

September 26th - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Whoever is not
against us is for us**

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 25

9:00am † *Albert & Michael Gragnani*

4:30pm † *John S. Senko*

Sunday, September 26

8:00am † *Cardinal William J. Levada*

10:00am *Anita Sandoval (bday)*

12:00pm *Nina Jackie (hlng)*

Monday, September 27

9:00am † *Julio Roseville*

Tuesday, September 28

9:00am *Juan Cayabyab (bday)*

Wednesday, September 29

9:00am *San Lorenzo Ruiz*

Thursday, September 30

9:00am † *Neil Hechanova*

Friday, October 1

9:00am † *Crisanto O. de la Torre*

Saturday, October 2

9:00am

4:30pm † *LeRoy Denton*

From the Desk of the Pastor

The world has become a lot smaller. Today people live closer to each other than ever before. We depend on each other to an extent we did not in the past. Therefore the influence we have on each other is greater than ever before. By the very nature of our calling, we are expected to be always aware that the way we live our lives, what we say and do, our attitudes and our actions, our freedom of speech and our boundaries, affects the lives of those around us, for better or for worse. This becomes very important and consequential for all of us: For young people vis-à-vis one another; for married people, vis-à-vis their spouses; for parents vis-à-vis their children; for employers vis-à-vis their employees, for neighbors, vis-à-vis one another; and so on.

Here are some examples of the way we can be a scandal to another person:

You are a scandal to me when you are unkind or unjust in the way you treat me. You make me feel small. You damage my self-confidence.

You are a scandal to me when you fail to understand my weakness, faults, mistakes, and sins, and write me off as a result of them. When you condemn me, you make me feel that I am evil.

You are scandal to me when you humiliate me because I do not live up to your expectations. You hurt my pride and damage my self-image.

But you also can be a stepping-stone to me when you support me in moments of weakness and doubt.

You are a stepping-stone to me when I am feeling inadequate and you help me discover the special talents God had given me. You are a stepping-stone to me when you forgive me. You liberate me from my past, and I am free to move forward again.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

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 at the weekend masses of October 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st.

SECOND COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for the **Catholic University of America**. The Catholic University of America, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Founded in 1887, CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. The collection for The Catholic University of America underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education. Thank you for your generous support.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

September 13th - September 19th, 2021

Weekend Offering.....\$ 2,206.00

Priest Retirement.....\$ 357.00

The Church is open for Masses

Weekday masses at 9:00am, 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 sponsored 9 days Novena in honor of their patron St. Lorenzo Ruiz. The Novena Masses celebrated in St. John the Evangelist Church began on September 19th and will end on September 28th.

- On weekdays, (Monday to Friday) the Novena Masses are celebrated at 9am
- On Saturday September 25, at 4:30pm
- On Sunday 26 at 10am.

We invite everyone to come and join us to pray these Novenas in preparation of the Feast of St. Lorenzo.

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 or Flaviano Redublado.

Religious Education Program: CCD 2021-2022

Sacramental Formation Program

The Religious Education program began the school year 2021-2022; the program offers preparation classes for First Communion and Confirmation. Classes began on September 11th; classes are conducted at 10am in Spanish and 1:30pm in English. Classes are held at the old convent at 98 Bosworth Street. For more information please see the Catechists after the 10am and 12noon masses.

This Sunday, Jesus teaches us about tolerance. In the gospel, Jesus asks his disciples to be tolerant. If tolerance were not good, why would Jesus require such from his disciples? When the disciples 'saw someone driving out demons' in the name of Jesus, they prevented him from performing exorcisms because he did not belong to the followers of Jesus. "For whoever is not against us is for us", Jesus taught his disciples about tolerance more as an exercise of Christian humility and charity.