

The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. *Phylacteries* are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. *Tassels* refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.



All masses during the month of November are offered for the repose of the souls of our loved ones.

Altar Service Schedule Week of Nov 11th & Nov 12th

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
5:30PM	9:00AM	11:00AM	5:30PM
P. Rodolfo	J. Wenham	J. Warren	C. James
R. Rodolfo	D. Wenham	J. Damalerio	J. Maxwell

CONCERT OF ARIAS AND ART SONGS

All are invited to join Sacred Heart, Red Bluff parishioners for an afternoon classical treat on Sunday, November 5th (this Sunday) at 4:00 PM.

Rafael Helbig-Kostka (DelSid) will be returning to Sacred Heart Church where he first sang publicly as a young Sacred Heart student during the Christmas Eve Mass almost twenty years ago. He later attended University Prep and Shasta College where he performed in many local productions. He continued his education at CSU Stanislaus majoring in voice performance and went on to earn a Master's Degree and Graduate Diploma from New England Conservatory in Boston, MA. **He has performed in operas across the United States, Canada and Germany.** He has won numerous awards, among them First Place in the North-State Symphony Young Artist Award 2011. **His program will include arias and art songs in Russian, German, Italian and English.** He will be accompanied by Alda Turgieva.

Donations will benefit the Sacred Heart Parish Scholarship Endowment Fund and help make a Catholic education possible for the youth of the parish. You may meet the artist during a reception downstairs in St. Mary's Hall following the performance.

VETERAN'S RALLY

Our Lady of Mercy will host a tribute to all our military veterans at 6:00 PM in their Parish Hall on Friday, November 10th. This is a **FREE** Tri-Tip dinner for all veterans and their families.

LAUNCH "SECOND SEVENTY" YEAR 2

The annual campaign for the John and Betty Fitzpatrick Endowment in support of St. Joseph School will commence on October 15, 2017. With the support of our parish community, Phase 2 of the security Project which includes the completion of the Gold Street iron fencing will start as funding is available. Estimated cost is \$60,000.

Your generosity coupled with that of the John and Betty Fitzpatrick Endowment and Sally Gifford, will make this added level of school security a reality.

Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Parish - School Security. Checks may be placed in the Sunday collection or mailed in the endowment envelopes found at the back of church.

Never doubt that God will be mindful of the sacrifices you make to protect His cherished children.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Join Fr. George, Fr. Lawrence and Sister Adele for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Guaranteed to make the scripture come alive! October 15—28, 2018.

Pick up a brochure in the back of church!