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Office hours: Tuesday-Friday. 9-12:30pm.
Church Doors are open from 7:30am.-7pm daily.

Sunday, September 29, 2024
The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“If Your Right Eye Causes
You to Sin, Pluck It Out”:

What Did Jesus Mean?

Pastoral Staff and Extensions

Rev. Thomas Diaz, Pastor, #4, Day off-Mondays

Chris Giacometti, Office Manager, #1

Mass times: Extension, #2

Jennifer Bedoka, Faith Formation, #3

Sacraments and Devotions

Reconciliation: Sundays 9:45-10:15am. and by appointment.

Marriage: One year notice to the pastor.

Infant Baptism: Two-month notice. Next class

Adult Baptism: “The Welcoming Church” starts Oct.6th at noon in the hall mtg. room.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call Fr. Tom.

Exposition and Benediction: Thursdays after noon Mass for ½ hr.

The Rosary: ½ hr. before weekday Masses.

The Divine Chaplet: Tues. after noon Mass

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. Sept 28 4pm. +Fang Tai Wong/Fleming Sagon

Sun. Sept 29, 8:30am. Ints. of the Parish

10:30am. +Christie Hao

Tue. Oct 1, 12:15pm. Ints. of Marcella Dorado and Leon Rosellini

Wed, Oct 2; 8:15am. No intention

Thu. Oct 3, 12:15pm. No intention

Fri. Oct 4, 8:15am. No intention

Sat. Oct 5, 4pm. + Mary Tresh

Sun. Oct 6, 8:30am. People of the Parish

10:30am. Ints. of Flora Faltado

Events for the Week

Sat & Sun Masses **Wear your Sunday Best Again**

Sun. Sept 29, 10:30am. Children’s Liturgy of the Word during Mass time

Tues. Oct. 1 6:30pm Socials Mtg./CI

Wed. Oct. 2 4:30pm Filipino Mtg./Hall

Fri. Oct. 4 4:30pm Social Justice Mtg./CI
5pm Blessing of animals

Sunday Readings

Reading I: Numbers 11:25-29, Reading II: James 5:1-6,
Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Sunday Reflection

The Inside Story You and I, we have an exterior aspect, of course. But we also have an interior one. This seems to be the key to this Sunday’s Gospel.

Our *exterior* is what we often make use of to interact in a daily fashion with everything and everybody, without thinking about it. This is our outside. Acting from it, we may come across to others as, e.g., decisive or fun-loving or threatening or shy or easy to talk to, or who knows what else. It is how we make our way through the day in a busy world, or even in a non-busy time (e.g., reserved for watching TV, drinking beer, staying busy all the time, and so on).

Be alert for the Spirit within other persons and respect them for it, even if you do not like them.

We can find clues to our *interior* self in a calm time, such as we find at a quiet lake or at the sight of a budding tree or in the company of a much-loved friend. Stillness then emerges, a hushed sense of well-being. This deep interior is where feelings and thoughts can be themselves, can be just as happy or as sad as they feel like being

The Spirit of God chooses to dwell in these interior depths. Not because there is something wrong with the outside, but because the deep interior is where we are made in God’s image. There we are quietly open, desiring to give real love to other people and to receive it. And, if we knew it, to and from God.

The exterior sometimes dwells its life in storm, sometimes in sunlight. It is able at times to out-shout the inside! I want food. I want revenge. I am grouchy. I got three hours of sleep last night, gimmee rest. Gimmee pleasure. Gimmee triumph. I want everything. Gimmee!

Fine, but what if you get all these demands? What if you gain the whole world but in the process lose your very self?

You and I do get caught up in gaining external things. For instance, in Luke 12:15-24 Jesus points out this tendency. He says something like this:

You have built still another barn to hold your riches! But this very night God will ask your actual soul of you, and what will you take with you? Your riches? No. The way you look? No. Your interior self is all that can come with you when you die. God dwells in that inner self, in the quiet recesses of your being.

Today’s Gospel. does not receive well those who lead others away from their interior. Jesus says how he might react to anyone who teaches children

in such a way.

Whoever causes sin in one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. Gospel.

Maybe you were taught in this way. But do you really now want to ignore such a crucial part of yourself, while there is still time to find it? Why not let your inner self have a chance, as Jesus suggests. How?

Spend some time in quiet each day. Have the heart to give a cup of water to someone thirsty. Be alert for the Spirit within other persons and respect them for it. Even if you do not like them.

You will be following Sunday's Gospel!

John Foley, SJ

Discussion Question: Do Catholics have an in on being saved as compared to other denominations and religions?

Parish Stewardship for Sept 22th: \$3,061. **Thank you but OUCH as we were short almost \$2,000 from this needed collection.**

**Fri. Oct. 11th
from 5:30-8pm.**



**Tri-Tip
Dinner**

\$25 PER PERSON

For the \$25 you will get:

Tossed Salad, Bread,
a Baked Potato, Beans,

Marinated Tr-Tip, & ice cream.

Water, Wine, and Beer

will be sold separately. Take out
is \$30 and children under 10 \$15

Buy your tickets after Mass & at the office.

Ticket sales end on Tues., Oct 8th.

Thank you: to Linda Biondini for the floral arrangements for the altars.



We thank Fr. Christopher who is celebrating the 4pm mass today.

Please pray for our infirmed: Aubrey Adams, Andrea Davis, Patrick Dempsey, Marlene Dentoni, Marcella Dorado, Rosita Faltado, Bill Gardon, Jane Ginn, Jeanette Guidry, Regina Hill, Marcelina Morales, Pat O'Brien, Cavan O'Connell, Sione Palu, Nicholas Patrick, The Rivas Family, Lora Sansom, Robert Scarpone, Suad Shami, Jim Turegano, Orinia Vanderlind, Malik Whitehorse, and Marilyn Wills.

Faith Formation Ministry

Quote of the Week

**"Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity.
Serve the Lord with laughter."**

(St. Padre Pio)

Sunday, September 29th

9:30-10:25am 1st Year Confirmation Class

10:30am Children's Liturgy of The Word

5-6:30pm Level 3 Atrium CGS

No Youth Group (5th Sunday of the Month)

Tuesday, October 1st

4-5:30pm Level 1 Atrium CGS

4-5:30pm Level 2 Atrium CGS

Wednesday, October 2nd

2-3pm 1st Year First Communion Class/CI

3:30-4:30pm 2nd Year First Communion/CI

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Is your family interested in offering your child a relationship with God. Join us in the atrium. We are excited to announce

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be starting this week. On Sunday, September 29th we welcome ages 9-12 in level 3 from 5pm to 6:30pm. Tuesday, October 1st from 4pm to 5:30pm we welcome the children back to the atrium ages 2-6 and ages 6-9 in levels 1 & 2.

Filipino Ministry We invite all parishioners to join the Filipino-American Ministry in prayer to Our Lady of

Perpetual Help this Wed., Oct. 2nd at

4:30pm in the church followed by our

meeting at 5pm in the classroom. You are

invited to bring a snack to share. Please be

on the lookout for our Agenda in your email.

If you have an interest in sharing your

SAVE THE DATE We are preparing for our

Filipino Saints Mass on Oct. 20th at the 10:30am Mass.

The SES Café will be joining us to assist with refreshments at both Masses, 8:30 & 10:30



The Social Justice Ministry will be coordinating "The winter coat drive for the homeless people of Rohnert Park." beginning on Tues. Oct 1st during the month of October. We will have boxes situated in the vestibule of church. We're hoping to get warm items for the winter: coats, hats,



blanket sweaters, sleeping bags, scarves. What we can gather we will hand off to a task force called "The Unsheltered Friends Outreach (UFO)" who tend to the homeless people in Rohnert Park. We have been very generous in the past here in our parish and we hope to continue to be generous.

The Welcoming Church begins next Sunday, Oct. 6th for those adults wishing to be baptized, become Catholic from another denomination, confirmed, and anyone who wants to know their faith more deeply in order to have a stronger relationship with the Lord are asked to sign-up at the table next to the Scrip Table where we are taking reservations for these sessions.



The Gospel According to St John Bible Study and faith sharing begins on Oct 8th at 1 pm in the hall classroom. Every week will be shown on a DVD the actual Gospel of John. We will learn at what his words means and reflect on how the Gospel of John touches our faith. The sessions will be for one hour and all you will need is an appetite for the free lunch, soup or salad (pending how hot the weather is). Notes will be provided. Sign-ups for the sessions are full...20 people!

The Executive Leadership Board of the parish met last week and we want to congratulate Tony Madia who was chosen to be the chairperson of this important group and Linda Biondini who will assist. This executive board leads the Pastoral Council the representatives of the organizations and ministries of the parish.



IMPORTANT DAYS AHEAD WITH THE SAINTS



On October 1, Catholics around the world honor the life of St. Thérèse

of the Child Jesus, or St. Thérèse of Lisieux on her feast day. St. Thérèse was born January 2, 1873 in France Her mother died when she was four, leaving her father and elder sisters to raise her. On Christmas Day 1886 St. Thérèse had a profound experience of intimate union with God, which she described as a "complete conversion." Almost a year later, in a papal audience during a pilgrimage to Rome, in 1887, she asked for and obtained permission from Pope Leo XIII to enter the Carmelite Monastery at the young age of 15. On entering, she devoted herself to living a life of holiness, doing all things with love and childlike trust in God. She struggled with life in the convent, but decided to make an effort to be charitable to all, especially those she didn't like. She performed little acts of charity always, and little sacrifices not caring how unimportant they seemed. These acts helped her come to a deeper understanding of her vocation. "Charity gave me the key to my vocation. I understood that the Church had a Heart and that this Heart was burning with love. I knew that one love drove the members of the Church to action, that if this love were extinguished, the apostles would have proclaimed the Gospel no longer, the martyrs would have shed their blood no more. I understood that Love comprised all vocations, that Love was everything.

The Feast of Guarding Angels, Wed. Oct 2nd
No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, for to His Angels God has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways. Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. He has charged His angels with the ministry of watching and safeguarding every one of His creatures that behold not His face.



Kingdoms have their angels assigned to them, and men have their angels; these latter it is to whom religion designates the Holy Guardian Angels. Our Lord says in the Gospel, "Beware lest ye scandalize any of these little ones, for their angels in heaven see the face of My Father."

St Francis of Assisi, Friday Oct 4th Born in Italy circa 1181, Saint Francis of Assisi was renowned for



drinking and partying in his youth. After fighting in a battle between Assisi and Perugia, Francis was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison — awaiting his father's payment — and, according to legend, began

receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, Francis heard the voice of Christ, who told him to repair the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. Consequently, he abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the faith, his reputation spreading all over the Christian world.

Later in life, Francis reportedly received a vision that left him with the stigmata of Christ — marks resembling the wounds Jesus Christ suffered when he was crucified — making Francis the first person to receive such holy wounds.

During his life he also developed a deep love of nature and animals and is known as the patron saint of the environment and animals; his life and words have had a lasting resonance with millions of followers across the globe. Each October, many animals the world over are blessed on his feast day.

Want to advertise in the Bulletin? Call the office

Ministry Schedule for October 5th and 6th

4:00 pm Mass

Reader: Tony Madia, Linda Anderson

EMS: Betty Bishop, Janice Dyer, Evelyn Estrella

Ushers: Selena Johnson, Mark Johnson

Greeters: Roxanne Bialkoski, Luisa Bustillos

Sunday 8:30am Mass

Readers: Liz Ritchie, Phillip Alvarado

EMS: Dave Grundman, Larry Biondini, Maureen Sheridan Scott

Ushers: Diane Cook, Remie Alinas

Greeters: Jo and Larry Ruminson

10:30am Mass

Readers: Char Mayclin, Marie Horwitz

EMS: Bill Yates, Giovanna Desimone, Mila Morrical

Ushers: Augustin Gonzalez, Lorraine Datu

Greeters: Fred and Janet Adam

Coming Events

1. Fri Oct 4th Blessing of Animals 5pm in the courtyard
2. Fri, Oct 11th Tri-Tip Dinner 5:30-8pm.
3. Oct 14-17th Diocesan Priests Retreat
4. Sun, Oct 20th Mass of the Filipino Saints 10:30am.
5. Fri, Oct 25th Family Movie Night 5-7:30pm.
6. Nov 1st All Saints Day Masses 12 noon and 7pm.
7. Nov 2nd All Souls Day Mass 9am.
8. Nov 2 & 3 Crafts Faire by the Women's Guild



New Mustangs Admissions Timeline

Class of 2029 & Transfers

- October 20th: Annual Open House -for the whole family!
- December 1st: Priority Applications Due
- December 1st: AP Capstone Application Due
- December 1st: Priority Tuition Assistance Applications Due
- December 7th: Placement Test #1 (Required for Priority Applicants)
- January 23rd - Scholarship Applications Due
- January 25th - Placement Test #2 (non-Transfers only)
- February 1st - Priority Acceptance Notification

Use this QR Code to register your family for the SV Open House!



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