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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF QUEEN OF APOSTLES

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"... Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." -Matthew 22:21

All authority comes from God. Civil authority comes from Him and it serves His purpose. We are called to respect it, but our ultimate obedience is to God rather than to men. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, let us all joyfully "give to God what belongs to God."

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† fr. Jeff

✠ The Sacraments and Parish Information



BAPTISM

Baptisms are every first Saturday of the month at 10am, or every third Sunday of the month within the celebration of the Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office for more information on the Baptismal process.

EUCCHARIST

The Eucharist, or Mass, is celebrated every day. For those who wish to receive it for the first time, please contact the Parish Faith Formation Office for more information on the catechetical process.

CONFIRMATION

Receiving this sacrament completes the Initiation in the Church. It is celebrated with the Bishop once a year. Contact the Parish Faith Formation Office for information on the catechetical process.

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is every Saturday at 4pm, or by appointment. This celebration of God's merciful love must be an incessant celebration for us.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointings are every second Saturday of the even months at 8am, or by appointment. Contact the Parish Office for information on receiving the sacrament.

HOLY ORDERS

This gift of vocation to the priesthood and religious life is nourished in the family and sustained by the parish community. Contact the Parish priests for inquiries.

MARRIAGE

This gift of vocation in creating the domestic Church is a life long process. Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the proposed date and for information on the wedding process.

MASS SCHEDULE

Our regular Parish Mass schedule is currently suspended due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Following the directives of the Santa Clara County Health Department and the Bishop of the Diocese of San Jose in California, outdoor public worship in groups no larger than 60 persons is permitted. Our Mass schedule for the moment is as follows:

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

Monday to Saturday 8:00am

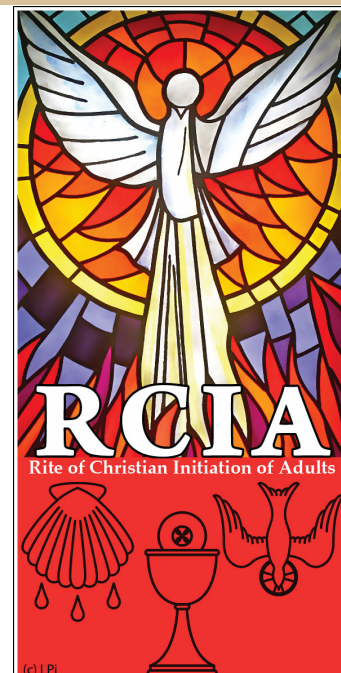
Please visit the Parish website, www.qofa.org, to reserve a seat. Kindly wear a mask, sanitize hands, and maintain social distancing.

VIGILS & FUNERALS

Contact the Parish Office upon the death of a loved one to arrange a funeral liturgy.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

This ancient process of accepting someone into the faith is done through the guidance of the Faith Formation Office. Contact the Parish Office to inquire.



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MASS INTENTIONS

There is a Mass Intention Online Request Form at www.qofa.org, under the “Mass & Intentions” tab. Kindly enter one submission per intention. All intentions are offered at every Mass.

SUNDAY ■ October 18 ■ 8am / 9am / 11am

Robert Hansen (birthday), Sr. Lisa Frances Basanese (blessing), Mass for the People, Mary Coopridner +, Rosalia Ramos +, Cecilia Kim’s family, Benita Ramirez Tulio +

MONDAY ■ October 19 ■ 8:00am

Judith Troutman +

Jim Fitzgerald (birthday)

Jean Mulloy +

Parfiria Escalicas + (6th death anniv.)

All Souls

TUESDAY ■ October 20 ■ 8:00am

Hunter & Ryan (good health for newborn twins)

Margaret Leonard +

WEDNESDAY ■ October 21 ■ 8:00am

Molly Ryan +

Louise Oddo +

Joseph Phung Vu +

THURSDAY ■ October 22 ■ 8:00am

Mary Jean Sack +

Priests, monks, and nuns

FRIDAY ■ October 23 ■ 8:00am

Robert Jonas +

Ed & Mary Ann Oddo (55th wed. anniv.)

SATURDAY ■ October 24 ■ 8:00am / 5:00pm

David R. Dobleman +

Mi-Jung Nam (special intentions)

SUNDAY ■ October 25 ■ 8am / 9am / 11am

Ladies Guild (living), Joshua Joseph, Manuel Antonio Hernandez (birthday), Tram Nguyen Family, Mass for the People

CALENDAR & FEASTS

For the health and safety of everyone, all Health Department directives, guidelines, and procedures must be followed at every gathering and at all times.

SUNDAY ■ October 18

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second Collection for World Mission

Sunday

Faith Formation classes

MONDAY ■ October 19

SFT Community Rosary on Zoom at 7pm

(QofA.Spirituality@gmail.com for more info)

TUESDAY ■ October 20

Saint Paul of the Cross

Community Rosary on Zoom at 7pm

(Kristie.Manning@dsj.org for more info)

Bible Study, 10am and 7:30pm on Zoom

(Kristie.Manning@dsj.org for more info)

WEDNESDAY ■ October 21

SFT Community Rosary on Zoom at 7pm

THURSDAY ■ October 22

Pope Saint John Paul II

SFT Community Rosary on Zoom at 7pm

FRIDAY ■ October 23

SFT Community Rosary on Zoom at 7pm

SATURDAY ■ October 24

Confessions at 4pm, Parking Lot

SUNDAY ■ October 25

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation Classes



✂ The Announcements



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Your generosity has sustained the works of the parish. Thank you for your continued support. You may drop your donations to the Parish Office, or through www.qofa.org.

Collection for: **10/9/20—10/15/20**

Sunday Collection: **\$9,553.00**

Other: **\$2,215.00** (gifts and stipends)

Total Gifts: **\$11,768.00**

FAITH FORMATION



QUEEN OF APOSTLES YOUTUBE

As Fr. Jeff requested, please subscribe to our YouTube channel (and kindly tell your friends and family members too). The goal is to reach 1000 subscribers to be able to continue (and perhaps expand) the livestreaming of Masses. As of today, we are at 210. Thank you!

FORMED.ORG

Looking for a new way to grow in faith? Check out FORMED.org. Formed is an online resource for families where you can find amazing Catholic resources available to you for FREE as a gift to you from Queen of Apostles. Register now using our parish code: RKQKKG and enjoy movies, podcasts, e-books and more!



SCHOOL NEWS

Our teachers have been creative with visiting their virtual classes around campus, carrying their laptops like a magic school bus on a “field trip” to peek into doors of other classrooms to see teachers and the school office window to visit our administrator, Mrs. Guel, before she retired this month. They also visited the oak tree and the Queen of Apostles School Aquarium, also known as the fish tank, in Extended Care.

HIGH SCHOOL

Last Sunday was our first official high school virtual confirmation session. We invite parishioners to join the teens in their Challenges of the Week:

- Pray a Hail Mary each night before bed this week, asking God to help you be open to what He has in store for your life.
- Think about all the people who help you figure out life, and thank one of them for something specific. Do it in person or by mail.

WE LOVINGLY PRAY FOR...

...Those in our parish who are sick, Mel Ebeling.

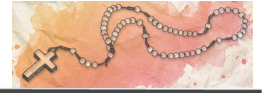
...Those who cannot join us at Mass, Maria D'Avolio, Zachary Yu, Grant Moy Jr., Robert Miller, Loraine Rauchle, Joel Rivera, Barbara Mertzluft, Antonia Luna, Janet Decker, Sam Gliozzo, and Zosima Salonga.

...Our servicemen and women who serve in the Armed Forces throughout the world and we remember them in our hearts today and everyday.

...Those dearly departed in our Queen of Apostles family, Carol Dedinsky, Maria Vu Thi Kim Nhung, and in our families.

VOCATIONS CORNER

Considering a vocation as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Fr. Andrew Nguyen at (408) 983-0155, or write to vocations@dsj.org.



PASTOR'S CORNER

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The gospel brings us to the reality of our civil commitment to society, a society whose very foundation is the great commandments of God. As our country get closer to experiencing another national election, let us be guided by our prayers and the power that comes from the Holy Spirit of God. May we be guided to make the right choice of a leader that will always look after the common good of all with justice, honesty and integrity.

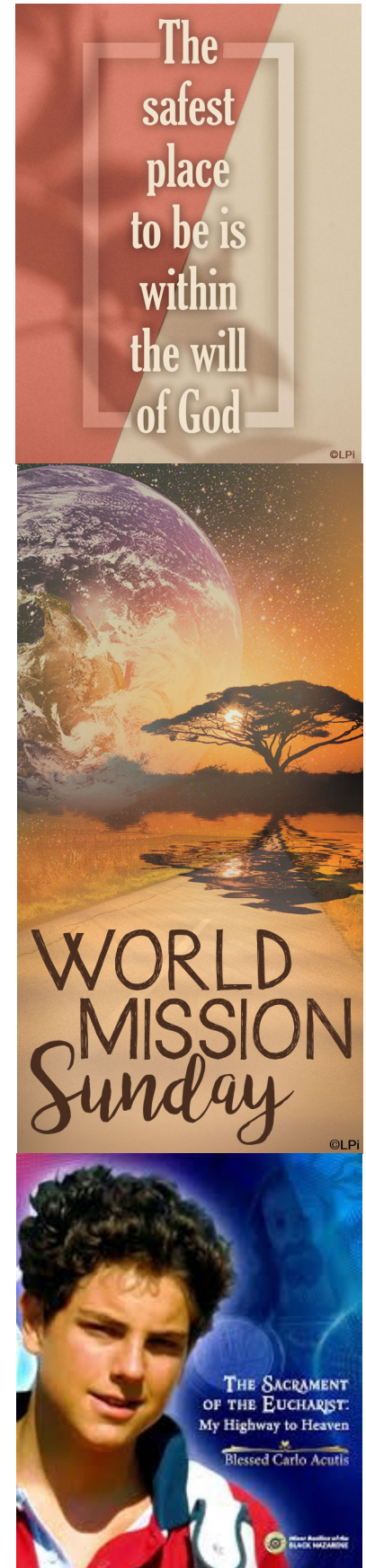
Last October 10, **Carlo Acutis**, a young man born in 1991, was the first millennial to be beatified and is now one step away in the process to being canonized among the Saints of the Church. He is a great example, not just to our young people, but to all of us in choosing what is right and what will bring us to the heart of God.

The Catholic Church now has its first “Blessed” who loved Super Mario and Pokémon, but not as much as he loved the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. “To be always united with Jesus, this is my life program,” Carlo Acutis wrote at the age of seven. The young Italian computer whiz, who died of leukemia at 15, offered his suffering for the pope and the Church. He was beatified in a Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

“Since he was a child ... he had his gaze turned to Jesus. Love for the Eucharist was the foundation that kept alive his relationship with God. He often said, “The Eucharist is my highway to heaven,” Cardinal Agostino Vallini, Papal Legate said in his homily for the beatification. “Carlo felt a strong need to help people discover that God is close to us and that it is beautiful to be with him to enjoy his friendship and his grace,” Vallini said.

During the beatification Mass, Acutis’ parents processed behind a relic of their son's heart which was placed near the altar. An apostolic letter from Pope Francis was read aloud in which the pope declared that Carlo Acutis’ feast will take place each year on October 12, the anniversary of his death in Milan in 2006. **Blessed Carlo Acustis, pray for us!**

Fr. Jeff



✂ Thanksgiving Announcement



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

First and foremost, we at St. Vincent de Paul (and our clients) would like to thank you for your generous donations of food and money last year at Thanksgiving. Together, we were able to feed 500 hungry people.

Last year, we received a grant of \$2,500.00 from the CRS Rice Bowl, however due to the closure of churches during Lent because of the virus, this year we received only \$985.00.

Last year, 100 cars came to pick up food and gift cards to feed 500 people. This year with all of the unemployment and financial insecurity, the numbers might be much higher.

This year, due to COVID-19, our number one priority is to feed the hungry, but also keep everyone safe and healthy, so a few changes need to take place.

Starting now, we would appreciate if you placed your food donations in the brown wooden box which is next to the garage on the left side of the rectory. They will be picked up nightly.

Depending on the amount of food we receive, we will need to give grocery store gift cards of \$25.00 gift cards (for turkey and perishables) or 40.00 gift cards (for full meals). So if it is easier to give a card, please use one of the two denominations clearly marked with the amount. Checks are also welcome. Make check to Queen of Apostles, in the Memo field enter "SVdP Thanksgiving". Please put the gift cards or check in an envelope, mark the envelope "SVdP" and drop it in the church mailbox at the Rectory.

For food donations, please make sure they will not be out of date until after 12/2020.

Below is a list of what is needed. Thank you very much for your generosity!

Cornbread Mix
Canned Vegetables
Jello
Canned Cranberries
Canned Yams
Canned Fruit
Canned Gravy

Boxed Stuffing
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Fruit Juice (single serving packages and jugs)
Canned Soup
Cereal
Tuna
Canned chicken
Granola bars

Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life. Alleluia!

St. Paul reminds us today that we were chosen. He gives thanks to God for the people of Thessalonica, calling to mind their **works of faith** and **labors of love** and **endurance in hope** of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is such a relevant message for you and me especially during these pandemic times. My own faith has greatly increased as I am convinced that God is the most important ‘rock’ in my life. In today’s Gospel, Jesus makes it clear, “*Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.*” You and I belong to God. Our lives must witness that. Ultimately, we desire to be with Him at the banquet in heaven.

We heard last week of the king who invited guests to a wedding feast he lavishly prepared for his son, yet many refused or made excuses to come. He then sent his servants into the streets to invite everyone, good and bad. That’s what Jesus does – He invites everyone to his table of love and asks that we come wearing a white garment. What does this white garment represent? It represents our ‘yes’ – that we come in the spirit of love and charity, of virtuous living. During this pandemic, virtuous living means **responsible** living: wearing a mask, washing hands frequently, keeping social distance, voting, and respecting others whose vote differs from ours.

So, our lives should speak to our Gospel acclamation today: *Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life. Alleluia!*

Find quiet time each day to pray to the Lord. Simply talk to Him. Bring Him all your needs, your hopes, and fears. Then listen. He will bring you peace.

He will remind you that you are his beloved, that you are chosen. That *today*, there will be someone that only you can bring light to by your presence, your words, your acts of kindness and assistance. At the end of the day, return to the Lord in prayer, looking back on your day with gratitude. How did God’s light shine upon you? How were you a light to others? What is the Lord teaching you in these situations? And then lift to God everyone and everything you feel called to pray for. Ask and you shall receive.

Prayer for Family Unity

God of all life and love, I offer

You thanks for the gift of my family.

Help us to work together for peace

And harmony in our relationships.

Give us the grace to accept

Each other’s faults and weaknesses.

Protect us from harsh words and

Hurt feelings. Assist us to encourage

One another’s strengths and gifts.

Lead us to mutual understanding and

respect.

Watch over my family, Dear Lord.

Bless us with good health, and

Happiness, and give us hearts full of

Love, patience, and kindness for one

Another, now and always. Amen.

(Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church)

⇒ **Bishop Oscar Cantú releases a statement on the Return to Indoor Worship issued October 14, 2020:**
“I am thankful to God that the pandemic conditions have improved such that our County has moved into the Orange Tier and our parishes and missions may begin celebrating Masses inside our churches soon. Although they may start as early as tomorrow, each parish will resume indoor Masses and sacraments as they are ready to do so safely.” Please read and share the full letter at <https://www.dsj.org/bishop-cantus-statement-on-the-return-to-indoor-worship/>.

⇒ **You are invited to “Building Intercultural Competences for Ministers Workshops”,**
Oct. 23-24 & Nov. 6-7
Take an opportunity to enrich your formation and learn more on ministering to the culturally diverse in the Church. Santa Clara University and the ILM are offering these workshops to leaders to achieve a level of awareness and proficiency regarding the guidelines recommended by the USCCB Bishops' Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church. Go to scu.edu for more information.

⇒ **Livestream Masses**
All parishes are invited to review the list of all livestream Masses on the Diocese's website: <https://www.dsj.org/coronavirus/live-stream-video-mass-list/>.

⇒ **Office of Youth and Young Adults: Journeying Together Region Xi - Step 2**
Are you a Hispanic / Latino youth between the ages of 18-35? Or a leader who accompanies the youth?
Help us with your voice and experiences!
October 29th | 7:30pm to 9:30pm on Zoom
For more information and registration please go to dsj.org.

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Respect Life Month

Virtual Rosary and Virtual Talk
October 2, 2020 - October 30, 2020

Fridays from 6:30pm - 7:30pm

October 2 (Friday) – Virtual Rosary and Virtual Talk – “Building a Culture of Life”
Zoom ID: 912 6971 3896

October 9 (Friday) – Virtual Rosary and Virtual Talk “ Bioethics – Questions on Vaccines”
Zoom ID: 933 8020 9617

October 16 (Friday) – (Spanish) Virtual Rosary and Talk – “Viviendo el Evangelio de la Vida: Una Reflexión Sobre la Encíclica ‘Evangelium Vitae’ de San Juan Pablo II y Planificación familiar natural”
Zoom ID: 929 6254 3989

October 23, (Friday) – (Vietnamese) Virtual Rosary and Talk – Building a Culture of Life
Zoom ID: 977 4227 8507

October 30, (Friday) – Virtual Rosary and Talk – Death Penalty
Zoom ID: 978 7620 6070

For more information &
Zoom links: bit.ly/dsjrlm20



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