

DESK OF THE PASTOR



Dear Parishioners,

The month of November reminds us of all those who have died and especially our deceased love ones. We know that many times we forget to pray for them. The Church, in her wisdom, has set aside this particular month each year to come together as church to pray for the repose of their souls. This is one of the spiritual works of mercy that all, without exception, can perform. What a gift of love! What a gift of remembrance!

We begin this month of prayer this year on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The masses will for all our deceased love ones – Wednesday, 8:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm (English) and 7:30 pm (Spanish).

Please use the envelope provided or write the names of your deceased loved ones whom you wish to remembered at all masses throughout November on a piece of paper, and place it inside a plain envelope. If you wish to make a donation as part of your sacrifice, which is customary, place this gift inside the envelope.

Remember, we loved them in life; we must never forget them in death. May Mary, our Mother, who grieved at the foot of the Cross, pray for us.

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**NEWS UPDATE**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – Many people nowadays say, ‘I wish I could see his shape, his appearance, his clothes, his sandals.’ Only look! You see him! You touch him! You eat him!’ – *St. John Chrysostom* – 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.

**EXPOSTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 pm until 10 pm. and on First Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Confessions will be available.

**MANGNIFICAT, CATHOLIC MINISTRY** – Calling all Catholic Women! You are cordially invited to join Magnificat, Catholic Ministry to women at our November Breakfast for a morning of Praise and Inspiration from our speaker, Mary Johnstone! Led by the Holy Spirit in her life, after moving across the country, Mary was led to start the Oakland Diocese chapter of Magnificat, serve as its director and now serve on the Regional Representative Team. Join us to hear how the Holy Spirit moving in her life has led Mary to do so much more! Date: November 12, 2022 – Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Place: Concord Plaza 45 John Glenn Dr. Concord Tickets are \$39 if purchased by 10/29. <https://magnificatmnistry.net/chapters/chapter.states-a-c/ca-walnutcreek> For more information call Jennifer Rogers 503-709-8449

**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](http://www.CAcatholic.org/Prop1) Prepared and paid for The Roman Catholic Diocese of Oakland, a corporation sole.

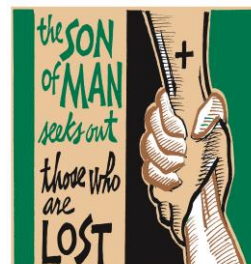
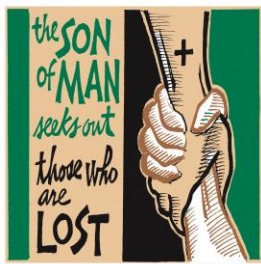
**ARTISTRY** - Love is a canvas furnished by nature and embroidered by imagination. —Voltaire

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## Thirtieth-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty and merciful God,  
by whose gift your faithful offer you  
right and praiseworthy service,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may hasten without stumbling  
to receive the things, you have promised.  
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:

What does it mean to offer God right and praiseworthy service?

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**, especially, Fr. Vincent Brylka, Fr. Olman Solis, Lorna Pacho, Frida Ferrera, Francis E. Taufa'asua, Vaitupu R. Taufa'asua, Maxima Castrillo, Concepcion Talosig, Carlina Nartia, Elizabeth Kikkawa, Angelina Reyes-Mann, and those commended to our prayers.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY ESPECIALLY**, Lilian Valdez, Guia Antioquia, Eddy Alarcon, Jagdish Prasad, Rosalba Valdominos, Fernando Medrano, and those commended to our prayers.

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**PLATE** – October 15/16 – \$9,977.57 - Thank you and God Bless you.

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### MORE NEWS UPDATE

**SCHOOL NEWS** – Support St. Bede Catholic School at our Dine to Donate Fundraiser at Round Table Pizza on Wednesday, November 2. Take a picture of the flyer in the back of the church. While you're over there, scan the QR code on the school's poster to find out more about the quality Catholic education at St. Bede Catholic School.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** - Is in need of volunteer teachers for Wednesdays and Saturdays for our First Holy Communion students. We are also looking for youth leaders that have already made their Confirmation to volunteer on Tuesday night from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm with our Confirmation program If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Michael Verceles at 510-782-4292.

**WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** – “Your faith has saved you.” Do we have faith in God as head of our marriage? Deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on November 18-20, 2022 or March 3-5, 2023. Go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) to find the Experience that is just right for you!

**BIRTHRIGHT OF SAN LORENZO** – Would like to thank all the parishioners who provided shower gifts for our new mom's. Your generosity will greatly aid those moms in need of newborn items for their babies, especially as the winter months are near. As always, we appreciate your standing beside Birthright to make sure that all our clients look forward to bringing new life into our world.

**NEW BEGINNING** - That day which you fear as being the end of all things is the birthday of your eternity. —Seneca

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