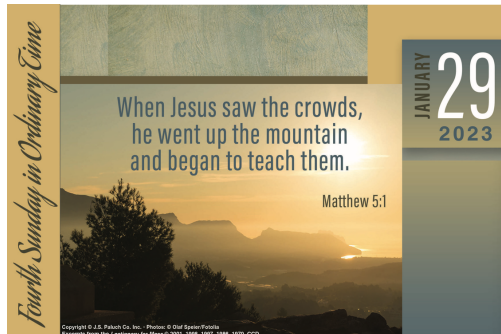


JANUARY 28 & 29, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

In our Gospel Reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation.



CANDLEMAS DAY **(FEBRUARY 2)**

Candlemas Day is another name for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by the Torah. According to the Book of Leviticus (12:1-4), when a woman bore a male child, she was considered "unclean" for seven days. On the eighth day, the boy was circumcised. The mother continued to stay at home for 33 days for her blood to be purified. After the 40 days, the mother and the father came to the temple for the rite of purification, which included the offering of a sacrifice — a lamb for a holocaust (burnt offering) and a pigeon or turtledove for a sin offering, or for a poor couple who could not afford a lamb, two pigeons or two turtledoves. Note Joseph and Mary made the offering of the poor (Lk 2:24).

Also, Joseph and Mary were obliged by the Torah to "redeem" their first born son: "The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Consecrate to me every first-born that opens the womb among the Israelites, both of man and beast, for it belongs to me'" (Ex 13:1). The price for such a redemption

was five shekels, which the parents paid to the priest. This "redemption" was a kind of payment for the Passover sacrifice, by which the Jews had been freed from slavery.

However, St. Luke in the Gospel does not mention this redemption, but rather the Presentation of Our Lord: "When the day came to purify them according to the law of Moses, the couple brought Him up to Jerusalem, so that He could be presented to the Lord, for it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord'" (Lk 2:22-23). So, the focus is on Jesus' consecration to God. The verb "to present" (paristanai) also means to "offer," which evokes Jesus being presented as the priest, who will offer Himself as the perfect sacrifice to free us from the slavery of sin, seal the new and eternal covenant with His blood, and open the gates to the true promised land of heaven.

Simeon, a just and pious man, who awaited the Messiah and looked for the consolation of Israel, was inspired to come to the temple. He held baby Jesus in his arms and blessed God, saying, "Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word. For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed, displayed for all the peoples to see: A revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel" (Lk 2:29-32). Simeon, thereby, announced that the Messiah has come not just for the Jew but the gentile; not just the righteous, but the sinner.

He then blessed the Holy Family, and said in turn to Mary: "This child is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed— and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword — so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare" (Lk 2:34-35).

So, the Presentation is a Proclamation of Christ — Messiah and Priest, Lord and Savior. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally at least since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year, hence coining the term "Candlemas."

As we consider the feast of the Presentation, we remember that our parents presented us at church for our Baptism. We were dedicated to God, and given the name, "Christian." We, too, received a lit candle from the Paschal Candle, at which the priest said, "You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom" (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Therefore, as a light, each of us must bear witness to Our Lord. We must be the beacon that guides others to Christ. Also, we must realize that we, too, will be "a sign that will be opposed," especially on issues of the sanctity of human life, marriage and the family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramirez, Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.

CATHECHISM NEWS

On Friday, February 17, 2023, Father Pacheco will have a mandatory meeting to parents of the children who attend catechism. The meeting will be held in the Church Hall at 5:30pm.



TAMALE SALE (PRE-SALE)

San Jose Sanchez Del Rio Catholic School- Fundraiser
Place order by Feb. 20th

Call or Text: (209)606-9225 (text is preferred)
\$30/dozen \$15/half dozen

PORK ONLY

Pick up: Saturday, February 25th
Pick up time: 12-4 pm
605 Maple St. (@ the church hall)



SAVE THE DATE!

The 4th annual "Celebrate Marriage Mass" will be held on World Marriage Day,

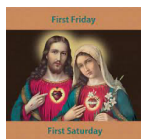
Sunday, February 12th at the 10:30am
Mass at the Cathedral of St. Eugene.

Bishop Vasa is inviting married parishioners within the Diocese of Santa Rosa to attend and prayerfully celebrate the joy of married life in the Catholic Church.

Couples celebrating "milestone anniversaries" that is, every 5-year anniversaries (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc.) will be recognized.

INCOME TAX SEASON

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A LETTER WITH DONATIONS MADE TO OUR CHURCH DURING 2022, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 707-964-0229 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO olgcinfb@gmail.com.



FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY ARE COMING UP. WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT WE WILL HAVE 2 MASSES ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD. IT STARTS WITH THE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT 11:30AM, FOLLOWED BY ENGLISH MASS AT 12:05PM AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT 5:30PM, FOLLOWED BY SPANISH MASS AT 6PM. ALSO, WE HAVE FIRST SATURDAY MASS AT 9AM.



We need your generous financial help so Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides "ParishSOFT Giving," an online giving software! This is a convenient and secure way to make your one-time or recurring donations.

Thanking and blessing you for your kindness.

To get started, you can visit our Parish's new giving page at olgcinfb.org.

From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose, and can be set up with a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account! If you have any questions, please, contact the Parish Office at 964-0229.

MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 28, 2023 – FEBRUARY 3, 2023

Saturday (28)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba †
	6:30pm	Eliazar & María Ramírez † Julián Y María Fierro † Mauricio Escobedo † Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (29)	8:00am	Amaro Cabral †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (30)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (31)	12:05pm	Amaro Cabral †
Wednesday (01)	12:05pm	César Salazar †
Thursday (02)	12:05pm	For the deceased
Friday (03)	12:05pm	Fernanda Figueiredo †
	6:00pm	Margarito Martín †

WEEKLY COLLECTION

JANUARY 21 & 22, 2023...\$1,542.00
MAINTENANCE FUND....\$740.00

THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL'S MINISTRY

NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
LIABILITY INSURANCE

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

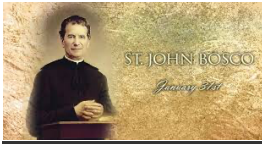


EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:30AM WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.



ANOIDING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.



THE LIFE OF SAINT JOHN BOSCO

Feast Day: January 31

Patron Saint of Apprentices, Editors and Publishers, Schoolchildren, Magicians, and Juvenile delinquents.

John Bosco was born on August 16, 1815 in the village of Becchi, close to Castelnuovo d'Asti (today Castelnuovo Don Bosco, northern Italy). His parents were poor farmers and his father died when he was only two years of age. His mother, Margarita, raised him with great difficulty but with great love. She taught him how to work and most importantly to recognize God in life's fortunes and misfortunes.

At the age of nine he had a very mysterious dream that would change his life forever. Both he and his mother understood the real meaning of that dream and so Margarita would later bear many sacrifices so that John's dream of becoming a priest would be fulfilled.

In 1841 as a young priest he came to work in Turin. His spiritual guide, Joseph Cafasso, gave him the following advice: "go throughout the city and observe how the people are living everyday life". It was then that he saw human misery in all of its forms. The living standard of the workers was miserable and the youth were aimlessly wandering the city streets unemployed, lost and prone to crime and evil.

His encounter with the juvenile delinquents had a great impact on him. He then made the decision to do all that he could to prevent the youth from getting into these tragic situations. Many of the priests at that time expected the youth, who swarmed into the city from the countryside, to find work and to come to church on their own. That was, however, very unlikely. A new way had to be developed that allowed one to contact the youth in the streets, town squares and cafes. Many priests, including Don Bosco, experimented with new methods to do this.

On the feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 1841, Don Bosco met Bartholomew Garelli from Asti, a young boy who came to Turin to find work. Three days later he brought along nine more friends and after three months there were twenty-five. By the summer of 1842 there were 80 boys. In short, that's how the oratory began.

One of the greatest problems that the boys encountered with city life was where to sleep. With time this became one of Don Bosco's main preoccupations. His first benefactor was no aristocrat but rather his poor and illiterate mother Margarita. She left the peace and comfort of her village home and came to Turin to cook and clean for Don Bosco's boys.

Amongst the boys for whom Don Bosco was father and teacher, there were those who wanted to follow him. Hence, the beginning of the Salesian Society – The Society of St. Francis de Sales. In the autumn of 1853 the first workshops were opened in Valdocco with Don Bosco as the first teacher. The Salesian Society was officially recognized on January 20, 1854.

Don Bosco's first "volunteer", Michael Rua, was ordained a priest July 30, 1860. At the end of his life Don Bosco was able to say that over 3000 vocations came from his oratory.

In March of 1864, the cornerstone of the Basilica of Mary, Help of Christians was laid in Valdocco. Eight years later Don Bosco began to build one more Marian "shrine" – the Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians.

In November of 1875, the first ten Salesians left for the missions in South America. That same year Don Bosco founded the third branch of the Salesian family – the cooperators. On his deathbed Don Bosco told them: "without your help I would not have been able to do anything. Your love has wiped away many tears and saved many souls."

The greatest heritage that Don Bosco left the Church was his "preventive system" for the education of youth. When asked for the secret of his success, which transformed big institutions into a family of love, he answered with three words: reason, religion and kindness. When reasoning is used instead of threats, when God is the housemaster and when there is no fear but rather love, the end result is a true family.

Don Bosco died at dawn on January 31, 1888. While on his deathbed, he whispered to his Salesians: "love each other as brothers. Do good to all and avoid evil and tell my boys that I am waiting for them in paradise".



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE. ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH.

FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

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