

† **MASS INTENTIONS** †

Week of November 23, 2009 — November 29, 2009

- Monday November 23, 2009**
8:30 AM Manuel Alves †
 Avelino Tiolengco †
- Tuesday November 24, 2009**
8:30 AM Dolores Souza †
 James Alves †
- Wednesday November 25, 2009**
8:30 A.M. Deceased members of the Ferreira Family †
 Gary Petersen †
- Thursday November 26, 2009**
8:30 A.M. Gregory Del Santo †
 Richard Souza †
- Friday November 27, 2009**
8:30 AM Rolina Inez Humarang (S.L.)
 Lorraine Cardoza †
- Saturday November 28, 2009**
8:30 AM Avelina Tiolengco †
 Pablo Dayrit †
- 4:30 PM** Jerry Dominguez †
 Margarete Anselmo †
- 6:30 PM** Diosdado Camarillo †
- Sunday November 29, 2009**
7:30 AM Misa Sati U †
 Frances Clouthier †
- 9:30 AM** Ray Lucas †
 John Gomes Jr. †
- 11:30 AM** Richard Souza †
 Raul Castro †
- 2:00 PM** Barbara Martinelli-Coakley †

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES FOR THIS WEEK:

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
 Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time;
 St. Clement I; St. Columban;
 Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro
 Tuesday: St. Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions
 Wednesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria
 Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Eid al-Adha (Muslim feast of the sacrifice of Ishmael) celebrated this week



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 14th - Nov. 15th, 2009

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE!

GOAL \$10,000.00 PER WEEK

Sunday Collection.....\$8,251.52
 Maintenance Fund.....\$ 87.00
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

Mary Tacyshyn-Wilson, Rita Stich, Victoria M. Abrigo, Dana Mitry, Jennie Fuhs Clara Moura, Lillian 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**

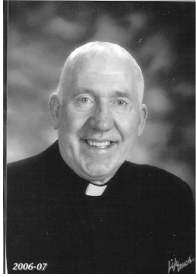
Monday/Lunes: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday/Martes: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday/Miércoles: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday/Jueves: Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:
 Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
 Friday/Viernes: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday/Sabado: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday/Domingo: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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,

Few things are as frustrating as not getting a “yes” or “no” when we have posed a “yes or no” question. Putting ourselves in Pilate’s place today, we can feel his frustration in the debate with Jesus about his kingship and the source of his kingdom. Pilate was a potent and wily Roman authority; he lived by one of the primary lessons of staying in power: know exactly who your opponent is. It is doubtful that the person of Jesus of Nazareth posed much of a threat to Pilate, but what he represented as the social and religious force with which he seemed to be connected very clearly could have been. So Pilate naturally wanted to know who was standing before him, a king or not, and if so, what kind of king? Pilate wanted to know what to get ready for when dealing with this man. We would do well to make Pilate our role model in this regard.

As Jesus rightly tells Pilate, his kingdom is not of this world. It isn’t. But Christians believe that, in Jesus Christ, his kingdom has broken into the world, and continues to be made manifest in the world until the final day of his glorious return. A very early Christian term, *autobasilea*, was used to say that Jesus was the “kingdom in himself” on earth. As we, the Church, celebrate this feast of Christ our King, we recall our own mission through baptism to be “Christ’s kingdom in ourselves” and to do our own part to continue introducing his reign wherever it is not yet a part of this world. A look back at our whole Church year from this final Sunday will show us that this reign in Christ is one of love, of proclaiming salvation, of healing, of forgiving and reconciling, of humble service, of self giving. We pray “Your kingdom come” because it isn’t completely here yet, which is why we likewise pray “Your will be done” so that it might be.

Blessings of peace,
Fr. Mike

ADULT FAMILY FAITH FORMATION - NOVEMBER 23RD (Monday) 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.

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.

GIVING TREE IS HERE!

As an Advent outreach project, we have again put up a Giving Tree with gift requests for needy children. Look for the tree in the church entrance.

The Liturgy Committee

CHRIST IS KING

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It's easy to understand today's scriptures as events that happened long ago and far away, or predictions that will come true somewhere, some day. But they invite us to claim Christ as our King here and now. Jesus' words to Pilate in the Gospel remind us that his kingdom transcends time and place. And the prophecies from Daniel and Revelation give us reason to be faithful to Christ our King right here and right now.

By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he "has made us into a kingdom" (Revelation 1:6)—one people united in love and peace for all eternity.

GOLDEN AGE DINNER:

Golden Age Dinner is right around the corner. Make sure your reservations are in by November 30th. Seats are limited, so please get them in. The invitations are in the back of the church. Please fill it out and either mail it to the rectory or place it in the collection basket on Sunday.

Please send in your gift marked man or woman. Please have the gift wrapped.

Volunteers will be greatly appreciated on Saturday afternoon around 4 to help set up. Any questions please call the rectory.. Or Pat Capra 510-333-1809 Thank you.

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**HOPE FOR GAVIN**

The students of St. John Catholic School recently participated in a Christmas Card Drive that will benefit, Gavin Marquez from San Diego, California. Gavin is a 4 year old boy who is currently battling Tay-Sachs Disease, which is an extremely rare disorder that progressively destroys the brain and nervous system.

After learning about Gavin's situation, the Pre-K class at St. John Catholic School in San Lorenzo, decided to participate in the Hope for Gavin Christmas Card Drive coordinated by Johnwey Redington. For several weeks, eleven 4 and 5 year old students along with their teacher devoted their time and effort to create 73 beautiful Christmas cards to be donated in honor of Gavin. They also prayed for Gavin. Kudos to Mrs. Jen and our Pre K class for their generosity, service and love! It is NEVER too early to start making a difference in our world!

ST. JOHN STUDENT SYDNEY BRIGHT

It is with great pleasure to inform you that Sydney's biography has been approved for listing in the Who's Who Registry Academic Excellence (Middle School Edition).

Sidney's biography will now appear along side thousands of other students throughout the United States. She is also eligible to compete for many scholarships awarded at the end of the school year through the Student Scholarship Foundation.

Congratulations Sydney!

**Saint John the Baptist Parish**

TO KNOW CHRIST BETTER AND TO MAKE HIM BETTER KNOWN

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.

DECEMBER 7th will be movie night sponsored by the Maryknoll community at 6:30 PM.

DECEMBER 14th will be a meeting for the new Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at 7 PM

ADULT AND FAMILY FORMATION Evenings will not be held on December 21st or 28th. We hope that everyone will enjoy family time surrounding the celebration of Christmas.

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 13th**. 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.

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.

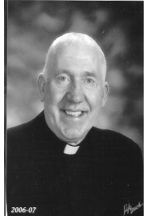


DECLARACIÓN DE VISIÓN

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,

Pocas cosas son tan frustrantes como no obtener un “sí” un “no” como respuesta cuando hacemos una pregunta. Al ponernos hoy en el lugar de Pilato, podemos sentir su frustración cuando pregunta a Jesús acerca de su realeza y del origen de su reino. Pilato era un poderoso y astuto dirigente romano; su vida se basaba en la lección elemental de mantenerse en el poder: saber exactamente quién es tu enemigo. Es improbable que una persona como Jesús de Nazaret representara una amenaza para Pilato, pero esa probabilidad surgía en el hecho de que Jesús podría estar conectado con la fuerza religiosa y social que aparentemente representaba. Naturalmente, Pilato quería saber con quién estaba lidiando, un rey no, y si lo era, ¿qué clase de rey? Pilato quería saber lo que debía dejar listo cuando lidiara con este hombre. Haríamos bien en poner a Pilato como nuestro modelo en este aspecto.

Como dice Jesús correctamente a Pilato, su Reino no es de este mundo. No lo es. Pero los cristianos creen que, en Jesucristo, su Reino se ha mostrado al mundo y continúa manifestándose hasta el día final en su regreso glorioso. Un término de los primeros cristianos, *autobasilea*, se usaba para decir que Jesús era el “reino en persona” en la tierra. Al celebrar como Iglesia la fiesta de Cristo Rey, recordemos nuestra misión mediante el bautismo de ser “el Reino de Cristo en persona” y poner de nuestra parte para continuar presentando el Reino de Dios al mundo, en donde todavía no se le conozca. Una mirada atrás a todo el año de la Iglesia desde este domingo final nos mostrará que este Reino en Cristo es uno de amor, de proclamación de salvación, de sanación, de perdón y reconciliación, de servicio humilde, de darse a sí mismo. Oramos, “venga a nosotros tu Reino”, porque ese Reino todavía no está totalmente aquí y, por esa razón, también decimos “hágase tu voluntad” para que así sea.

Bendiciones de paz
Padre Mike

SOCIEDAD DE SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

El día fin de semana del 28 y 29 de noviembre, habrá una segunda colecta para beneficiar a St. Vicente de Paul. Su generosidad es apreciada.

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

ESPERANZA PARA GAVIN

Los estudiantes de la escuela Católica de San Juan, recientemente participaron en la Campaña de Tarjetas Navideñas para beneficiar a Gavin Marquez de San Diego C.A. Gavin es un niño de 4 años que está sufriendo de una enfermedad muy rara llamada Tay-Sachs, la cual es progresiva y destruye el cerebro y el sistema nervioso.

Después de enterarse de la situación de Gavin, los estudiantes del pre-kindergarten, decidieron participar en la Campaña Esperanza para Gavin coordinada por Johnwey Redington. Por varias semanas, 11 niños de 4 y 5 años junto con su profesora dedicaron su tiempo y esfuerzo a crear 73 bellas tarjetas Navideñas para donárselas a Gavin. Reconocimientos a Mrs. Jen y Los niños del Pre-K por su generosidad, servicio y cariño..

¡EL ARBOL DE REGALOS YA ESTA AQUI!

Como un proyecto de alcance, de nuevo hemos colocado el Arbol de Regalos con los artículos solicitados por los niños necesitados. Busque el Arbol en la entrada de la Iglesia y seleccione el adorno que usted quiere donar.

Comite Liturgico

MARYKNOLL DIA DE CINE

Regresa con dos películas - Diciembre 7 a las 6:30 estarán presentados 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

CENA DE LA EDAD DE ORO

La Cena de la Edad de Oro ya está a la vuelta de la esquina. Asegúrese que su reserva de su reserva pues el último día para registrarse es el día 30 de noviembre. El cupo es limitado, así es que envíelos pronto. La invitación se encuentran en el vestíbulo de la iglesia. Por favor llénala y regresa a la rectoría o póngala en la canasta de colecta el domingo.

CRISTO ES REY El último domingo del año litúrgico celebramos la fiesta de Cristo Rey. Puede que entendamos las lecturas de hoy como acontecimientos que sucedieron hace mucho, mucho tiempo o predicciones que se harán realidad algún día en algún lugar. Pero en realidad nos invitan a aclamar a Cristo como nuestro Rey aquí y ahora. Las palabras de Jesús a Pilatos en el Evangelio nos recuerdan que su Reino trasciende el tiempo y el espacio. Y las profecías de Daniel y del Apocalipsis nos dan motivos para ser fieles a Cristo, nuestro Rey, aquí y ahora.

Al terminar el año con esta fiesta proclamamos nuestra fe en que Jesucristo es el único Rey de todos los tiempos, pueblos y de toda la Creación. Sin importar cuál sea nuestra nacionalidad ni qué idioma hablemos: Cristo "y ha hecho de nosotros un reino" (Apocalipsis 1:6), en un pueblo unido en el amor y la paz por toda la eternidad.