

† **MASS INTENTIONS** †

Week of November 16, 2009 — November 22, 2009

- Monday November 16, 2009**
8:30 AM Rose Silva †
 Larry Figueroa †
- Tuesday November 17, 2009**
8:30 AM Stella & David Pereira †
 Marge Otto †
- Wednesday November 18, 2009**
8:30 A.M. Ramiro & Maria Cecilia Rosa (S.I.)
 Isabel Abrantes (S.I.)
- Thursday November 19, 2009**
8:30 A.M. Imelda D. Zaratan †
 Isabel Abrante (S.I.)
- Friday November 20, 2009**
8:30 AM Mary Ellen Cheschi †
 Manuel & Mary Fernandes †
- Saturday November 21, 2009**
8:30 AM Faust Pires †
 Jose Furtado Da Rosa †
- 4:30 PM** Renee Rinaldi Rojas †
 Margarete Anselmo †
- 6:30 PM** Community of St. John (S.I.)
- Sunday November 22, 2009**
7:30 AM Misa Sati U †
 Jayme Tamayo †
- 9:30 AM** Ruby Jardin †
 Felimon Barbante †
- 11:30 AM** Joes Ajero Sr. †
 Avelino Tiolengco †
- 2:00 PM** Community of St. John (S.I.)

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES FOR THIS WEEK:

- Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
 Tuesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary
 Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul in Rome, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
 Saturday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



EVERY FIRST FRIDAY of each month all are welcome to come visit the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Holy Hour from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Spanish.

November 7th - Nov. 8th, 2009

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE!

GOAL \$10,000.00 PER WEEK

Sunday Collection.....\$9,057.71
 Maintenance Fund.....\$ 251.00
Bishop's Appeal Goal\$23,660.00
Amount Collected for Bishop's Appeal ...\$ 20,293.11

Thank you for your generosity
Gracias por su generosidad.

Your donations make our ministries possible

REMEMBER THE SICK

Rita Stich, Victoria M. Abrigo, Dana Mitry, Jennie Fuhs Clara Moura, Lillean Viray, Nora Goulart, Elaine Rivera, Barbara Roe, Julie Russ, Albert & Faye Jordan, Luci Subica, Stella & Wayne Davis, Jeanette Frugoli David Gerecke, Hospicia Partido,

All names on the prayer list will be removed at the end of each month. If you want a name to remain on the list, please notify the office.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

for the deceased members listed in the All Souls Box placed before the altar



READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

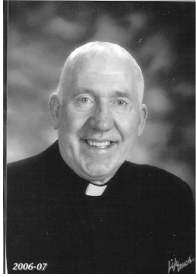
- Monday/Lunes: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
 Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday/Martes: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday/Miércoles: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-23
 Thursday/Jueves: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
 Friday/Viernes: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday/Sabado: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40
 Sunday/Domingo: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

PARKING ON SUNDAYS is available at San Lorenzo High School for the 9:30 a.m. only.

Lost & Found

For items lost please contact the parish office at 351-5050

From the Desk of the Pastor



Dear Friends,

On this Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we get a three fold consolation from the scriptures. All three readings today were written in times of duress or persecution, and all three offer their original readers and us today the message of hope. Daniel's audience was in desperate need of assurance that God would be their source of salvation, for Israel was undergoing one of its most violent periods of persecution at the hands of the Greeks, a time that produced the Maccabean revolt and the familiar Jewish festival of Hanukkah. The author of Hebrews was writing to a group of people unsure about leaving behind the faith and rituals that they had been told for generations would be their source of forgiveness. In return, they received the strong message that they would be able to find everything in Jesus Christ. Mark's readers were under Roman persecution, rekindling the fear and confusion that they felt immediately following the death of Jesus. These three authors facing tough times were still able to provide optimistic messages.

As wise men and women of faith have always done, when today's authors needed to look forward in faith, they also looked back. We look back at their writings today for our hope, and, like them, we can also look at the psalter—Israel's prayer book—for help. Today's psalm text reminds us that with the Lord at our side, nothing can truly shake us. We know that God will not abandon us, and that if we walk with the Lord true life will be ours. We are at that time in our Church year when we hear much about the coming of Christ in glory as we get ready to re-enter Advent, our season of preparation for his return. Most likely we are not undergoing the extremes of persecution or trials that the first audiences of today's readings were; but we can, through a deep praying of the psalms and a fervent hearing of their words, be reminded to keep our lives and our faith focused only on God, the one source of our being and our life.

Blessings of peace,
Fr. Mike

LITURGICAL SEASON INFORMATION

The feast day of Christ the King is November 22nd. On that weekend, we triumphantly celebrate the end of our church liturgical year! The following Weekend, November 27th and 28th will be the first Sunday of Advent, and the beginning of the New Church Year.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

On Thursday, Thanksgiving Day (**November 26th**), there will be **ONLY ONE MASS** at **9:00 A.M.** Bring the whole family and let's begin the day in Praise and Thanksgiving as a community!

You are invited to bring bread and/or wine that will be used at your dinner, to be blessed at the end of Mass—please keep the items with you in your pew.

The Liturgy Committee

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL will be having its Fifth Sunday Collection on November 29th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



MARYKNOLL MOVIE NIGHT RETURNS WITH A DOUBLE FEATURE!

December 7th at 6:30 P.M. in the community meeting room we will be watching two short movies: *Day of the Dead* and *Our Lady of Guadalupe*.

Join Roberto Alcaraz and Leticia Vasquez as they journey to Mexico to explore how the 'Day of the Dead' is celebrated and what it means in the lives of the people who call Mexico their home. Then continue the journey to celebrate the Virgin Mary of the Americas known as Our Lady of Guadalupe. Discover why Mary plays such an important role in Latino Culture and renew your faith! *The "My Americas" series journeys to eight Latin American countries, enabling viewers to rediscover their deeply held cultural, historical and cultural and spiritual traditions. Roberto Alcaraz and Leticia Vasquez journey through sacred sites, celebrations, processions, food, music, and dress of such countries as Mexico, Guatemala, Bolivia, Peru, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, and Cuba. Runtime: 24 minutes for each film. No Rating.*

BAPTISM - BAUTISMOS

St. John the Baptist welcomes:

*Lila Helen DePonte
Vicente Aureliano Gallardo
Belian Yasser Gomez Alcantar
Yaretzi Ailani Gomez Alcantar
Jimena Cuevas Amezcua
Diego Cuevas Martinez
Jesus Ariel Garcia Rodriguez
Yaritzel Maldonado
John Dwayne Sigala Palomino
Santiago Enrique Sanchez*



ALTAR SERVERS TOWN HALL MEETING!

Attention all altar servers and their guardians:

Servers and their families are requested to attend a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. in the Church to discuss and decide on Ministry Mission, Server Recruitment/Training and Christmas Party. This meeting is your meeting and we will need your input for any decisions for this ministry. Please mark this date in your calendar. If you have any questions, please call Raymond Solis at 510/690-0114 or email rsolis46@hotmail.com or call Ruby Munoz 510/690-0114, email r.gmunoz@att.net.

Thank you.

GOLDEN AGE DINNER:

Golden Age Dinner will be held on December 6th. Please get your reservations in by November 30th. The invitations are in the back of the church. Please fill out one and send it to the rectory or put in the collection basket. We have limited space, so get your reservations in early.

Please send in your gift for either a man or woman to the rectory. The gift should be something a senior could use. Some of these seniors are handicapped, so when buying, keep that in mind. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Anyone interested in helping, please call the rectory, 351-5050. **Set up will be Saturday afternoon around 4 and clean up on Sunday about 1:30.**

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

"...the three sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist) closely combine to bring us, the faithful of Christ, to his full stature and to enable us to carry out the mission of the entire people of God in the Church and in the world. ... Further, Baptism is the sacrament by which its recipients are incorporated into the Church and are built up together in the spirit into a house where God lives, into a holy nation, and a royal priesthood. Baptism is a sacramental bond of unity linking all who have been signed by it." (from the general introduction to the book titled "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults")

Saturday, October 31st, Saint John the Baptist welcomed our candidates for Christian Initiation. *Jessica Andrews, Anthony Diaz, Catherine Soria* and *Alisa Grover* will join *Rinnan* (who is already a catechumen) at the Easter Vigil in 2010 for the Sacraments of Initiation. ***Please welcome and pray for these adults seeking to be incorporated into the Church.***

U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Please visit www.usccb.org/healthcare for updated information regarding input on the healthcare reform bill from the U.S. Catholic Bishops.



PARKING ON LEWELLING BLVD.

We have been informed that parking on Lewelling Blvd. next to the fence in front of St. John's Church is considered an obstruction of the walk way. Vehicles found in that area will be ticketed (\$60)! Please park in the designated parking areas. Thank you.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

St. Vincent de Paul would like any donations of frozen turkeys or canned food to be placed in boxes at the main entrance on the week-end masses of November 21st, or 22nd. Thank you and blessings.

MISSING TABLES ?

Thank you to the person who returned two of the four missing round tables. Two round tables are still missing from the community meeting room. Please contact the parish office if you have information.

Thank you.

SCHOOL NEWS**GOLDEN AGE GIFTS DRIVE**

Our Golden Age Gifts Drive begins this week. Please help our parish community to keep this special tradition alive! We work very hard to make Christmas special for adults with special needs, the elderly in our community, the homeless and people who have no families to look after them. In addition to providing a special meal, the folks who organize special meal, the folks who organize Golden Age give gifts to all present. We help them by donating gifts. Please give as your means allow ... and thank you for partnering with us to serve the needy and comfort the lonely in our community!

PRAYER FOR OUR VETERANS

God we thank you for commissioning men and women in the defense of freedom. We honor those who honor and protect us, in many cases laying down their lives that we might live free to pursue our own destiny. Every soldier takes their oath knowing they may be called upon to pay the ultimate sacrifice. Lord, we cannot repay this gift they give us. For those who have suffered as a result of their sacrifice, we ask for Your healing, favor, peace... Lift from them the cares and burdens of violence. When they return home, give them opportunities to fulfill their own potentials and dreams. Open doors are closed. God, Bless our veterans!

Amen.

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

November 8, 2009 - The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.

— Psalm 146:7

**Saint John the Baptist Parish**

TO KNOW CHRIST BETTER AND TO MAKE HIM BETTER KNOWN

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

The first session of High School Confirmation Preparation has come to a close. Please contact Anthony Ta (anthony.t.a@gmail.com) if you need to arrange for a make up class.

There will be a retreat day on December 13. Permission slips will be mailed soon.

The opening day for session two is January 31st in the Gym. Parents and/or sponsors are to attend with their candidate.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

This week will be the last set of classes for families of **First Reconciliation candidates**. Monday at 6:30 p.m. for Elementary School age candidates and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. for Secondary School age candidates. The next class will be held January 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym for all candidates (Elementary Religious Education candidates, Saint John School candidates and Secondary School candidates) and their parents.

NOVEMBER 23RD Jean Easterly will return with the study of the book of Ruth in the Hebrew Scriptures. Come to the meeting room at 7 P.M. on November 23 for this wonderful reflection.

PARENT PARTICIPATION NIGHT

November 30th, Monday, at 6:30 P.M., all elementary school religious education families will come together for a potluck dinner. Each family is expected to bring food to share. There will be no organized assignment of type of food. This evening replaces the November 29th and December 2nd regular class meetings. We will share our Advent and Christmas family traditions and play Advent Bingo. Any questions call Kathleen @ 351-5050.

ADULTS WHO WANT CONFIRMATION

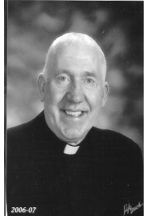
Interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? Missed the information meeting October 22nd? Call Kathleen Kennedy at 351-5050 for information and to sign up.

DECLARACIÓN DE VISIÓN

Una comunidad diversa y acogedora basada en la fe, inspirada por el Espíritu Santo para dar fuerza y amor a cada uno.

DECLARACIÓN DE MISION

La familia de San Juan Bautista en San Lorenzo trae vida a la Palabra de Dios a través de la liturgia, ministerio y servicios.



Queridos Amigos,

En este Trigésimotercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario recibimos un consuelo triple de la Sagrada Escritura. Las tres lecturas de hoy se escribieron en tiempos de represión o persecución y ofrecen el mensaje de amor a sus lectores originales y a nosotros. Los lectores de Daniel deseaban desesperadamente escuchar la seguridad de que Dios era la fuente de su salvación. En ese tiempo

Israel atravesaba uno de sus más violentos periodos de persecución a manos de los griegos, lo cual originó la insurrección de los Macabeos y el conocido festival judío del Jánuca. El autor de la Epístola a los Hebreos escribió a un grupo de personas que no estaban seguras si dejar la fe y los ritos que por generaciones se les había indicado que eran la fuente de la salvación. Ellos recibieron un mensaje firme de que todo lo podrían encontrar en Jesucristo. Los lectores de Marcos estaban bajo la persecución romana, lo cual les recordaba el temor y la confusión que sintieron poco después de la muerte de Jesús. A pesar de que estos tres autores enfrentaron momentos difíciles, podían sin embargo ofrecer un mensaje de esperanza.

Como siempre lo han hecho los hombres y las mujeres de fe, cuando los autores de hoy necesitaban avanzar en su fe, también miraban hacia atrás. Nosotros miramos atrás al leer sus escritos hoy en busca de esperanza y, como ellos, también podemos buscar ayuda en el Libro de los Salmos, que es el libro de oraciones de Israel. El salmo de hoy nos recuerda que, con el Señor de nuestro lado, nada nos puede pasar. Sabemos que Dios no nos abandonará y, si caminamos con el Señor, recibiremos la vida verdadera. Estamos en ese tiempo en nuestro año de la Iglesia en el que escuchamos bastante sobre la venida gloriosa de Cristo, mientras nos preparamos para reingresar al Adviento, la temporada de preparación para su regreso. Lo más probable es que en estos momentos no estemos atravesando los casos extremos de persecución o juicios que enfrentaron los antiguos lectores de las escrituras de hoy. Por medio de una oración profunda de los salmos y de una atención ferviente a sus palabras, se nos recuerda hoy mantener nuestra vida de fe centrada solamente en Dios, la única fuente de nuestro ser y de nuestra vida.

Bendiciones de paz
Padre Mike

INFORMACION LITURGICA

La fiesta de Cristo Rey es el día 22 de noviembre. Ese fin de semana, celebraremos triunfalmente el fin del año Litúrgico. El siguiente fin de semana noviembre 27 y 28 será el primer domingo de Adviento y el principio del Nuevo Año Litúrgico

MISA DEL DIA DE GRACIAS

El día 26 de noviembre a las 9:00 A.M. tendremos la Misa de Gracias. Traiga a toda su familia y como una comunidad, comencemos el día con alabanzas y agradecimientos. Se les invita a traer el pan o vino que usarán durante la cena para ser bendecido al final de la Misa. No es necesario que lo ponga en el altar, por favor tengalo con usted.



FILOSOFIA Y METAS DE LA EDUCACION RELIGIOSA EN SAN JUAN

Juntos tratamos de ayudar a todos aquí en San Juan al crecimiento de Fe, comprensión de las Tradiciones Católicas y experimentar unidad con Cristo y los dones del Espíritu Santo.

Nuestras metas es alentar a todos a vivir como discípulos de Jesucristo con participación responsable en la vida, misión y obras de una comunidad Católica de fe.

EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

Las clases de catecismo del día domingo son para los niños del 1 al 5 grado (escuela elemental) el horario es de la una a las dos de la tarde, seguido con la Santa Misa.

Este año hubo un cambio, todos los niños de los grados 6, 7, y 8 participaran en su formación los días miércoles a las 6:30 pm.

CURSO BIBLICO

¿Quieres conocer sobre la Palabra de Dios? La Parroquia de San Juan Bautista te invita a recibir el Curso Bíblico,

Requisitos: Traer Buena disponibilidad, Biblia, cuaderno y lapiz. Exponente: H. Patricia Jiménez.

VISITAS A ENFERMOS

Si en su familia hay un enfermo que desea recibir la comunión, comuníquese con Ministro de Eucaristía Extraordinario, Maritza Texeria al (510) 432-7135

ALIENTO

El Evangelio de este domingo es nuestra selección final de Marcos para este año litúrgico. Pertenece a las últimas enseñanzas de Jesús en Jerusalén y se encuentra inmediatamente antes del relato de su arresto y pasión. En él Jesús da a sus discípulos esperanza para sostenerlos en su pasión y muerte y en cualquier persecución o sufrimiento que enfrenten después de su resurrección.

Las palabras del libro de Daniel también les brindan esperanza y aliento a los contemporáneos de Daniel. El aliento de estas lecturas también nos sirve a nosotros, ya que ninguno de nosotros puede evitar transitar tiempos difíciles en su vida. Los seguidores de Jesús podrán soportar el sufrimiento con esperanza porque saben que el amor de Cristo nos guiará para poder ser buenos discípulos y nos dará la vida eterna junto a Dios.

ST VICENTE DE PAUL

La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul, solicita donaciones de Pavos congelados o comidas enlatadas. Sus donativos los puede poner en las cajas en la entrada principal de la Iglesia durante las misas del fin de semana de noviembre 21 y 22.

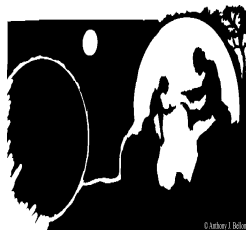
Muchas Gracias .

PRECAUCIONES CONTRA LA INFLUENZA

- Evite contacto con personas enfermas. Cuando usted este enfermo, manténgase distante de otras personas para protegerlos .
- Si es posible quedese en casa.
- Cubrase la boca y nariz con un pañuelo cuando tose o destornuda.
- Lavase las manos frecuentemente.
- Evite tocarse los ojos, nariz o boca. Los germenese se transmiten cuando las personas tocan algo contaminado.
- Trate de dormir lo suficiente, esté físicamente activo, domine su estres, tome suficiente agua y coma comidas nutritivas.

MARYKNOLL DIA DE CINE

Regresa con dos películas - Diciembre 7 a las 6:30 estarán presentadas 2 películas El día de los Muertos y Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Unase a Roberto Alcaraz y Leticia Vasquez recorriendo y explorando México en como el día de los muertos es celebrado y que significa para las vidas de la gente que llaman a México su hogar. Luego continuamos la celebración de Virgen María Reina de las Américas conocida como Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Descubra porque María juega un importante parte a la cultura Latina y renueva su Fe. "Las Américas" son viajes a través de ocho países de Latino América, permitiendo los televidentes descubrir de nuevo su cultura histórica, espiritual y tradicional. Roberto y Leticia viajaron por sitios sagrados, y observaron celebraciones, procesiones, comidas y vestuarios en los países como México, Guatemala, Bolivia, Perú, Venezuela, Puerto Rico y Cuba



Trigésimo tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

15 de noviembre de 2009 - Podrán dejar de existir el cielo y la tierra, pero mis palabras no dejarán de cumplirse. — Marcos 13:31