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The Church is

open daily 7:30am – 6:30pm.

October 25, 2026
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Sacraments and Devotions

Reconciliation: Sundays: 9:45-10:15am,
Thu 1-1:30pm

Marriage: One year notice to the pastor.

Infant Baptism: The preparation session is today
Sun., at 1:30/hall you must be registered in advance
to attend.

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

The Rosary: ½ hr. before weekday Masses.

Divine Chaplet: Tuesdays after the 12:15 Mass

Exposition & Benediction: Thu. 12:45-1:45pm.

The Welcoming Church: Wed. 6pm/Hall

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

Sat/Oct 24	4pm	+Moyra Moy
Sun/Oct 25	8:30am	+ Rebecca Darlene Ingerson
	10:30am	People of the Parish
Tue/Oct 27	12:15pm	+Linda Mc Creary
Wed/Oct 28	8:15am	Ints. of Adelia & James
Thu/Oct 29	12:15pm	Ints of Nancy & James
		Keegan
Fri/Oct 30	8:15am	Ints of Mary Piccioni
Sat/Oct 31	4pm	+Edmundo Rombeiro
Sun/Nov 1	8:30am	+Lydia Leano

10:30am People of the Parish

Stewardship for October 20, 2026

Plate \$4,628. Mission Appeal \$1,957

Events in the Parish

Sun/Oct 25 8:30> Men's Club Breakfast

10:30am Children's Liturgy of the
Word

1:30pm Baptismal Session/Hall

Tue/Oct 27 5:30pm Living Rosary/Church

Wed/Oct 28 Noon Potluck Luncheon

6pm Welcoming Church

Last Sunday's Homily Highlights

- Give to God what is God's and the government what is the government's.
- God is number 1 and our flag represents number 2. God rules over all.
- We live in the world, but our hearts belong to God alone.

Sunday Scripture Readings

Reading I: Exodus 22:20-26, **Reading II:** 1

Thessalonians 1:5c-10, **Gospel:** Matthew 22:34-40.

Sunday Reflection

Look What Love Is Doing Kids go through grade school and high school with important questions to face. Am I "in" with the crowd? Can I hold my own against the bullies, can I get along with girls, can I get along with the boys, did I wear the right clothes, am I cool enough? These are obviously more important and more crucial than anything else in their lives.

This was the case in my own life, and I suppose it was the reason I did not think much about the place of "love" in the overall scheme of life. Of course, who "thinks" when they are in high school? Then as a college freshman I had Fr. Robert Boyle, S.J., for English literature. He was a great teacher, without question, and one proof of his greatness lay in a statement he often made:

If you want to know what is happening in a work of literature, look what love is doing. Look at what love is doing! "What?" my barely 18-year-old self gasped.

I had never known explicitly that love was such a big deal. I thought it was something parents have for you and tell you about it over and over. Could it really be the key to plays, poems, novels, short stories and literature? The key to humanity? I had better pay attention. We went through Shakespeare, Hopkins, Joyce, Keats, Milton, and I can't remember how many more. The clouds parted and I began to see that Boyle was right: characters' lives do center around something called "love" or the lack of it. Try it out when you read your next

serious novel or short story. Which character acts out of real regard for the other(s) and which does not? What happens as a result? Oh, and what about love in our own lives? Have you discovered that love is quite a bit more than pretense, more than an ideal, more than just a thing we crave from others, and certainly more than just pleasure? Have you seen that learning to love is the very air inhaled by such everyday importances as work, relaxation, attractions, happiness? Without love's living atmosphere none of these could breathe, nor could we.

In Sunday's Gospel Jesus says this in no uncertain terms You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ...You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

"What?" we might exclaim (as I did in college). We thought that law consisted of commands placed upon us from the outside, rules whose violation would bring punishment! What is this about law depending on love?

Well, take a look. God does not fail at love. God waits. God says, "how wonderful that you are learning!" God says, "I love every person on earth. And you: you are my beloved. I am at your side as you learn to open to me and to others."

You and I do not judge ourselves as succeeding in this very often, so we need laws to help us. But the root of law and of life is love of others. It is loving concern under God for human persons. Ultimately, it is an imitation of God's love for us.

"Look what love is doing." John Foley, SJ.

Discussion Question: God's love brought the Israelites out of Egypt where they had been aliens. According to this reading, how were they to repay God's love? How do you repay God's love for you? Do you pass it on? Do you pay it forward?

Family Connection: Children learn about love from real, concrete examples witnessed in family life. We can help children to love God and love their neighbors by showing everyday acts of love, generosity, and kindness—our own expressions of our love for God. These acts, small and large, are the expression of what Jesus identified as the two greatest commandments: love God and love neighbor.

Make a poster together as a family. Write the words *Love God* in the center of the poster and write the words *Love Neighbor* near each of the four sides of the poster. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 22:34-40. Talk about how Jesus

taught us that our love for God is revealed in the love that we show to other people. On the poster, use pictures and words to show some of the ways that your family shows their love for other people. Pray together that your family will continue to express your love for God by loving others. **Pray the Act of Love:** O my God, I love You above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because You are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of You. I forgive all who have injured me and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen



Quote of the Week

"The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary."

St. Francis de Sales

Faith Formation Schedule

Sun., October 25th

9:30am 1st Year Confirmation/CL
5pm 2nd Year Confirmation/CL

Tues., October 27th

3:30pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Ages 3-6/Atrium
5:30 pm Living Rosary/Church

Wed., October 28th

3:30pm First Communion Level 1/CL
3:30pm First Communion Level 2/CL

Sun., November 1st

9:30am 1st Year Confirmation/CL
5pm Youth Group

Volunteer Opportunities please sign up using the links below: Stamp Mass Cards,
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA5AF2AA0F9C52-65333187-20262027>

Assist Wednesday evenings from 3:15pm-5pm
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA5AF2AA0F9C52-65333056-20262027>

You can email sesreled@gmail.com or text if you want to help and get community service hours!

St. Carnival, Sunday, November 1st
Carnival Games

Bow and Arrow 7 Deadly Sins
St. Elizabeth Ann Decorate a Treat
St. Francis Animal Toss
St. Anthony Seek and Find
St. Guadalupe Tattoos
St. Isidore Pumpkin Roll

7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit Cakewalk
Pin the Rose on St Therese of Lisieux

St. Rila Pie Throw Toss (Fr. Tom will be a recipient)

Carnival Food available by donation while supplies last!

Do you like to bake? Faith Formation is looking for cakes for our cake walk on November 1st! Please call or text 707-888-9672 if you can help.

Pastor's Corner

I want to thank the Floral Committee for the sanctuary fall display

I have asked for volunteers to decorate an "All Souls Table/Altar" with pictures of our loved ones but no response. If you have a small picture of a loved one who has died please drop it off at the office, Tues and later on this week.

Whoever donated a kneeler please come and pick it up. I thank you but we do not need it.



The Filipino American Ministry of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton would like to thank everyone who supported our Mass for our

Filipino Saints: our celebrant Fr. Rowell, Blake Rubio for assisting as an altar server; the Filipino choir for leading the music, The Social Committee and Men's Club for helping with set-up and clean-up. Not to mention a special thank you to our Filipino American Ministry without their encouragement, love for our faith this event and



any event we sponsor would not be possible. We look forward to our Simbang Gabi Mass on December

15th

We invite all who can attend prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, seeking her loving intercession and guidance on the first Wed. of every month, Nov. 4th at 4pm in church. Whether you carry a special intention or simply wish to give thanks, your presence will be a blessing to all.

We will continue with our monthly meeting in the hall and all are invited.

With love and blessings, The Filipino-American Society of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Man of the Year 2026.

Is there a man at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton that you feel does an outstanding job in the parish that deserves to be recognized? Is he someone that continually offers his time for the betterment of the parish? The Men's Club is asking parishioners to nominate any man they consider to be qualified to

be selected as Man of the Year. This is a parish sponsored event. Nominees must be a registered parishioner and practicing Catholics. Please complete the form below including your phone number should we need more information. **Place your completed form in the box provided in the vestibule. The Deadline is Sunday, November 1 at noon.** A Man of the Year committee will review all nominations and select the Man of the Year. Selected individual will be announced at the masses the weekend of Nov 8th. Contact Ron Ciarasso for any questions (707) 529-6932

Nomination sheets are available next to the nomination box next to the SCRIP table.

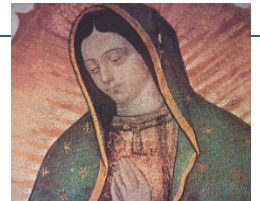


Social Justice Ministry is conducting a clothing drive for the Unsheltered Friends Outreach (UFO) during this month. The needs are for adults only, about 75% are men. Please warm clothes. The clothing drive ends Nov. 1st. Our parish has shown great generosity to the UFO.

God bless you!

Ministerio Hispano Tamale Sale

It is that time again! We are going to have our tamales presales starting this Sat., Oct 24th through Nov. 7th after masses. We are only making 50 dozen! So place your orders! Pick-up will be on Sun. Nov. 15th after the 10:30am Mass. The proceeds will help us pay for the Mariachis we will have on Sat. Dec. 12th for Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass.



Ya se llevo la temporada de tamales! Vamos a empezar la preventa de tamales este 24 de octubre después de cada misa. Solo haremos 50 docenas. Así que ordena la tuya cuanto antes la entrega será el 15 de noviembre. Los fondos se utilizarán para pagar el mariachi que tendremos el 12 de diciembre para darle las mañanitas a La Virgen de Guadalupe.

Sunday November 1st

Women's Guild



4th

Annual Craft Fair

Nov. 7th, 10-4pm, Nov. 8th, 9-1pm

Only Handmade items will be sold.

Preference for space availability
will be given to parishioners.

Direct questions to: Julie LaPlante at
(707)239-0604 or
Lucy Madia at (707)328-5889_

Please Pray this week for: Robert Beasley, Joe Arigoni, Bibi Ballesteros, Giselle Barrion, Sarah Bardoni, Catherine Delara, Diva & Gaba Delara, Giovanna DeSimone, John Diaz, Marcella Dorado, Bob Dunne, Maryann Eger, Marcus Esplada, Jim Estrella, Rosita Faltado, Amanda Fernandez, Janet Fenstermacher, Kathy & Cedric Fontana, Carl Hilton, Kate Ingram, Nancy and James Keegan, Sue Kennedy, Trinidad Legaspi, Frank Manhoso, Ruth McAllister, Judith Miller, Judy Nelson, Joseph Patrick, Mary Piccioni, Vivian Pruett, Emi Jade Przyborowski, Linda Sime, Patricia Stiefers, Cecilia Tarrant, Diane Thraikill, Beverly Thomey, Jim Turegano, Tiffany

Valentine, Ken Waggy, Steve Werle, and Ray Wilcox. To put a name on the list, please call the office.

Halloween Yes, Catholics can celebrate Halloween, provided it is done in a way that honors its Christian roots—All Hallows' Eve—and avoids glorifying evil. Halloween historically comes from All Hallows' Eve, the vigil of All Saints' Day, a Catholic holy day, and can be celebrated in a faithcentered, wholesome way.

Catholic Origins of Halloween

- The term *Halloween* comes from *All Hallows' Eve*, the night before All Saints' Day, a Holy Day of Obligation in the Catholic Church.
- Historically, Halloween was part of *Allhallowtide*, a threeday Catholic period honoring saints and praying for the dead.
- Much of the modern secular imagery (occult themes, gore, demonic symbolism) is not part of its original Catholic meaning.

- Catholic sources affirm that celebrating



Halloween is acceptable when done with discernment and without glorifying evil.

- Exorcist Fr. Vincent Lampert emphasizes that innocent costumes and candy are fine, but Catholics should avoid costumes or activities that glorify evil or involve occult practices.
- "Taking back the night" by celebrating joyfully and even using the occasion for evangelization.

How to Celebrate Halloween as a Catholic Focus on Faith

- Celebrate the saints—dress as saints or heroes of virtue.
- Pray for the dead as part of Allhallowtide traditions.
- Keep the celebration wholesome and avoid occult or fearcentered themes.

Community & Evangelization

- Use trickortreating as a chance to share kindness and blessings with neighbors.
- Host faithfriendly events such as saintthemed parties or parish gatherings which the parish is doing on the Nov 1st Carnival.

Summary

Halloween is historically Catholic in origin, and celebrating it is appropriate when done in a way that reflects Christian values, avoids glorifying evil, and honors All Saints' Day.

Ministry Schedule October 31st and Nov. 1st

4:00pm Mass

Readers: Linda Anderson, Linda Biondini

EMS: Gloria Bacani, Joanne Bishop, Tony Madia

Ushers: Dianne Foppoli, Liz Ritchie

Greeters: Luisa Bustillos, Tony Piazza

8:30am Mass

Reader: Dolores Sanchez, Maureen Sheridan Scott

EMS: Larry Biondini, Diane Cook, Patty Ramos

Ushers: Liz & Gus Chang

Greeters: Alan & Caroline Kalaw

10:30am Mass

Readers: Scott and Milagros Morrical

EMS: Jovita Bishop, Nora John, Nativity Mata

Ushers: Lorraine Datu, **Not Filled**

Greeters: Fred and Janet Adam

Preparing for Elections

Voting The California Catholic Conference (CCC) is the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in California. We advocate with policy makers and the public to advance the Catholic vision of human life and dignity, to enhance the honorable and good in society, and to uplift those who are poor and vulnerable. We offer education to Catholics and the general public. We empower Catholics to put their faith into action consistent with Catholic teaching. The Church's [social teaching](#) is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of [papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents](#). The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In these brief reflections, we highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.

Life and Dignity of the Human Person The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from [abortion](#) and [euthanasia](#). The value of human life is being threatened by [cloning](#), [embryonic stem cell research](#), and the use of the [death penalty](#). The intentional targeting of civilians in [war](#) or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly effective ways to prevent conflicts and [resolve them by peaceful means](#). We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the [life and dignity](#) of the human person.

For more Catholic information on voting, go to: [california-catholic-conferences-2026-ballot-resource-guide](#)