

## November 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday, November 16

9:00am † *Ethan Buenafe*  
4:30pm † *Dr. Cesar Santos*

#### Sunday, November 17

7:30am † *Bill Sacramento*  
9:30am † *Rodrigo Tarantan*  
11:00am † *Moss Brennan*  
12:30pm † *Ana Caceres*

#### Monday, November 18

9:00am *YMI Brothers*

#### Tuesday, November 19

9:00am † *Elipidio Binalinbing*

#### Wednesday, November 20

9:00am † *Ananias Falcon*

#### Thursday, November 21

9:00am † *Ramona Arias Bravo*

#### Friday, November 22

9:00am *St. John Parishioners*

#### Saturday, November 23

9:00am *St. John Volunteers*  
4:30pm † *Jose Luis Solorzano*

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

It might be interesting to note, that the Pharisees, with whom Jesus clashed on many occasions, were sincere and very religious people. However, what was strange was, they lived in a world of their own. They constructed what we may call today, a "bubble world" of their own. They were raised with utmost reverence to the Law of Moses. They followed and abided by the letter of the "law"; They regarded themselves as God's favorites, God's chosen few. They did not expect to be pitied in their isolation. They expected to be admired. They put themselves on display to make it easier for this to happen.

According to them it was those who lived in a 'contaminated world' outside who were to be pitied. They considered themselves privileged and special. They did not realize that without God's help it was impossible to give up sin.

Jesus aware of the nature of sin and its consequences knew the price of redemption that sin would demand. He foretold his disciples of the persecution: trials and tribulations, betrayals even by members of their own families, imprisonment, trial and death, they would encounter. The 'powers of darkness' would single them out for special treatment, and they would be 'hated by all on account of his name.'

He foretold how the temple, the very center of their worship, their pride and heritage would be utterly destroyed. The old order of things makes way for the 'New'. In all probability, some of the people listening to Jesus among the Jewish audience must have felt this utterance outrageous. This must have been a terrible blow to the Jewish psyche.

However, he urged them not be afraid. Not to be taken in. He promised how the power of God will reign triumphant. What a tremendous source of inspiration and consolation.

Perhaps you could spend some minutes in quiet prayer, and ask God to show you one (or more) ways that you may be called to respond to this week's scriptures:

- ◆ In your relationship with God
- ◆ With family and friends
- ◆ At work, school, or church
- ◆ In the broader community....

### FOOD FOR THE POOR AND THE HUNGRY

At the **Thanksgiving Day 9:00am mass, on November 28**, the St. Vincent De Paul conference of St. John the Evangelist Parish requests all to consider bringing non-perishable food for distribution to those in need in our parish and community. They seek white rice, pinto beans, pasta, ramen, oatmeal, meat-based soups, and small cans of whole kernel corn, fruit, tuna, and meat or spam. Thank you.

### Second Collection

Today's second collection is for **St. Patrick's Seminary**, the Seminary of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The Archdiocese sends men to St. Patrick's to prepare for the priesthood. Throughout its history, it has prepared more than 2,000 priests who are serving or have served the people of God in the western United States and the Pacific Rim. Proceeds from the collection will provide the seminary with much needed funds.

**Thank you for your generosity**

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA November 4<sup>th</sup> - November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Tuesday's Spec coll. ....\$ 106.00  
Tues. On-line giving .....\$ 5.00  
Weekend Offering.....\$ 2,967.35  
Weekend On-line giving...\$ 300.00  
AAA.....\$ 1,435.00  
AAA On-Line Giving.....\$ 130.00

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

### THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Pastoral Council thanks you for your overwhelming support and participation in the "Parish Mass Survey" conducted in the last few weekends.

The committee responsible for tallying the survey presented their report to the Parish Council this week. The following is the report on the survey:

A total of 478 surveys came in.

From Parishioners attending 7:30am Mass: 88 surveys  
From Parishioners attending 9:30am Mass: 139 surveys  
From Parishioners attending 11:30am Mass: 91 surveys  
From Parishioners attending 12:30pm Mass: 160 surveys

The Survey reports the following Mass Schedule preferences:

- 7:30am & 9:30am: 66
- 7:30am & 10:00am: 25
- 8:00am & 10:00am: 163
- 8:30am & 11:00am: 63
- 11:30am: 7
- 12noon: 87
- 12:30pm: 67.

Given these reports, **the Parish Council recommends to the Pastor and the Parishioners the following Mass schedule: 8:00am (English); 10:00am (English) and 12noon (Spanish) effective from Sunday January 5, 2020.**

We are grateful to all of you who took time and invested yourselves in this stewardship of the Parish. Your comments were indeed very positive, encouraging and appreciative. Your efforts and your hearts say in so many words that you care and are invested in this Parish of St. John the Evangelist. Thank you.

Long live St. John the Evangelist Parish. God Bless!

### THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

On Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2019, our Parish will celebrate a multilingual (English-Spanish-Tagalog) Mass at 9:00am in our Church. We invite you to make a special effort to come, join and celebrate this Mass with us.

Our Parish joins our fellow sisters and brothers, as a grateful nation to give thanks to God for so many gifts, favors and blessings we have received from him all through this past year.