# OCTOBER 28 & 29, 2023 XXX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read <u>last Sunday</u>. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see <u>Matthew</u> <u>22:22-33</u>). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor.



ALL SAINTS DAY, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>: 12:05PM ENGLISH MASS 6:00PM SPANISH MASS

ALL SOULS DAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>: 12:05PM ENGLISH MASS 6:00PM SPANISH MASS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> (FIRST FRIDAY): 12:05PM ENGLISH MASS 6:00PM SPANISH MASS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> (FIRST SATURDAY MASS): 9:00AM

### FROM THE PARTOR'S DESK

#### Dear parishioners,

In this bulletin entry, I would like to review a few topics regarding current business in the parish. Firstly, we have successfully reached our parish goal of \$11,002.00 for the 2023 Annual Ministries Appeal. This amount is our parish's share of the various ministries that benefit all the parishes of our diocese. Thank you to all of you who helped us to meet our goal this year.

On a very practical note, we are having trouble yet again with the heaters in the church. The heating system is very old and for some time frequent repairs have become the norm. Due to the high cost of making adequate changes to the system, these were smaller repairs that have proven to be temporary. While we are working hard to get the heaters running as soon as possible, I would also like to consider the possibility of making improvements that would ensure reliable heat for years to come. If any among you are willing to make a contribution directly towards this project, the parish as a whole would be most grateful.

Also pertaining to the church, I want to acknowledge the wonderful addition of the new racks for the missals on all the pews in the church. This was yet another contribution from the Knights of Columbus to our parish. I want to thank my brother knights for their readiness to respond to the needs here at OLGC!

As you can see, both the church and the rectory are in the process of finally being repainted. This project was many years overdue, and it would have been unwise to postpone it yet again. The paint is peeling on many parts of the buildings, and thus the need to make this a priority to avert any damage to the actual wood. As opposed to the plain white exteriors with blue trim, the choice of a neutral color as the base is certainly a change, but I am confident that it will be less stark and also less prone to showing dirt and mold. While we are battling the change in weather, it is my hope that the bulk of the painting can be completed in the coming weeks.

Our parish community has been dealt with a considerable challenge: addressing many years of deferred maintenance in a span of just a couple years. This includes the interior of the rectory as well as the rectory roof, the renovation of the sacristy, and now the ongoing replacement of the fences, the repainting of the exterior of the church and rectory, and the renovation of the St. Francis Hall (unused for many years) to accommodate the increased number of students in our catechism classes. As noted above, we are also facing the lack of heating in the church and a long list of other needs that eventually must be addressed. The work accomplished thus far has largely been made possible thanks to additional parish fundraisers, the offering of labor either completely free or at reduced costs by parishioners and individuals of good will, as well as the generosity of a few anonymous donors. This progress is all the more remarkable considering the financial challenges of the parish, especially after the effects of COVID-19 on Mass attendance and participation in parish events as a whole. Thank you to those of you who are helping and sacrificing in various ways to ensure that our parish buildings are wellmaintained!

Blessings, Fr. Pacheco



# THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, ALL SAINTS' DAY.



The month of November is traditionally the month we remember our beloved dead. This memorial begins on All Souls' Day, Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. The Saints in heaven, whom we honor on All Saints' Day, Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> constitute the Church Triumphant. On All Souls' Day, 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. For those who do not receive envelopes by mail, you will find special envelopes in the vestibule. Please fill them out and return them either in the collection basket or directly to the Parish Office.



All Saints' Day recognizes those who are known to God as Saints not only those canonized by the Catholic Church. Therefore, All Saints' Day celebrates all faithful followers of Jesus throughout church history.

It's a feast day remembering those who have gone before us, honoring their lives and faithfulness. Believers come together to celebrate continued communion with Saints through the ages, recognizing their continued participation in the Body of Christ.

In the Catholic Church, All Saints' Day is considered a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning parishioners are required to attend Mass.



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.



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.

# <u>MASS INTENTIONS</u> CTOBER 28 – NOVEMBER 3, 2023

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Saturday (28)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Bernardo Martínez †
	6:30pm	Juan Bermudez † José María Valenzuela † Felipe Chi † Mauricio Escobedo † Victor Martín & Raquel Dzul † Oscar Tamayo † Gerardo Escobedo (healing) Dalia Rosas (b-day) Belén Rentería (b-day)
Sunday (29)	8:00am	Juana Romero †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (30)		NO MASS
Tuesday (31)	12:05pm	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday (01) HOLY DAY OF	12:05pm	Bernardo Martínez †
OBLIGATION	6:00pm	Juan & Salud Olvera † Eliazar Ramírez † Maria & Jorge Fierro †
Thursday (02)	12:05pm	Bernardo Martínez †
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Friday (03)	12:05pm	Keily Becerra (b-day)
	6:00pm	Juan & Salud Olvera † Eliazar Ramírez † Maria & Jorge Foerro †

# WEEKLY COLLECTION

OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2023...\$2,460.00 CHURCH RENOVATION...\$987.00

#### 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!!

#### 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

Carole Shoptaw, Gina Pivirotto, Antonia Rentería, Angie Gómez, 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 Pivirotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.

# 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.



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

Anointing of the Sick

# **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.