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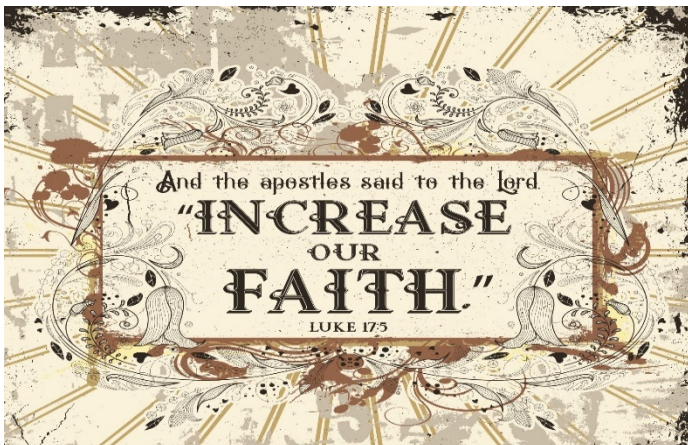
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Office Hours: Tues. through Fri. 9am. - 1pm

Church doors open from 7:30am –7pm.



Oct. 5, 2025, 27th Sunday



of Ordinary Time

“if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you.”

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Diaz #4

Office Manager: Chris Giacometti: #1

Mass times: #2

Youth Faith Formation: Jennifer Bedoka #3

Executive Board: Tony Madia/Chairperson, Linda Biondini/Vice Chairperson, Katie Chase, Larry Ruminson, Julie La Plante

Sacraments and Devotions

Reconciliation: Sundays: 9:45-10:15am & Thurs 1-1:30

Marriage: One year notice to the pastor.

Infant Baptism: 1month notice. Preparation TBA.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call Fr. Tom. Usually, it is celebrated after the 10:30 Sunday Mass next to the St. Joseph

The Rosary: ½ hr. before weekday Masses.

Divine Chaplet: Tuesdays after the 12:15 Mass

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat/Oct. 4	4:00	+Donald Rico
Sun/Oct. 5	8:30	People of the Parish
	10:30	+Doris Buvelot
Tues/Oct. 7	12:15	For All Priests
Wed/Oct. 8	8:15	int. Raul Ramirez
Thurs/Oct. 9	12:15	int. Catherine Ramirez
Fri/Oct. 10	8:15	+Lourdes & Aurora Lira
Sa/ Oct. 11	11:00	Woman of the Year Mass
Sat/ Oct. 11	4:00	+Bridget Hynes
Sun/ Oct.12	8:30	People of the Parish
	10:30	+Abel Sagon

Weekly Events

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

Tue. Oct. 7, 5:00pm Socials Mtg/Ci

Wed. Oct 8, 10:00am Finance Mtg/Ci

Sat. Oct.11, 11:00am Woman of the Year Celebration

Please pray for the health intentions for: Sherman Chan, Gus Chang, Mary Couto, Patrick Dempsey, Marcella Dorado, Anthony Eger, Jeanne Fields, Louise Galassi, Dave Grundman, Theresa M, Nancy Keegan, Patricia Lauterjung, Kelly Limberg, Frank Manhoso, Charles Mc Collum, Larry Ng, Robert Perrill, Mary Piccioni, Lisa Rivas, Robert Scarpone, Kathleen Schick, Dominique and Cecilia Tarrant, Jessica Thompson, Malik Whitehorse. If you want a name on the list, please call the office.

Remembering last Sunday's Homily

- We are made to the image and likeness of God and so we need to respect life.
- The rich man was not generous but totally enamored by himself and ignored Lazarus until he wanted something.
- The main sin of the rich man was not his lack of generosity but that he showed no respect.
and saw himself as better than everyone else.
- He had the deadly sin of pride.

This Sunday Readings

Reading I: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4, **Reading II:** 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14, **Gospel:** Luke 17: 5-10

A Little is a Lot In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that if you have faith even as big as a mustard seed, you could command trees and they would

obey you. A mustard seed is *very* small. But none of us can get trees to obey our commands. And so, from this, it is clear that the faith any of us has is not even a very small amount.

That's not the only disheartening thought in the Gospel Reading. It gets worse. No matter how much faith you have, as the Gospel Reading makes plain, you are still highly unsatisfactory. Jesus says that, however hard you work in the service of the Lord, at the end of the day, recognizing all your sins in the day, you should say to yourself, I am an unprofitable servant of the Lord's.

This isn't a good thought to have before going to bed, is it? And it does make it hard to get out of bed in the morning, too. Who wants to wake up with this thought: "Oh boy, another day for me to be my sinful self! At the end of this day, I will be inadequate, unsatisfactory, and unprofitable!"

You can see why the prophet in the First Reading would say to the Lord, "How long, O Lord!" The prophet thinks it is hard to wait for the Lord to do something about the sins of other people. But it can be hard to wait for the Lord to take care of our own sins too. How long indeed!

But the First Reading also says that the just will live by faith. Now real living is joyous, not depressive. And here's another thing to see. The First Reading doesn't mention *how much* faith you need in order to live. So, apparently, any amount is enough. Your faith doesn't have to be even mustard seed size. You will still live, really *live*, as long as you have any faith at all.

And so we can wait for the Lord to do something about our sins. It doesn't take even as much faith as a mustard seed for us to live. And if we live in the Lord, then we can also rejoice in the Lord, even if we are also still unprofitable servants.

And if it brings a life of joy in the Lord, then however little our faith is, it is a lot, isn't it? And that is itself a joyful thought. Eleonore Stump

Discussion Question: Habakkuk speaks of misery and violence. What helps you survive misery in your life? In a tough situation can faith sustain you?

Family Connection

There is much in today's Gospel that resonates in family life. In our daily attempts as parents to live up to the confidence and trust that our children place in us, we come to know the wonders that God can do with just a little faith. In family life we also learn about obligations that are their own rewards. The daily tasks that family members do for one another and for the household are simply the manifestations of our responsibilities to one another.

Take a turn with each member of the family and identify some of the little things that each family member does that make a big difference in your family life.

Read today's Gospel, Luke 17:5-10. Talk about how each person is called upon by God to believe that God can work miracles in our lives, that God can use us to make a difference in our world.

Together as a family, pray Saint Ignatius of Loyola's **Prayer of Generosity**. Ask that God will work through your family to make a difference in the lives of those around you.

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve;

to give and not to count the cost,

to fight and not to heed the wounds,

to toil and not to seek for rest,

to labor and not to ask for any reward,

save that of knowing that I am doing your will.

Amen

Parish Stewardship for September:

Sept. 6-7: \$6,655, 13-14: \$4,372, 20-21: \$4,367, 27-28: \$4,809. Church Maintenance: \$2,234.

Seminary Formation: \$2,122. The 2nd collection next week is for Building Maintenance

The Diocesan Ministry Appeal through Sept.

Goal: \$20,300, Money pledged: \$61,134, Money received: \$55,163, Rebate: \$34,863. Thank you!

Families participating: 162=28. We still have three months to give!

Faith Formation Ministry

Quote of the Week

"Teach us to Give and not count the cost."

St. Ignatius De Loyola



Sunday, October 5th

9:30 am 2nd Year Confirmation/CL

10:30 am Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word

5-6:30 pm Youth Group/Hall

Wednesday, October 8th

3-4:30 pm 1st and 2nd Year 1st Communion Classes

3-4:30 pm CGS Level 3/LG Atrium

Sunday, October 12th

9:30 am 2nd Year Confirmation/CL

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

5-6:30 pm 1st Year Confirmation/CL



We invite any youth who would like to help faith formation make crafts for our SES Craft Fair in November!

Saturday, October 25th

11am-1pm Holiday items and Dog Treats

October 17th at 6pm

You are welcome to join us for Bible Trivia in

**Oct! Date: October 17th at 6pm. Email
sesreled@gmail.com if interested in
joining us!**



Ministry Schedule Oct. 4th & 5th

4pm Mass

Readers: Linda Anderson, Heigi Pillor

EMS: Gloria Bacani, Luisa Bustillos, Beth Turegano

Ushers: Mark & Selina Johnson

Greeters: Luisa Bustillos, Tony Piazza

8:30am Mass

Readers: Maureen Sheridan Scott, Scott Crossen

EMS: Mary Thayer, Dave Grundman, Larry Biondini

Ushers: Maureen Sheridan Scott, Diane Cook

Greeters: Mary Thayer, Liz Chang

10:30am Mass

Readers: Nora John, Linda Anderson

EMS: Giovanna DeSimone, Julie LaPlante, Evelyn

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Ushers: Nativity Mata, Sally Shami

Greeters: Giovanna DeSimone, Julie LaPlante

Ministry Schedule Oct. 11th & 12th

4pm Mass

Readers: Tony Sacramento, Tony Madia

EMS: Linda Mish, Janice Dyer, Dianne Foppoli

Ushers: Tony & Beth Turegano

Greeters: Ron & Debra Ciarasso

8:30am Mass

Readers: Liz Ritchie, Maureen Sheridan Scott

EMS: Diane Cook, Mary Thayer, Dave Grundman

Ushers: Liz Chang, Diane Cook

Greeters: Larry & Jo Ruminson

10:30am Mass

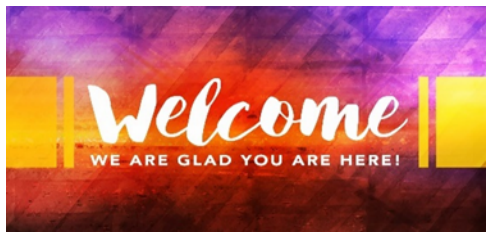
Readers: Linda Biondini, Marie Horwitz

EMS: Nora John, Giovanna DeSimone, Nativity

Mata

Ushers: Dianne Foppoli, Sally Shami

Greeters: Fred and Janet Adam



**The Welcoming Church is a journey through
different spiritual phases of increasing maturity
and faith by which one prepares to commit
oneself to Jesus Christ and His Church.**

Who is the Welcoming Church for:

Any unbaptized person who seeks to

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follow Christ in his Church as preparation for
Christian discipleship through baptism,
confirmation, and the Eucharist.

- **Anyone baptized from another Christian community** seeking to be Catholic through preparation for Confirmation and Holy Communion.
- **Any baptized Catholic** who wishes to be confirmed and possibly celebrate First Communion.
- **Any baptized Catholic who seeks to increase his faith** understanding and faith in Jesus Christ.

These sessions of enlightenment will begin this coming **Sunday, Oct 12th at 1pm.** for gatherings of about 1.5 hours through May in our hall. No commitment is needed at this time as you cannot put a date on conversion. Please call the office to register 707 585-3708 or confirm that you are coming by Tuesday of this week.

Do you know of a person interested?



Pastor's Corner

We

We bow before receiving the Lord in the Eucharist out of honor and respect to the Lord. If we receive the Lord in our hand we put one hand over the other in receiving Him and take the bottom hand and put the host in our mouth after we have taken a step to the side. After the Lord is in our mouth we then return to the pew.

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Now, that we are learning not to rush in receiving Holy Communion but ponder in our hearts who we are receiving when hear the words, "The Body of Christ" and then say "Amen. Do I mumble the word.

We should be encouraged to fully participate in the Mass, **with some enthusiasm say, "Amen."**

Special thanks to John Buhagiar and Dave Grundman for fixing the accordion stage door and bathroom repair in the hall and helping with a lot of other things.

Special thanks to Mary Denson and Maureen Sheridan Scott for working on the Ministry Schedule for the parish.

Special thanks to Brian Bedoka for all his labor for faith Formation.

Special Thanks to the Angels of Hope for their Ministry in funeral celebrations.

Special thanks to Mary Thayer and Cesira Heric for watching the office while Chris was away.

Thank you to Loud and Clear for fixing the problem with our headphones for those who are hard of hearing

Special thanks to Brook Norris for his Musical accompaniment at Mass as he returns to Florida.

Special thanks to the floral arrangers in the church as they took time to take a class on floral arranging.

Special thanks to our musicians, Thuy and Brian, for their extra time given to cover music at Mass with Andy Darrow gone for a spell.

Special thanks to our money counters who show up every week to count and put in order our collections.

Special thanks to Sally Shami and her family for watering garden areas at our facility

More "Thankyou's" next week!



Saint Pius V established the feast of **Our Lady of Victory**

to thank God for the Christian defeat of the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to praying the rosary. Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to Feast of the Holy Rosary—originally celebrated on the first Sunday in October—in 1573. Pope Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716. And in 1913, Saint Pius X set the date for the feast that we know today of October 7.

The development of the rosary has a long

history. First a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys. Soon a mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary. Though Mary's giving of the rosary to Saint Dominic is recognized as a legend, the development of this prayer form owes much to the followers of Saint Dominic.

One of them, Alan de la Roche, was known as "the apostle of the rosary." He founded the first Confraternity of the Rosary in the 15th century. In the 16th century, the rosary was developed to consist of 15 mysteries: joyful, sorrowful and glorious. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the five Mysteries of Light to this devotion.

The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death, and resurrection. The "Our Fathers" remind us that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. The "Hail Marys" remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The "Glory Bes" remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity.

The rosary appeals to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.

Remember that Pope Leo XIV has asked us to pray the Rosary every day during Oct. for peace

Visual handouts of how to say the Rosary are available in the vestibule



We're donating 20% back!

Support our youth group and

*make plans to have pizza on
October 8th & 9th at Mountain
Mike's, or for takeout. Rohnert
Park locations: 6314 Commerce
Blvd. or 1451 Southwest Blvd
#117.*

*Flyers are available this
weekend with
instructions on how to have 20%
of your bill donated to
Youth Ministry*