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Church Doors are open from 7:30am.-7pm daily.

Sunday, Oct 6, 2024

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Marriage Is
Serious Business
Mark 10:2-12**

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 TBA

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. Oct. 5, 4:00pm. + Mary Tresh

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

10:30am. Ints. of Floro Faltado

Mon, Oct. 7, 8:15am. **Yes, there is Mass today.**

Tue. Oct 8, 12:15pm. + Christie Hao

Wed, Oct 9 8:15am. + Lourdes Lira

Thu. Oct 10, 12:15pm. Ints. of Lisa Rivas

Fri. Oct 11, 8:15am. + Ann Culligan

Sat. Oct 12, 4pm. +Angelo & Kathy Leonardi

Sun. Oct 13, 8:30am. Ints. of the Parish

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Parish Stewardship for Sept 2024: 9/1 \$4,283
9/8 \$8,400, 9/15 \$4,955, 9/22 \$3,731, 9/29 \$4,713

Sunday Average: \$5,449. Deficit for the month: \$2,724. Diocesan Seminarians: \$1,496 Church Maintenance: \$1,795, On-line giving \$1,124.30. The on-line giving is up about \$500 more at this time than it was this same time last year.

Events this Week

Sun. Oct. 6, 10:30am. Children's Liturgy of the Word

12noon Welcoming Church

Mon. Oct. 7, 6:30pm. Men's Club Mtg.

Tue. Oct. 8, 1:00pm. Bible Study

6:45pm. Women's Guild Mtg.

Fri. Oct. 11, 5:30-8pm. Tri-Tip Dinner

Sunday Readings

Reading I: Genesis 2:18-24, **Reading II:** Hebrews 2:9-11,

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Sunday Reflection

Marriage In the Gospel Reading Christ has a stern thing to say about all marriages: if a husband divorces his wife and marries again, he commits adultery, and so does his wife if she remarries.

Given that saying, why would anyone want to marry?

The First Reading describes the way God arranged the first marriage. When Adam is without Eve, God says that it isn't good for Adam to be alone—and that's the reason for God's creating Eve and arranging Adam's marriage to her.

But who made the man in such a way that it isn't good for him to be alone? God did, didn't he? God didn't make the angels this way. Angels don't get married. They don't have children either. No angel is in himself the union of two other angels, who merged something of themselves to form him.

As far as that goes, angels have no gender either. An angel isn't male or female. No angel can say to another angel, "You complete me." It is perfectly fine for an angel to be alone.

Human beings have what angels lack: the glorious richness of embodied, gendered human life. But there is a fragility about this rich embodied life too. Those who do get married are open to each other and dependent on each other, and so they become terribly vulnerable to each other, too.

And here it is worth noticing that both the Readings focus on men. In the First Reading, God's arrangements for Adam have the result Adam sketches: a man will leave his parents and cling to his wife. In the Gospel Reading, Christ is responding to the Pharisees' question whether it is lawful for a husband to divorce his wife. Most of the time, in the post-fall world, the risks of marriage are unequally distributed between the genders. They tend to fall more on women than on men. ``

When God made human beings embodied and gendered, he gave them the great gift, lacking for the

angels, that they could be joined together for life in marriage, with children. We who live in the post-fall world that Adam bequeathed us, this gift comes beset with risks for heart-breaking suffering. The challenge for us is to preserve the promise and beauty of God's gift. The perils of marriage for women—and also for men—is hedged in by Christ's stern prohibition against divorce. Eleonore Stump

Discussion question: For those married, how do you cherish and nurture your relationships as a spouse and as a family?

Fri. Oct. 11th

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..

Tickets are still available!

Ticket sales end on Tues., Oct 8th

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



Thank you: Kent Smith and David Grundman for the relining of the parking lot

Please pray for our ill: Aubrey Adams, Andrea Davis, Patrick Dempsey, Marlene Dentoni, Marcella Dorado, Rosita Faltado, Bill Gardon, Jeanette Guidry, Regina Hill, Mike La Plante, Frank Manhoso, Marcelina Morales, Pat O'Brien, Cavan O'Connell, Sione Palu, Nicholas Patrick, The Rivas Family, Lora Sansom, Robert Scarpone, Suad Shami, Cecilia Tarrant, Dominique Tarrant, Orinia Vanderlind, Malik Whitehorse, and Marilyn Wills.



Faith Formation Ministry

Quote of the Week

"Families-For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

(Luke 12:34)

Sunday, October 6th

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

10:30am Children's Liturgy of The Word

5-6:30pm Level 3 Atrium CGS

5-7pm Youth Group

Tuesday, October 7th

4-5:30pm Level 1 Atrium CGS

4-5:30pm Level 2 Atrium CGS

Wednesday, October 8th

2-3pm 1stYear First Communion/CI

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

Friday, October 11th

5-7pm Craft Workshop for youth group/CI

Sunday, October 13th

9:30-10:25am 1st Year Confirmation/CI

10:30am Children's Liturgy of The Word

5-6:30pm Level 3 Atrium CGS

5-6:30pm 2nd Year Confirmation Class/CL

Tuesday, October 15th

4-5:30pm Level 1 Atrium CGS

4-5:30pm Level 2 Atrium CGS

Wednesday, October 16th

2-3pm 1st Year First Communion/CI

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

We still have a few spots for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atriums, please inquire with Miss Jennifer via email sesreled@gmail.com. This is a great way to grow in God's love

Pope calls for October 7 to be day of prayer and fasting for peace

Pope Francis says that "in this dramatic hour of our history, while the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and nations," the Christian community is reminded of its call to "put itself at the service of humanity".

The Pope was speaking after Mass in St Peter's Square for the opening of the second session of the General Assembly of the Synod.

He invited all the synod members to accompany him on a visit to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major on October 6, the day before the anniversary, where, he said, he will "address a heartfelt petition to the Virgin" for peace.

How Will You Pray and Fast on October 7th for Peace in Our World?

There will be Mass at 8:15am.

The Social Justice Ministry will be coordinating "The winter coat drive for the homeless people of

Rohnert Park." began on Tues. Oct 1st. It will continue for 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.

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.

Pastor's Corner Two things: A man was offered a job over a month ago as janitor here as he is a janitor elsewhere but he gave me the wrong phone number...Please Call!

A couple wishing to marry next year and were given a date I believe in the Fall...Please Call!.

Remember **No Smoking** on the Church Property!
No Drivers Training in the parking lot. Sorry!

The Welcoming Church begins today, 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. All are invited!



The Gospel According to St John Bible Study with



and faith sharing begins this Tuesday at 1pm in the hall classroom. I want to thank those who have signed up: Sharon Burge, Maureen Sheridan Scott, Julie LaPlante, Ofelia Cutrone, Evelyn Estrella, Bill Yates, Heigi Pillor, Mark Johnson, Selena Johnson, Linda Biondini, Linda Shane, Theresa Miller, Olga Dorado, Linda Anderson, Vicky Gregorio, Betty Bishop, Lyn Cramer, Lucy Anslow, Kathleen Meisel, and Para Girella. I hope you all show up as I had to turn people down as we can only have 20.

Coming Events

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

Halloween Festivity for Children of all Ages

Friday October 25th Free Family Movie night for kids of all ages



We will have **TRUNK OR TREAT** around the fountain from 5-6 pm

hosted by the ministries in our parish and a free dinner with chips.



The family movie "Encanto" will begin at 6pm.



Wear a costume !!



Come join us and have fun!

Bring your sleeping bags or blanket to sit on the hall floor and we will have some chairs for the older kids



SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, Oct 7th Our Lady of the Rosary



On October 7, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the yearly feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Known for several centuries by the alternate title of "Our Lady of Victory," the feast day takes place in honor of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion.

Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe. The feast always occurs one week after the similar Byzantine celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, which most Eastern Orthodox Christians and Eastern Catholics celebrate on

October 1 in memory of a 10th-century military victory which protected Constantinople against invasion after a reported Marian apparition.

Pope Leo XIII was particularly devoted to Our Lady of the Rosary, producing 11 encyclicals on the subject of this feast and its importance in the course of his long pontificate.

In the first of them, 1883's "Supremi Apostolatus Officio," he echoed the words of the oldest known Marian prayer (known in the Latin tradition as the "Sub Tuum Praesidium"), when he wrote, "It has always been the habit of Catholics in danger and in troublous times to fly for refuge to Mary."

Do you ever pray the Rosary?

DID YOU KNOW?

The Holy water fonts located at the entrances of churches are meant to remind us that we were purified in baptism and to seek forgiveness of our post-baptismal sins. In addition to being a reminder of the rebirth experienced at Baptism, holy water fonts also provide a practical function that helps us transition from the secular world into the House of God.

Since in vitro fertilization (IVF) creates lives, how could anyone think it's wrong?

The **wrongness of IVF** often gets obscured by people pointing to the children who came from IVF and assuming that their intrinsic goodness validates the method that brought them into existence. Children who came into existence through adultery, fornication, rape, prostitution, or via surrogacy are just as intrinsically good, but that doesn't mean that the way that they came into the world is good or should be defended.

Arguments against IVF include that human embryos are often purposefully destroyed in this process when they are not implanted, which is the direct killing of innocent human beings

The documentary *Eggsploitation* exposes how college-aged women, who are often struggling financially, are coerced by offers of tens of thousands of dollars to donate their eggs, even at great risk to themselves. IVF also frequently relies on women acting as surrogate wombs to birth these embryos. Pope Francis, in a January 8 address to the diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See, has recently called for a global ban on surrogacy, saying, "I deem deplorable the practice of so-called surrogate motherhood, which represents a grave violation of the dignity

of the woman and the child, based on the exploitation of situations of the mother's material needs."

The most basic reason that IVF is wrong is because children have a right to come into existence in their mother's body and be protected from coming into existence in a laboratory, where they might be shipped off to their mother's womb, or a stranger's womb, or to cold storage indefinitely. The *Catechism* says, children have "the right 'to be the fruit of the specific act of the conjugal love of his parents,' and 'the right to be respected as a person from the moment of [their] conception'"

Ministry Schedule for October 12th and 13th **4:00 pm Mass**

Reader: Caroline Stevens, Linda Biondini

EMS: Gloria Bacani, Tony Madia, Luisa Bustillos

Ushers: Tony & Beth Turegano

Greeters: Tony & Julie Piazza

Sunday 8:30am Mass

Readers: Maria Van Anne, Maureen Sheridan Scott

EMS: Patty Ramos, John Buhagiar, Remie Alinas

Ushers: Liz Ritchie, Mary Thayer

Greeters: Alan & Caroline Kalaw

10:30am Mass

Readers: Nora John, Evelyn Estrella

EMS: Milambo Gaudence, Evelyn Estrella, Linda Shane

Ushers: Linda Shane, Nativity Mata

Greeters: Giovanna De Simone, Sally Shami

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Question Poll after Holy Communion

- 1. Do you get the Diocesan North Coast Catholic in your Mail?**
- 2. Do you read the digital version online?**
- 3. What do you like most about it?**
- 4. What would you like to see in it?**
- 5. If you do not read it...why?**

