

REFLECTION

The Gift of Faith

Faith is a gift. When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, they were going to the source of that faith with their request. God is the giver of all good gifts, including faith. When we put our faith in Christ, we believe that God is with us, even though we cannot physically see God. Or can we? If we are attentive, we see the evidence of God’s presence in the love of family and friends, care poured out in service of our neighbors, the living beauty of creation. This is not blind faith, but rather is the result of seeing with the eyes of faith. Followers of Jesus looks beyond what is apparent to see what is possible with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit within and among us.



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NEWS UPDATE

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – “Through adoration, the Christian mysteriously contributes to the radical transformation of the world and the sowing of the Gospel. Anyone who prays to the Savior draws the whole world with him and raises it to God. Those who stand before the Lord are therefore fulfilling an eminent service. They are presenting to Christ all those who do not know him or are far from him; they keep watch in his presence on their behalf.” – (Saint Pope John Paul II, Letter, June 26,1996) – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday – 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the Convent. Wednesday 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the church. Confession available from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

SCHOOL NEWS - Congratulations to Fr. Seamus who is the longest serving pastor at one school in the entire diocese. We thank Fr. Seamus for his dedication and support to this parish and school! There are many ways to show your support for our students and school! Our students will be having their annual Jogathon next Friday, October 7. If you know any of them or would like to just support all of them, come visit our front office to make a donation or visit our website www.stbedecatholicschool.org

VOTE “NO” ON PROPOSITION 1 - Proposition 1 is a worst-case scenario for abortion in California. It is an expensive and misleading ballot measure that allows unlimited late-term abortions — for any reason, at any time, even moments before birth, paid for by tax dollars. Prop 1 isn’t needed. Sadly, California already has some of the most permissive abortion laws in the nation that would remain in effect without the amendment, including our current limit on late-term abortions that are permitted only for the life and health of the mother. Prop 1 destroys this common-sense limit. California does not limit state spending on abortion, and with thousands more traveling from other states, the cost will be in the hundreds of millions. Don’t hand lawmakers a blank check to pay for abortions, and don’t let them make California an “abortion sanctuary.” To learn more, visit www.CAcatholic.org/Prop1 Prepared and paid for The Roman Catholic Diocese of Oakland, a corporation sole.

OPTIONS FOR PREGNANCY – Please support Options United, Women in need. In today’s world, Catholics are called to support unborn children and their mothers so that no woman feels she has no choice but abortion. Do you know someone facing an unexpected or difficult pregnancy, in need of prenatal care, or support with young children? Share the Options for Pregnancy helpline: 877-398-7734, staffed by Options United trained call responders, or visit www.optionsforpregnancy.com This critical support service connects women and families to the 170+ pregnancy centers and other life-affirming resources across the state, but it can only be provided with your help. The bishops in all twelve of our California dioceses have endorsed this pioneering service and are united in asking you to prayerfully consider making a monthly donation of any size at www.optionsunited.com/one

Twenty-seven Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.



Reflection question:

How has God’s kindness surpassed what I think I deserve?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK (Read prayerfully, reflect on it, pray about it, listen to the Spirit)

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37; Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42; Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4; Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13; Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26; Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28; Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Leonor Rodriguez, Audie Roldan, and those commended to our prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY ESPECIALLY, Felipa Cabahua, Michael Santiago, Victoria Radovan, Yolanda Mejia Lopez, Angeles Cumpas Cruz, and those commended to our prayers.

PLATE – September 24/25 – \$13,429.31 - Thank you and God Bless you.



MORE NEWS UPDATE

ROSARY FOR PEACE AND NOVENA PRAYER – Please join us as we pray the Rosary for Peace on Monday, October 3rd, following 8 a.m. mass.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH - As part of our call to provide service to those in need, St. Bede Parish will be having a *Baby Shower for Birthright of San Lorenzo* on the weekend of Oct. 22-23. Please join us in providing much needed baby items to help the women in crisis pregnancies who reach out to Birthright for help. (More information will be provided on specific items that Birthright is in need of) Thank you for your support for those in need!

VOCATION DISCERNMENT NIGHT – Grant us Lord, Faith-Filled Leaders! Thursday, October 29, 2022, 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Diocesan Youth Retreat Center, Lafayette – Meet clergy and seminarians from the Oakland Diocese during this special evening just for those interested in discerning a call to priesthood. Register by contacting Father Carl Arcosa at carcosa@oakdiocese.org Please note this event is only for men 18 and older.
