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November 2, 2025
All Souls Day



I will raise them up on the last day.

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Diaz #4

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Mass times: #2

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Sacraments and Devotions

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

Marriage: One year notice to the pastor.

Infant Baptism: 1month notice. The preparation session will be on Dec. 7th from 3-4:30pm in the hall.

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

The Rosary: ½ hr. before weekday Masses.

Divine Chaplet: Tuesdays after the 12:15 Mass

Exposition and Benediction: Thursdays 12:45-1:30pm

The Welcoming Church for Adults: Sundays 1pm

Mass schedule and Intentions for the Week

Sat/Nov 1 4pm +Lydia Leano
Sun/Nov 2 8:30am Ints.of Bishop Vasa
10:30 am People of the Parish
Tue/Nov 4 12:15pm All Souls
Wed/Nov 5 8:15am All Souls
Thu/Nov 6 12:15pm All Souls
Fri/Nov 7 8:15am All Souls
Sat/Nov. 8 4pm +Ron Foppoli
Sun/Nov. 9 8:30am +Frank & Helen Stranzl
10:30am People of the Parish

Weeks Events

Sun/Nov. 2 9am-1pm Craft Faire
1pm Welcoming Church/In Church
Mon/Nov. 3 6:30pm Men's Club Mtg/Hall
Fri/Nov. 7 4:30pm Social Justice Mtg &
Guest Speaker/Hall cl.

Last Sundays Homily

- What crown awaits us for how we live our lives.
- The Pharisee's prayer was to himself.
- The sinner's prayer was one of honesty.
- The downfall of the Pharisee was when he compared himself to the sinner.
- Do not look down on others.

Sunday Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9 **Second Reading:** Romans 6:3-9 **Gospel:** John 6:37-40

Sunday Reflection

Our Beloved Dead In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that all those who see him and believe in him will have eternal life. There is some consolation in that thought. Our beloved dead live with the Lord forever.

But the problem is that, for us, our beloved dead are dead. They may be in a much better place; but we are still here, and they are not. We are like people who put their beloved friends on a train to a far-off place from which they will not return. We wave good-bye to them as the train leaves the station, and then turn to make our way back without them, to face all the ordinary sorrows and challenges of life on our own.

Even with the consolation of the thought that our beloved dead are with the Lord, having to finish our own journey without them can feel heartbreaking.

The disciples of Jesus felt this way and worse when Jesus died. We know, of course, that their grief and discouragement was turned into joy very fast, when they came to understand that he had come back to them from the dead.

Their beloved dead didn't stay dead very long, did they?

And so it must have been a special shock to them to discover that although their beloved Lord was not dead, he was also returning to the Father. They had to

lose him a second time when he ascended to the Father, didn't they?

And yet what did Jesus say to them? Here are his last recorded words in the Gospel of Matthew:

"I am with you always, till the end of the world." (Mt 28:20) How can he be both with them and also ascended to the Father?

The answer is that the Holy Spirit, which is the Spirit of Christ, lives inside every one of the Lord's people. In being actually within them, the resurrected ascended Christ is indeed with his people always!

But then we need to remember that our beloved dead are with the Lord. If the Lord is with us always, then so are our beloved dead, who live with him.

We do not have to finish our journey without our beloved dead then. They do not leave us any more than the Lord does.

This is indeed a consoling thought on the day we remember our beloved dead. Eleonore Stump

Discussion Question: God is always present, hovering over us like a mother hen. Why does God not just jump right in and save us from all the messes we get into?

Family Connection

As you gather as a family, remember the names of family members or friends who have died. Talk about these people, sharing memories of their lives and their influence on your family. Recall that today is All Souls Day. On this day we remember all those who have died, and we pray for them.

Read today's Gospel, John 6:37-40 in which we hear Jesus promise of eternal life and our hope of eternal life for all those who have died. Conclude by praying for all those who have died, naming in particular family members and friends. After each person is named, pray together "Lord, have mercy."

Pray together the Act of Hope.

O my God, relying on Your almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Your grace and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen



is a day when Catholics pray for the souls of the dead on this November 2nd every year. On this day, we remember those who have died, especially those in Purgatory. We pray that God will help them on their journey to

Heaven.

The Catholic Church teaches that Purgatory is a place where souls are purified before entering Heaven. Some souls are not ready to enter Heaven right after death. Our prayers can help them. This is why All Souls' Day is important.

On All Souls' Day, Catholics often go to Mass and pray for the dead. Many visit cemeteries to pray for

their loved ones who have died. The Church encourages us to pray for all the souls in Purgatory, not just our own family or friends.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines purgatory as a

"purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven," which is experienced by those "who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified" (CCC 1030). It notes that "this final purification of the elect . . . is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (CCC 1031).



The purification is necessary because, as Scripture teaches, nothing unclean will enter the presence of God in heaven (Rev. 21:27) and, while we may die with our mortal sins forgiven, there can still be many impurities in us, specifically venial sins and the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven.

Parish Stewardship for the Month of October:

Plate: Oct 4&5 \$5,286, Oct. 11&12 \$5,433, Oct 18&19 \$6,039, Oct. 25&26 \$5,172.

2nd collections: Foreign Missions \$2,052

Church Maintenance \$2,075 St. Vincent de Paul \$4,823. On-line giving for October \$1,707.75

Average Sunday plate collection: \$5,909. **Wow!**

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



"The Lord hears the cry of the poor" and so do the people of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton!

THANK YOU to all who donated to SVDP last weekend. Through the collection and anonymous donor gifts not in the collection we received a total of **\$10,198.00**. Your faith in us is humbling as we serve the poor as best we can with the support of your donations.

Faith Formation Ministry

Quote of the Week

"Prayer is the root, the fountain, the mother of a thousand blessings."

St. John Chrysostom

Sunday, November 2nd

9:30 am 2nd Year Confirmation/CL

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

5-6:30 pm CGS Level 3/LG Atrium

5-6:30 pm Youth Group

Wednesday, November 5th

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

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

Sunday, November 12th

9:30 am 2nd Year Confirmation/CL

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

5-6:30 pm CGS Level 3/LG Atrium

5-6:30 pm 2nd Year Confirmation/Hall

Thank you to everyone that participated in our 1st Living Rosary for our beloved departed last week.....

Sacramental Preparation Classes will be available at Masses in the vestibule.

Be on the lookout for Parent and child meetings starting in November!

Are you interested in hearing about Catechesis of **the Good Shepherd** for your child, please contact us for information?

Email sesreled@gmail.com if you're interested in joining our ministry!



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EMPEZANDO NOV. 1ST -15TH**

**PICK UP /RECOGER
SAT. NOV. 22ND FROM 5-7PM**

The Hispanic Ministry is taking orders for a (pre-order) Tamale sale If you would like to help us make them just ask us after mass. Pick-up will be Sat. Nov. 22nd from 5-7pm. El Ministerio Hispano tendrá una venta de tamales. Solo pre ordenados



Sunday from 9-1

Women's Guild Raffle Tickets

are on sale at the Faïre and next weekend after the

Masses thru the 23rd

The Drawing will be on Nov. 23rd after the 10:30

Mass.

Raffle for the Quilt \$2 or 3/\$5 Drawing for \$\$\$: \$

\$20 a square

\$500-1st prize, \$200-2nd prize, \$150-3rd prize,

\$100-4th prize

Only 100 squares will be sold for the \$\$\$ Drawing

Filipino American Ministry



Join us on Wed. Nov. 5th at 4 pm as we pray to our Mother: Our Lady of Perpetual Help. We will gather after prayer in a classroom. We will be finalizing our Christmas Party and Simbang Gabi on December 19th. We are always looking for parishioners to pray and celebrate with us. Mark your calendars and join us. You do not need to be Filipino to join our ministry.

Pastor's Corner

I would like to thank those on the Flower Committee for the Fall arrangements in the church.

I would ask those using the hall to tear down the boxes used. The recycling can had boxes not torn down this past week and the can was full when it did not have to be so the recyclables could be put in it.

The parish needs Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to volunteer their time to bring Holy Communion to homebound parishioners in their homes and at Cogir and Clearwater Adult Residences in Rohnert Park. If a family member were homebound, wouldn't you want them to have Holy Communion?

We are short of ushers to take up the collection and then lock the collection in the safe. One must be 18 or older. Please volunteer. You are trusted!



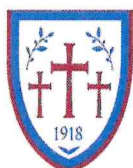
will be hosting a speaker from the Unsheltered Friends Outreach. The topic will be "How we can best serve this community". Everyone is invited to attend on Friday

November 7th at 4:30pm in a classroom



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November 1st & 2nd

4pm

Readers: Heigi Pillor, Linda Anderson
EMS: Bill Yates, Linda Mish, Gloria Bacani
Ushers: Olivia Salazar, Selina Johnson
Greeters: Roxanne Bialkoski, Pat Yates

8:30am

Readers: Delores Sanchez, Maria Van Anne
EMS: Armando Argueto, Remie Alinas, Vickie Gregorio
Ushers: Liz Chang, Barry Goff
Greeters: Diane Van Anne, Mary Thayer

10:30am

Readers: Nora John, Mary Densoon
EMS: Mila Morrical, Julie La Plante, Nativity Mata
Ushers: Scott Morrical, Sally Shami
Greeters: Fred & Janet Adams

November 8th & 9th

4pm

Readers: Linda Biondini, Tony Madia
EMS: Jovita (Betty) Bishop, Luisa Bustillos, Dianne Foppoli
Ushers: Tony & Beth Turegano
Greeters: Luisa Bustillos, Debra Ciarasso

8:30am

Readers: Phillip Alvarado, Liz Ritchie
EMS: John Buhagiar, Dave Grundman, Mary Thayer
Ushers: Remie Alinas, Diane Cook
Greeters: Alan & Caroline Kalaw

10:30am

Readers: Scott Crossen, Marie Horwitz
EMS: Victoria Gregorio, Nativity Mata, Mila Morrical
Ushers: Barry Goff, Mila Morrical
Greeters: Julie LaPlante, Sally Shami

A Prayer for our Departed

God our Father,

*Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to dust.
Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.*

*I pray in hope for my family,
relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known to You alone.*

*In company with Christ,
Who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in Your kingdom,
where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family,
to sing Your praise forever and ever.*

Amen.

VATICAN TO WEIGH IN ON MARY'S ROLE IN SALVATION WITH DOCTRINE DOCUMENT ON NOV. 4

Marian titles will be the subject.



The Vatican's doctrine office announced Thursday it will release a document on Nov. 4 about titles of Mary that refer to her "cooperation in the work of salvation."

Mary's contribution to human salvation, specifically the title of "Co-Redemptrix" ("Co-Redeemer") has been a point of theological debate for decades — with proponents calling for Mary's role in redemption to be declared a dogma but critics saying it exaggerates her importance and could damage efforts for unity with other Christian denominations.