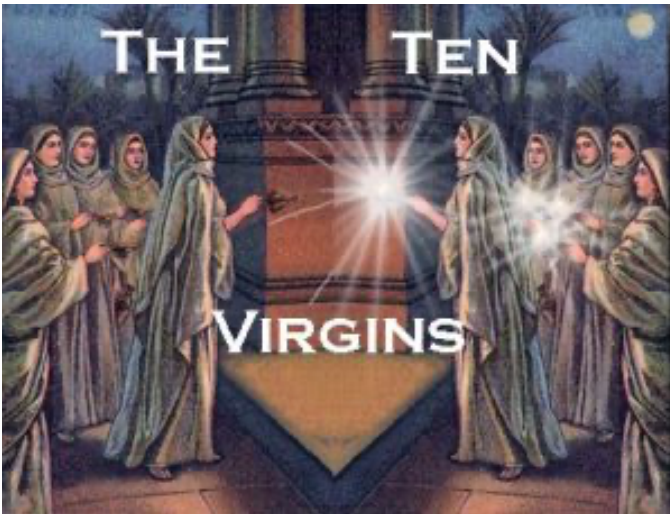


NOVEMBER 11 & 12, 2023
XXXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

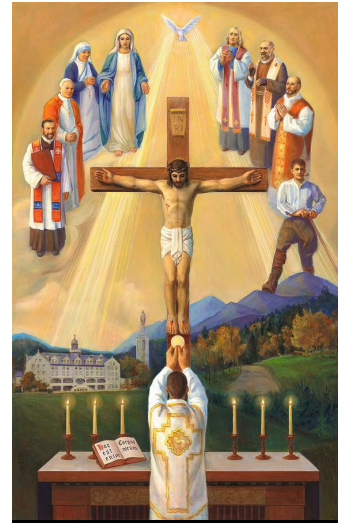


Today's Gospel is a famous parable that speaks of ten maidens invited to a wedding feast, a symbol of the Kingdom of Heaven and of eternal life (**Mt 25:1-13**). It is a happy image with which, however, Jesus teaches a truth that calls us into question. In fact, five of those 10 maidens were admitted to the feast because when the bridegroom arrived, they had brought the oil to light their lamps, whereas the other five were left outside because they had been foolish enough not to bring any. What is represented by this "oil", the indispensable prerequisite for being admitted to the nuptial banquet?

St. Augustine (**see Discourses 93, 4**), and other ancient authors interpreted it as a symbol of love that one cannot purchase but receives as a gift, preserves within one and uses in works. True wisdom is making the most of mortal life in order to do works of mercy, for after death this will no longer be possible. When we are reawoken for the Last Judgement, it will be made on the basis of the love we have shown in our earthly life (**see Mt 25:31-46**). And this love is a gift of Christ, poured out in us by the Holy Spirit. Those who believe in God-Love bear within them invincible hope, like a lamp to light them on their way through the night beyond death to arrive at the great feast of life. - **Benedict XVI**

SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

The month of November is traditionally the month we remember our beloved dead. This memorial begins on All Souls' Day, Thursday, November 2nd and continues throughout the rest of the month of November. All Souls Day reminds us that we are a Church of community. We are the Church Militant here on earth because we are still waging the fight. During this month, we remember and pray for the Church Suffering (Purgatory). Be sure to turn in your envelopes with names of loved ones to be remembered at all Masses during the month of November. Please fill them out and return them either in the collection basket or directly to the Parish Office.



PRIEST APPRECIATION
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

TO HONOR THOSE "IN PERSONA CHRISTI" FOR US
Shared by a faithful parishioner

Being a priest is classified as one of the four most difficult professions in the world because a priest must be: a preacher, example, adviser, lecturer, planner, Minister, visionary, director, mentor, friend, babysitter, reconciliatory, marriage, counselor, youth advisor, leader trainer, Bible teacher, intercessor, etc, etc. In addition to being: temple, gatekeeper, brothers' driver, praise leader, the first to arrive and the last to leave.

Every *priest* constantly faces criticisms such as:

- Mass does not fill me
- The sermon is very long

One of the most difficult things in the life of a priest (like in Jesus' life) is knowing that the people they love will betray them.

The priest is often the loneliest person in the congregation.

You may see a priest be surrounded by people, but rarely with people who are interested in their problems, needs or even their lives.

And let's not mention the demands that congregations place on *priest*.

For this reason, I would like to give you some advice: ***if you have a priest or you have priest as friends, take care of them, protect them, pray for them, connect with their vision, support them, but above all, love them.***

Jeremiah 3:15 "And I will give you shepherds according to my heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."

So, take care of them because "they watch over your souls as those who must give an account" **Hebrews 13:17.**

Let us honor the lives of all those men of God who have sacrificed so many things including some of their family's needs to attend to God's call.

Value the time that a *priest* dedicates to you, you don't know how much his family would value that time with him.

"GOD BLESS ALL THE EXAMPLE PRIESTS OF THE CHURCH."



THE TAMALE SALE PREPARED BY A GROUP OF PARISHIONERS WAS A SUCCESS!
THEIR HARD WORK PAID OFF, EARNING A NET PROFIT OF **\$3,756.00**.
THANK YOU & GOD BLESS!

ATTENTION LECTORS

THE NEW LECTOR BOOKS FOR THE YEAR 2024
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY. PLEASE, TAKE ONE.

NEWS

FROM SJS DR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

This month the students are so excited that we have added a music program at SJS DR. We have added an instructor who is teaching the children the basic elements of music, as well as teaching guitar and piano lessons. **Our instructor is asking if anyone has a children's size guitar that you would be willing to donate or loan.** We are looking for 5 children's guitars.

Thank you so much Mr. John Redding for donating your time and talent in this beautiful work!

We need your support!

Have you considered supporting our parish Catholic school? Please help us continue to provide this beautiful gift to our children and our community. Through the classical education we provide at SJS DR our students are learning by leaps and bounds. Already our 2nd and 3rd grade students are learning how to add fractions as well as their multiplication tables, and they love reading and science so much that they have even begun reading regularly out of a 4th and 7th grade science book because they love the lessons!

You can help us continue to make this possible for them. We can't do it without your help! Will you give us a regular donation of \$100 a month? Maybe you could afford \$50 a month? Even a monthly donation of \$25 a month can mean all the difference for our school! You can send a check made out to **OLGC - School** to the parish office at 255 South Harold Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437. Or see our website at sjdr.cs.com and click on the link **Donate and Help a Student** today!

Thank you from all the students and staff at SJS DR!



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

HOSTED BY:

FORT BRAGG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 23RD, 2023.

FORT BRAGG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
367 S. SANDERSON WAY, FORT BRAGG, CA

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR ALL MEALS!
HOME DELIVERY: 10-12PM, **CURBSIDE:** 11-12:30PM,
DINING: 1PM – 2:30PM.

CALL: 707-964-2316 ext 2, ORDER ONLINE: FBPChurch.org
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR JOHN
AT 707-964-2316 EXT 1.

MASS INTENTIONS
NOVEMBER 11 - 17, 2023

Saturday (11)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba †
	6:30pm	Juan Bermudez † Felipe Chi † Magdalena Nava † Guadalupe Sánchez Solís † Mauricio Escobedo † Salud & Juan Olvera † Eliazar Ramírez & María de la Luz Fierro † Victor Martín & Raquel Dzul † Oscar Tamayo † All Souls in Purgatory Arianna Sánchez (b-day) Hipólito & Alicia Rentería (50 th Wedding Anniversary) Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (12)	8:00am	Evelyn Costa †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (13)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (14)	12:05pm	Yañez Valenzuela Family
Wednesday (15)	12:05pm	Matthew Hernández (b-day)
Thursday (16)	12:05pm	Souls in Purgatory
Friday (17)	12:05pm	Souls in Purgatory

WEEKLY COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 4 & 5, 2023...\$2,679.00
LIABILITY INSURANCE...\$783.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
MAINTENANCE FUND**

**NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
COMMUNICATIONS & CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY**

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign engages and built Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Santa Rosa to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps us spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!

**LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY**

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Bertha Valenzuela, Carole Shoptaw, Gina Pivrotto, Antonia Rentería, Angie Gómez, Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Sanfillán, 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.



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:00AM,
**WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.**



ANOINTING 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.



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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.

A RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCED/SEPARATED PARENTS

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will be hosting a Life-Giving Wounds retreat in Menlo Park on November 17-19. Dealing with your parents' divorce is not easy but confronting this wound with faith can allow you to find great healing. Attending this 3-day retreat is a great way to start your journey of healing. The retreat focuses on overcoming the effects of parental divorce, forgiving our parents, and connecting with others from this background. This Life-Giving Wounds retreat has something for any adult child of divorce or separation, no matter how much healing you have received or need. Go to: lifegivingwounds.org and click on the "Retreats" heading to find the San Francisco retreat. Or you can contact Ed Hopfner of the Archdiocese at (415) 614-5547.



**WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT:
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides
"ParishSOFT Giving," an online giving software!**

To get started, you can go to olgcinfb.org.

From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose or a one-time donation, 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.