

November 8th Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church is open for Indoor Mass

The Church is open for two Public Masses. The masses will be at: **10am in English and 12 noon in Spanish.**

Iglesia está abierta para misa

La Iglesia está abierta para misa a las 10:00am en inglés y a las 12:00pm en español.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 7

9:00am *All Souls Novena*
4:30pm † *Laurita Vesperas*

Sunday, November 8

8:00am *All Souls Novena*
10:00am † *Eduardo Genoves*
12:00pm † *Alejandro Gaitan*

Monday, November 9

9:00am *All Souls Novena*

Tuesday, November 10

9:00am *All Souls Novena*

Wednesday, November 11

9:00am *Veteran's Day*

Thursday, November 12

9:00am *St. John Parishioners*

Friday, November 13

9:00am † *Benny Falcon*

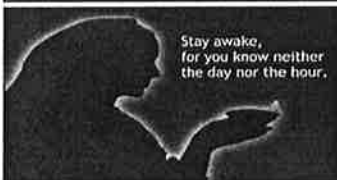
Saturday, November 14

9:00am *St. John Volunteers*
4:30pm † *Rufino Labari*

Today's second collection is for the **2020 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.**

Parish Assessment \$ 39,090.00
YTD we paid: \$ 22,429.50
Balance we owe: \$ 16,660.50

Kindly consider helping meet our goal. Thank you for your continued generous support.



Actions have consequences. That is what our scriptures are like this Sunday. In each reading, there is a suggested action on our part, which will result in a desired outcome. In the world of instant everything, we are not good about being patient, and our follow-through can be terrible. But each reading in its own way promises us that if we diligently seek God, we will be blessed and rewarded, and that it is worth the work and the wait!

From the Desk of the Pastor

Today's scriptures offer an incentive to be prepared for the return of the Lord, whenever He may come. Being watchful is part of this on-going preparation, because we do not know when and even how the Lord will come. If we wait watchfully, we wait worthily.

The parable of the ten virgins is told against the background of Palestinian wedding customs. Several features of the parable manifest its end-of-time character: The banquet itself and its context of waiting in darkness for this solemn moment to arrive and the much anticipated event to occur, without knowing exactly when it will come to pass.

The virgins differ from one another precisely in terms of their preparedness. Half of the virgins made provision for the possible delay of the bridegroom, the other half did not. This parable highlights the transition from the present times to the time of fulfillment. The bottom line is: one is either ready to cross that threshold or one is not. Jesus exhorts at the end of the parable to 'be alert'.

We like to think of Jesus as the Lord of second chances, even third and fourth, and that we have plenty of time to get our act together and to gather the necessary "oil" to welcome him when he returns. But the bridegroom's final words are, "I do not know you."

This parable prompts us to reflect on some questions similar to these: Is Jesus indicating that a day will come when that opportunity to make up for what we have failed to do will not be given? That the time for springing into action will have come and gone?

Could we end up finding ourselves locked out of the party?

What are we putting off doing?.....

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

During the month of November, we are called as a Catholic Community, as a believing parish family, in a special way: "to remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest". Our Parish will remember all those who have died at all our Novena Masses which will be celebrated from November 2nd through November 10th.

In order that the names of your beloved departed are 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, and you wish to be prayed for during these novena Masses, enclose your Mass stipend or your good will offering of gratitude in the envelope and drop it in the Sunday Mass collection basket or in the basket made available at the foot of the Altar.

Our sanctuary will display a memorial for all those who have died and whose funeral services were conducted in our Parish Church during this immediate past year. May they all rest in peace!

November Plenary Indulgences for Souls in Purgatory

The Vatican has announced an extension to the plenary indulgences traditionally obtained during the first week of November. Because of restrictions on cemetery visits due to COVID-19, "the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those who visit a cemetery has been extended beyond the normal dates of 1 to 8 November. This year, the indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, even if only mentally, on any day in November, and devoutly prays for the faithful departed."

To obtain an indulgence, one must be a Catholic in the state of grace and free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin. In addition to this pious act, it is necessary to fulfill the following three conditions in order to gain the indulgence:

- sacramental confession,
- Eucharistic Communion

and prayer for the intention of the Pope (this can be satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary, or any other prayer for the intention of the Roman Pontiff).

The full Vatican announcement is available at: www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-10/decreed-plenary-indulgence-faithful-departed-november.html

Mass Intentions Book 2020

The Mass Intentions Book for the New Year 2019 is now open.

You are invited to come to the Parish office beginning this Monday 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 Monday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.