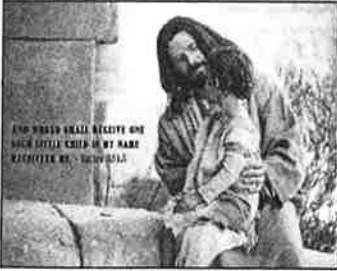


September 19th - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 18

9:00am † *Henry & Teresa Thrane*
4:30pm † *Vartan Gregorian*

Sunday, September 19

8:00am † *John Edwin Upston*
10:00am † *Walter Matterson*
12:00pm † *Michael Coleman*

Monday, September 20

9:00am *San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena (2)*

Tuesday, September 21

9:00am *San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena (3)*

Wednesday, September 22

9:00am *San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena (4)*

Thursday, September 23

9:00am *San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena (5)*

Friday, September 24

9:00am *Gloria Pedro (thinks)*

Saturday, September 25

9:00am † *Albert & Michael Gragnani*
4:30pm † *John S. Senko*

October Mass Count

After a challenging 2020, the Chancery office of the Archdiocese will resume the October mass count. Everyone is anxious to learn where we are with mass attendance throughout the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The mass count will be taken during the weekend masses of October 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st.

SECOND COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for the **Priest's Retirement Fund**. Support of the Fund helps alleviate the financial burden of living, healthcare, and extended care expenses, and ensures that clergy and religious can spend retirement in continued engagement with their communities. The Priests Retirement Fund is an expression of gratitude to these men for a lifetime of ministry and service. Thank you for your generous support.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA
September 6th - September 12th, 2021
Weekend Offering.....\$ 2,201.00
AAA.....\$ 939.30

From the Desk of the Pastor

Today's Gospel point to our folly and our human urges. The urge to be esteemed as "greatest" goes deep in our fallen nature. The apostles make that same mistake again. For them, perhaps, following Jesus was a job, the position that was important. In their eyes the greatest among them was obviously the one who had the highest position, the one who was up there, next to the Master. Hence each wants to get that top job, for the lowest reasons. Just as the disciples did not understand the Lord's prediction of his passion, neither do we understand the quality of true greatness. They are victims of jealousy and selfish ambition. They obviously still thought that Christ would set up an earthly kingdom, a kingdom of power and glory.

But Christ put them right on that. His kingdom is not about seeking honor and glory for oneself. It is about serving others. If they are prepared to serve others, then by all means they can have the top places or positions. But they will not be sitting on highchairs and soft seats, with others bowing and scrapping before them. They are more likely to be down on their knees with a basin of water in one hand and a towel in the other washing the feet of "the little ones". If they are ready for that kind of life, then they are welcome to the top jobs. The Choice is theirs....

It is not what we do that matters – being a doctor, or a carpenter or a bus driver... It is the kind of doctor, the kind of carpenter, and the kind of bus driver I am that counts. The criteria presented today is: we can judge the kind of people we are by one thing: our readiness to put the needs of others (especially the little ones, from whom we have nothing to expect) before our own.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

The Church is open for weekend Masses

Saturday Mass at 4:30pm and Sunday Masses at 8am & 10am in English and 12 noon en español

The church is open for personal prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays from 7:30am to 1:00pm. We pray the rosary at 9:30am in English and at 11:30am in Spanish. Come and join us in praying the rosary.

The Parish thanks the Knights of Columbus, Council 615 and our liturgical ministers who generously offer their time, talent and treasure in faithful stewardship every weekend, keeping watch in the church and taking care of the church.

Celebration of the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz: September 29, 2021

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Nine days Novenas

The Filipino community is sponsoring 9 days Novenas in honor of their patron St. Lorenzo Ruiz. The Novena Masses will be celebrated in St. John the Evangelist Church starting from September 19th and ending on September 28th.

- On weekdays, (Monday to Friday) the Novena Masses will be celebrated at 9am
- On Saturday September 25, at 4:30pm
- On Sundays (September 19 and 26) at 10am.

We invite everyone to come and join us to pray these Novenas in preparation of the Feast of our Patron Saint.

This year our Filipino Community invites you to support and sponsor the Fixing God's House project to Install a brand New Church Heating system.

For more detailed information, please contact Mary Alfonso, Henry Falcon, Paul Limpin and Flaviano Redublado.

Religious Education Program: CCD 2021-2022

Sacramental Formation Program

The Religious Education program is still accepting applications for school year 2021-2022, for First Communion and Confirmation preparation classes. Classes began on September 11th at 10am in Spanish and 1:30pm in English. For more information please see the Catechists after the 10am and 12noon masses.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL

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