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The Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time - October 31, 2021

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Masses

The Lord's Day

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sundays 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM, 1:00 PM

Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

Rosary 9 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Confessions

Saturdays - 4:00 to 4:45 PM, Any time upon request

Parish Registration

Please formalize your membership in our parish community by registering at the parish office. We sincerely welcome all new parishioners!

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Office Hours - Sunday 10 AM - 3PM

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

Church open daily until 5 PM (Sundays until 3 PM)

Novena Devotions: Mon & Wed (after daily Mass)

Pro Life Rosary: Tuesday 9 AM

Sick Calls

Anytime, please contact one of the priests at (718) 442-0058.

Baptism

Parents & Godparents should attend a meeting at 3 PM on the second Sunday of the month in the Rectory with Fr. Eric to initiate the Sacrament. For more information please see: www.sacredheartsi.org/worship/sacraments.

Marriages

Couples should contact the rectory at least 6 months before the wedding to arrange the time, banns, and Pre-Cana Conference.

Sponsor Certificate

If you have been asked to be a godparent for a Baptism or Confirmation attend the 9 AM Mass on Sunday and see Sister Barbara immediately after in the church vestibule. Please see the parish website under the Worship/Sacraments link for godparent guidelines.

Websites:

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OCTOBER 31, 2021

THE 31ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OPENING HYMN: IMMACULATE MARY

**IMMACULATE MARY YOUR PRAISES WE
SING!
YOUR REIGN NOW IN SPLENDOR WITH JESUS
OUR KING!
AVE, AVE, AVE MARIA!
AVE, AVE, MARIA!
IN HEAVEN THE BLESSED, YOUR GLORY PRO-
CLAIM,
ON EARTH WE YOUR CHILDREN INVOKE
YOUR FAIR NAME.
AVE, AVE, AVE MARIA!
AVE, AVE, MARIA!**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

READING 1 **DT 6:2-6.**

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey." Hear,

O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 18: 2-3, 3-4, 47, 51.



I love you, O LORD, my strength, O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!

Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

The LORD lives! And blessed be my rock!

Extolled be God my savior. You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

READING 2 **HEB 7: 23-28.**

Brothers and sisters: The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

ALLELUIA

JN 14:23.



Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my father will love him and we will come to him.

GOSPEL

MK 12:28B-34.

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.



Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE.

**JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE YOU,
GOD OF GLORY, LORD OF LOVE;
HEARTS UNFOLD LIKE FLOW'RS BEFORE YOU,
OP'NING TO THE SUN ABOVE.
MELT THE CLOUDS OF SIN AND SADNESS;
DRIVE THE DARK OF DOUBT AWAY;
GIVER OF IMMORTAL GLADNESS,
FILL US WITH THE LIGHT OF DAY.**

**ALL YOUR WORKS WITH JOY SURROUND YOU!
HEAV'N & EARTH REFLECT YOUR RAYS,
STARS AND ANGELS SING AROUND YOU,
CENTER OF UNBROKEN PRAISE;
FIELD AND FOREST, VALE AND MOUNTAIN,
FLOW'RY MEADOW, FLASHING SEA,
CHANTING BIRD AND FLOWING FOUNTAIN,
PRAISING YOU ETERNALLY!**

A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Halloween—All Hallows Eve! On this vigil of All Hallows or All Saints we are reminded of the plank in the great edifice that is the Creed. We recite it at every Sunday Mass. I'm referring to the part that says that we believe in the "Communion of Saints". The Saints are very solicitous for our well-being and happiness. In this Year of Saint Joseph perhaps we might consider a point about the Head of the Holy Family, the Husband of the Queen of the Universe, the Foster-Father of the Son of God, who is also the Patron Saint of the Universal Church.

St. Joseph once wanted a divorce. It was right after he learned that our Lady was pregnant with our divine Savior (blessed be His Name). Mary was found to be with child without any relations with St. Joseph or any man. Both she and Joseph were perpetual virgins: they had made a vow of celibacy to God and a vow of matrimony to each other. Of course, it was a very unique marriage.

Some say that at the time Joseph considered separating from Mary they were merely engaged, not yet married. It is difficult to believe that Joseph was not Mary's husband at this time because the Evangelist says clearly that Joseph was *her husband*. (Matthew 1:19). Moreover, engaged couples do not get *divorced*. (Ibid). Furthermore, later on in the Scriptures there is no mention by the enemies of Christ that His mother was unmarried while she was pregnant. During our Lord's public ministry, His enemies were always searching for a way to thwart His mission, and yet no one ever casts any doubt upon the virtue of His conception. It may be objected that the Angel says to Joseph: *Do not be afraid to take Mary into your home*. (Matthew 1:20). However, the expression "to take Mary into your home" is better translated "to keep Mary as your wife."

There are two interpretations given to explain why St. Joseph decided to separate from the Blessed Mother. They give opposite answers to the question: Who did Joseph think was the unworthy one: he himself or Mary?

(1) "The Suspicion Theory." This view holds that Joseph suspected Mary of adultery when he discovered she was pregnant. The troubling news led him to seek a divorce in accordance with the Jewish religious law. (Deuteronomy 24:1-4). But he wished to do this secretly to avoid subjecting Mary to the rigorous law of Deuteronomy 22:23-24, which mandates capital punishment for adulterers. According to the Suspicion Theory, Joseph was a just man since he resolved to act (divorce) in accordance with the Law of Moses, the great Prophet.

This common interpretation suffers from two serious weaknesses. First, Joseph's desire to follow the law for divorce (Deuteronomy 24) does not square with his willingness to sidestep the law prescribed for adulterers (Deuteronomy 22). A truly righteous man would keep God's Law completely, not selectively. The other problem with this theory is that Joseph was completely holy and his wife was absolutely without sin. He never saw anything but purity and goodness in her, therefore it would be extremely difficult for someone like Joseph to suspect her of adultery.

(2) The better explanation is "The Reverence Theory." This view holds that Joseph, already informed of the divine miracle within Mary (Matthew 1:18), considered himself unworthy to be part of God's work in this unusual situation. Elsewhere, other Saints experienced the same sense of unworthiness in the presence of Jesus. Peter fell at the knees of our Redeemer and said, "*Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.*" (Luke 5:8). The Centurion said: "*Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof.*" (Luke 7:6). Joseph is aware of the famous prophecy of Isaiah 700 years before Christ that the sign that the Messiah is among us on earth will be that *the virgin will be with child* (Isaiah 7:14). Joseph understands this and considers himself to be unworthy to be the foster father of Emmanuel, the God who is with us. The Angel reassures him: *keep your wife. Do not be afraid.* (Matthew 1:20).

Why was Joseph convinced of his unworthiness? It was because of his profound and singular humility. It is that same humility that led to his most high position in the Church and in the Universe, leading him to be (along with his wife) the very greatest of All Saints. *Whoever humbles himself will be exalted.* (Matthew 23:12). A great prayer for you and I to say regularly in imitation of these saintly sentiments is: "Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like Yours."

God bless you!

Father Eric



Saturday, October 30:

5:00 Alexander Ross

Sunday, October 31:

7:00 People of the Parish
9:00 Deceased Members of The Pierog Family
11:00 Robert & Helen Mullaney
1:00 Claudia Maria Osorio Calzada

Monday, November 1:

9:30 Patricia M. Silvestri

Tuesday, November 2:

9:30 Nicholas Petrecca

Wednesday, November 3:

9:30 Nicholas J. Balliro

Thursday, November 4:

9:30 Thomas Walsh (2nd Anniversary)

Friday, November 5:

9:30 Michael Olaskiewicz

Saturday, November 6:

9:30 Richard Ross
5:00 Michael D'Amato

Sunday, November 7:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn & McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Elizabeth Widmayer (6th Anniversary)
11:00 Nicholas Torello
1:00 Thomas Rigney

Saturday, November 6:

5:00 PM Jack Gordon

Sunday, November 7:

7:00 AM Efrain Ortiz
9:00 AM Roy Hansen
11:00 AM Frank DiSalvo
1:00 PM Charles Sullivan

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 6:

5:00 PM Jason Suazo

Sunday, November 7:

7:00 Jacob Torres
9:00 Jack Smith
11:00 Anthony Basile
1:00 Abigail Cruz

Collections:

October 24th.....\$7,455.00
World Mission Sunday.....\$1,277.00
Congratulations to Ms. Ilsa Muir on winning the weekly Pastosa Raffle.

ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 24TH: 477

ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, ALL SAINTS DAY, WE WILL HAVE OUR DAILY 9:30 AM MASS. ACCORDING TO U.S. BISHOPS LAW WHEN A HOLY DAY FALLS EITHER THE DAY BEFORE OR AFTER SUNDAY IT IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THAT PARTICULAR YEAR.

CCD Registration 21-22: CCD Registration for September 2021 has begun. If you have been mailed the forms for reregistration you can drop them off at the Rectory from Monday–Friday from 9 AM–5 PM. If you wish to register you may come to the Rectory again during the above business hours. The cost is \$165 per child payable in cash or a check made out to Sacred Heart.

Food Pantry Donations: The Holy Name Society needs your food donations to stock its food pantry. Boxes of hot and cold cereal, instant mashed potatoes, pancake mix, rice, pasta, jarred sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, fish, soups, vegetables, fruits and bottles of fruit juices are all needed and appreciated.

Newly Baptized: We welcome into our parish family our newly baptized parishioners including: **Thompson Emmanuel Lopez, Vivienne Bukowski, Ella Jean Staniland, Grayson Anthony Umana, Gianna Lee Betz, Hannah Irma Barbera, Alianna Jade Mora, David Samuel Elyon Agboton & Gabriella Maria Corchado.** God bless them all and their families.



SAINT JUDE, THE APOSTLE

FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 28TH

WE ASK FOR THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT JUDE ON BEHALF OF OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS



Sick Relatives & Friends

Meghan Clark, Alberto Meranda, Anna Parente, James Parente, John C. Marino, Cpl Justin Campbell, Sheila Jones, Frank Silvestri, Christian Pepo, Jean Forte, Mark Herman, Frances Bocignone, Crystal Helewa, Daniel Juliano, Linda Powers, James Carney, Danny Fortunato, Frank Juliano, Joseph Brancato, Carmela D'Angelo, Michael Meyer, June Laub, Frank Musuruca, Joanne Prato, Joseph Koslowski, Diana Umana, Isaiah Roland, The Munoz Family, Brianna Scilabra, Judy Dele, Kassem Ripen, Ernestine Scott, Steven Riggio, James Ross, Michael Loughran, Salvatore Parisi, Cinderella Wonsewitz, Patrice Martin, Lucille Baron, Michael J. DiCostanzo, Catherine Broderick, Omari Roland, Carmine Rapisarda, Ann McGowan, Linda & Antoniette Gagliardi, Harrison Schursky, Elizabeth McKenna, Caroline Dacunta, Meghan Frammosa, Irene McCarthy, Maria Rivera, Denise Bianacanello, Bob Kenny Sr., Alexa Rigney, Easton Nash Clark, Jessica Necco, Richie Ochotorena, Rosamaria Ochotorena, Fred Maley, Michael Cosentino, Don Quinn, Jennifer Pakulniewez, Frank Astorino, Aubrie Robinson, Ron Salguera, Fr. Angelo Micciulla, Rose McBrien, Saint Jermaine Endeley, Peter Marsh, John Riccobono., Angela Gilbride, Joseph DiAngelo, Maureen Shay.

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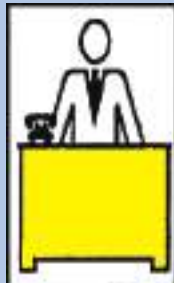
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