

# October 31<sup>st</sup> - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, October 30**

9:00am *All Souls Novena (6)*  
4:30pm *Gladys Tarantan (bday)*

**Sunday, October 31**

8:00am  
10:00am *All Souls Novena (7)*  
12:00pm † *Julio Cesar Guzman*

**Monday, November 1**

9:00am *All Souls Novena (8)*

**Tuesday, November 2**

9:00am *All Souls Novena (9)*

**Wednesday, November 3**

9:00am † *Albert & Michael Gragnani*

**Thursday, November 4**

9:00am

**Friday, November 5**

9:00am

**Saturday, November 6**

9:00am

4:30pm



### Prayer for All Souls

Loving God, we remember now in prayer our dearly departed. May they rest in peace with you and experience the eternal joy of heaven. Heal our grief, merciful Lord, strengthen our hope that we, too, will one day share in the resurrection of your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### Second Collection

Today's second collection is for the Ministries of **St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. John the Evangelist**. Thank you for your continued generous support.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA October 18<sup>th</sup> - October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Weekend Offering.....\$ 2,235.00  
World Mission.....\$ 653.75

### From the Desk of the Pastor ....

Often we hear people remark: "When I get to heaven, the first thing I'm going to ask God is...." Usually the sentence is completed with a statement of curiosity about some unsolved current mystery. The scribe in today's Gospel has a chance to ask a question, so he asks the one that may have been the guiding principle of his life: "Which is the first of all the commandments?"

The scribe asks one question but receive what seems to be two answers: one dealing with God, and the other with our fellow human beings. Jesus did not propose these to be two separate entities, but a two pronged answer to one question.

It is a testament to the love and mercy of God. In the eyes of God, every person, man, woman and child is precious like a '*diamond in the rough*' of great value; every one of us possesses a goodness and dignity just by virtue of being created by God. It is the immeasurable love of God for all of us, which showers us with mercy and calls us into a life of reconciling love. It is a calling coming from within the heart of our God:

It is God's unwavering determination to reconcile the whole creation (so lovingly fashioned), with him.

Jesus tells the scribe what total love is:

Love God with all your heart, in total fidelity, with all the powers of your compassionate nature.

Love God with all your soul, in total surrender, with all the potential for eternal life.

Love God with your entire mind, in total commitment, with all your mental faculties.

Love God with all your strength, with all your energy and intensity: once this becomes truly one's lifestyle, then this all-encompassing love of God pours itself out in selfless service to love our neighbor, with the same intensity we love ourselves, with the same sincerity we want others to love us and with the same profound depth, God loves us.

## 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.

### Thank you

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist thanks Mary Alfonso, Aida Grona, Flaviano Redublado, Henry Falcon, Paul Limpin, and Sonia Urquilla and all those who magnanimously worked to organize and generously supported the celebration of the nine day-novenas and the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz of Manila.

Your efforts raised a total offering of \$3,135.00 to help install a new heating system for the church. It has been transferred to the Fixing God's House account. Thank you for your generosity.

As we celebrate All Souls Day today, we are reminded that death is not the end. Today we commemorate all the faithful who have passed on from this earth, and we recognize the great hope we have of resurrection. Today, we remember this reality and have hope for our loved ones who have passed away in faith. We also are reminded that heaven is the goal of all our lives. We are called to live a righteous life through trusting and obeying God. If we remain in friendship with God, we can abide with Him forever in heaven. Death is not the end, but truly a beginning. God desires for all of us to be in union with Him for all of eternity. It is up to us to say yes to this call or not. Let us all remember that there is more to life than the here and now. Let us live with eternity in mind, so that we may be among the faithful who will spend eternity with God in heaven. God offers us everything we need to get to heaven, but how will we respond? God desires a relationship with each of us and He wants us to spend all of eternity with Him. Let us all seek after heaven and hold great hope that it may be attained.

### All Souls Novena

Our annual All Souls Novena **began on October 25<sup>th</sup> and will continue through November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 9:00 am mass.**

If you would like the names of your beloved departed to be included in these masses, you are invited to use the special envelopes made available in the vestibule of the Church. Please write down the names of the people who have died, enclose your mass stipend in the envelope and drop it in the collection basket or in the basket made available at the foot of the Altar or stop by the Parish Office and drop off your envelope. Our sanctuary will display the names of all those who have died and whose funeral services were conducted in our Parish during this immediate past year. Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord!