

**NOVEMBER 18 & 19, 2023**  
**XXXIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

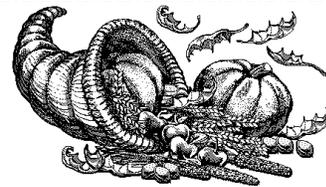
**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear parishioners,

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving! On this national holiday, we give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received: the blessings of our life and the gift of faith, the blessings of this land and the freedom upon which our country is founded, as well as all the particular blessings which Our Lord has bestowed upon each one of us and our families. While Thanksgiving Day is observed on the fourth Thursday of November, as Catholics we recall that every Thursday is the day of the Holy Eucharist, as Christ instituted this Sacrament at the Last Supper, on Holy Thursday. The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving. We read in the catechism that it is *a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for all his benefits, for all that he has accomplished* (CCC §1360). Let us remember to thank God this and every day for all our blessings, especially the gift of faith and the blessing of His Son received in the Holy Eucharist at Mass.

Blessings,

Fr. Pacheco



**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS WILL BE AT 10AM.**



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
THANKSGIVING DAY AND THE DAY AFTER  
NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> AND 24<sup>TH</sup>.**

**TEMPORARY TUESDAY MASS TIME**

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, WILL BE AT 5:30PM.**



## CHRISTMAS PICTURES

ONE OF OUR PARISHIONERS WILL BE TAKING CHRISTMAS PICTURES ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1PM – 6PM IN ONE OF THE CLASSROOMS. BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

A PERCENTAGE FROM EVERY APPOINTMENT WILL COME TO OUR CHURCH. THIS IS A VERY GOOD AND EASY WAY TO HELP OUR CHURCH AT THE SAME TIME THAT YOU GET BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS PICTURES.

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL OR TEXT ANGIE RENTERIA AT 707-813-0232.

## NEWS

### FROM SJSDR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

This month the students are so excited that we have added a music program at SJSDR. 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 SJSDR 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 [sjdrccs.com](http://sjdrccs.com) and click on the link **Donate and Help a Student** today!

Thank you from all the students and staff at SJSDR!



### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

HOSTED BY:  
FORT BRAGG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 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](http://FBPChurch.org)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR JOHN  
AT 707-964-2316 EXT 1.

## MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 18 - 24, 2023

Saturday (18)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Evelyn Costa † Crisanto Ornelas †
	6:30pm	Sherlyn Ramos † Juan Bermudez † Felipe Chi † María Trinidad Mojarro † Salvador Torres † Mauricio Escobedo † Victor Martín & Raquel Dzul † Oscar Tamayo † Alicia, Jovita, Emilia & Juan Ruano † Porfiria Calvillo † Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (19)	8:00am	Souls in Purgatory
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (20)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (21)	12:05pm	Matthew Hernández (b-day)
Wednesday (22)	12:05pm	Christopher Hernández (b-day)
Thursday (23)	10:00am	Souls in Purgatory
Friday (24)	12:05pm	Souls in Purgatory

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 11 & 12, 2023...\$2,219.00  
MAINTENANCE FUND...\$804.00

### **THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR COMMUNICATION & CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY**

Today we take up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC engage and build Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect, remain here in the Diocese of Santa Rosa to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message.

Support the collection today! To learn more, visit  
[www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

### **NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR CHURCH RENOVATION**

**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.



**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](http://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.*