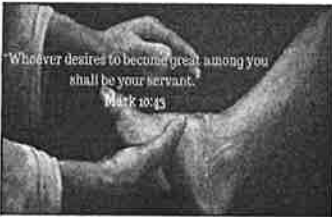


October 17th - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 16

9:00am *YMI Brothers*
4:30pm † *James Santamaria*

Sunday, October 17

8:00am
10:00am † *Rodrigo Tarantan*
12:00pm † *Pablo Alberto Duran*

Monday, October 18

9:00am
Tuesday, October 19

9:00am *Mary Ann Lieske (hling)*
Wednesday, October 20

9:00am
Thursday, October 21

9:00am *Merlin Cayabyab (bday)*
Friday, October 22

9:00am
Saturday, October 23

9:00am *YMI Brothers*
4:30pm † *Luis & Tranquillina Baron*

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 24th and 31st.

Humanity of Jesus Christ...All

three readings today support—each in its own way, of course—a reflection on the humanity of Jesus Christ and how that humanity played a key role in the drama of our salvation. Today's second reading does in fact carry forward the theme of Christ's humanity in a remarkable way. Jesus has known the same sufferings and testing that we experience in our daily lives. Because he can "sympathize with our weaknesses," we can "approach the throne of grace to receive mercy." In Jesus we find someone with whom we can identify in our daily struggles.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

October 4th - October 10th, 2021

Weekend Offering.....\$ 2,301.25
AAA.....\$ 1,259.00

From the Desk of the Pastor

On the eve of his Passion, Jesus bequeathed as a testament to His disciples, who had gathered in the Upper Room to celebrate the Passover, the "new commandment of love – *mandatum novum*".

"This I command you, to love one another: (Jn 15:17). The brotherly love that the Lord asked of his "friends" originates in the fatherly love of God.

The Apostle John noted: "He who loves is born of God and knows God" (1Jn 4:7). Therefore, to love as God loves us, it is necessary to live in Him and of Him. God then becomes our first home and only by 'dwelling in God' do men and women burn with a flame of divine love that can set the world" on fire".

The disciples of Jesus then undertake works of human and spiritual advancement; and strive to draw vigor from this common mission of all Christians. Consequently being missionaries means loving God with all one's heart, with total fidelity, even to the point, if necessary, of dying for Him. How many priests, men and women Religious and lay people, have borne the supreme witness of love with martyrdom even in our times!

Next weekend we celebrate the World Mission Sunday. Let us keep this thought in mind as we go about living out this week.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

The Church is open for Masses

Weekday masses at 9:00am Monday through Saturday

Saturday Vigil 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.

Mass Intentions Book 2022

The Mass Intentions Book for the New Year 2022 is now open.

You are invited to come to the Parish office with your request for Mass intentions. Please bring a written list with all the names, mass dates and times that you would like to request along with the stipend. The process is on a "first come, first serve basis".

The Archdiocese of San Francisco has traditionally regulated Mass stipends for announced and unannounced mass intentions. The suggested donation for an announced mass is \$10.00; for an unannounced intention it is \$5.00.

Mass intentions are published in the Parish bulletin with the deadline for printing on Monday afternoon. The Parish Office is open for business from Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honor when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honor they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them. Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles. Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

God calls Church leaders in a special way to service of their flock: to protect the weakest members, to give an example of Jesus' love to all, and to be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

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.