FOOD & TURKEY DRIVE WILL TAKE PLACE NOVEMBER 14TH

Outreach will be collecting non-perishable food including pop-top cans (corn, green beans, pinto beans, etc.) for Sacred Heart Community Service starting Nov 3rd in the vestibule.

Outreach will collect frozen turkeys (12- 15lbs) on Nov. 14 after AM Masses

To donate online visit https://donate.sacredheartcs.org/fundraiser/3560524 OR make check out to Sacred Heart and drop-off at the parish office. For more information, contact Maria Gardner at megardner@pacbell.net

Welcome to St. Anthony Catholic Church! We are so glad you joined us today.

Welcome

Would you like to register or learn more about our community? We would love to connect with you.

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Preferred method of contact:

Home Phone: _____ ☐ Email ☐ Phone

Cell Phone: _____

Please drop this card at the Information Table in the foyer.
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