

Living Prepared...

As usual, the readings for the last week of Ordinary Time are apocalyptic in nature, preparing us not only for the end of the Liturgical Year, but also for the end of the world. • Today's First Reading, from the Book of Daniel, speaks of St. Michael the Archangel, who will fight the great battle against the forces of evil. It also speaks of a concomitant time of tribulation and distress. It will be a time when evil is defeated and the good are tested. Those who have died will rise from the grave and go to either their eternal reward or eternal punishment. • Today's Responsorial is a profession of faith in God's never-failing providence. Today's Readings focus on that era in history when evil and good will be locked in mortal combat. Then God will send His protection to those who have professed His cause. It can be said, that every era is a time of tribulation and in every era we are called to witness to our faith, which requires total trust and surrender. • The Second Reading is again about Jesus the High Priest, who in offering the perfect sacrifice of His own life obtained the complete forgiveness of sin. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we are outside normal time and place, for it is that sacrifice of Calvary that is brought again into the present, into the now. Every time we are at Mass, it is our privilege to be present at that great sacrifice and proof of His love for us. • In the Gospel, Jesus is giving us a heads-up on living out our Christian commitment. He speaks of the end time and the great tribulation, but also tempers this prediction by telling us that no one knows when that will occur, so we should always be ready for our own demise, the day when we will meet God face to face. This much is certain, our own last day. We can and should prepare by living each day as if it were our last, invoking His help to do so grace-fully.

Prayer of the Week

Father all powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day we come before you with gratitude for your kindness: open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share your gifts in loving service. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Faith First

Christ's Second Coming

Only the Father knows the exact hour of the Son's return. Thus, we must always be ready, converting from our sins, and living Christ-like lives right now. Christ's second coming will mark the time when God's reign will be fully established on earth. God will renew and transform the entire universe. God's plan to bring all under Christ will be realized. The human unity God willed for us will come about. The new community formed in Christ will be free of sin and self-love. It will enjoy the "beatific vision" (seeing God face to face) and a blissful union with God marked by happiness, peace, and mutual communion.

Thanksgiving Day -- Thursday, November 22

Mass at 9:00 am

Food and Cash donations will be given to Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services

"With gratitude for Your kindness, open our hearts to have concern for others."

Thanksgiving: Our Eucharistic Vocation

Although Thanksgiving is a national holiday, its celebration can certainly be enhanced because it echoes the basic orientation of our Christian faith. As St. Paul so eloquently reminded the bickering Corinthian community, "What did you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?" (1 Cor. 4:7) We might say then that this attitude of gratitude is deeply rooted in our Christian DNA and consequently is naturally expressed in our central defining ritual as Christians--the Eucharist, which is the Greek word for Thanksgiving. • Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we remind ourselves that all we have and all we are comes from God. As the priest prays at Mass, "It is truly right and just, our duty and salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ...." So as we celebrate this Thanksgiving day, we not only thank God for the abundance of goods and freedoms we share as citizens, but also for the gift of God's abiding presence in our lives through the risen Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit to sanctify our world.

In Our Prayers

In Memoriam

Troy Beverly, Jr. • November 7, 2018

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Please Pray for the Sick

Bishop Francis Quinn, Linda Ryle, Rick Cwynar, Kang Simon Lee, Suzie Riehl, Laurel Sunderman, Genevieve Dallosta, Isabel Harper, Rouzbeh Daylami, Howard Huston, Mark Zane, Richard Honey, Josephine Davila, Dale Wooldridge, Donald Anderson, Teresa Yeung, Nancy McGarry, Vivian Stolp, Rita Doherty, Patrick Valenzuela, Cheryl Halm Lincoln, Michael Fletcher, Grayson Kemp, Gary Pepe, William Daniel Reed, Stephanie Merenda, Victoria Generoso, Jim Collins, Grace Grant, Robert Arkebauer, Libby Basurto, Dena Foster-Cook, Marie Schumacher, Ralph Goodall, Josephine Haddock, G.R. Gurley, Darren Stewart, Marge Mugartegui, Angel Curiel, Phillip Worth, Sonia Damiano, Barbara Cramer, Ava Grace Arnold, Karen Amnon, Mary Terese Henricksen, Pamela Saenz, Stan Boyd, David Hunn, Addison Parker, Brett Stover, Norma Clark, Robert Clark, Jr., Ranier Guzman

Meetings & Events

Parish Retreat: Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our Parish Retreat beginning Sunday, February 10, 2019 and concluding Tuesday, February 12. Fr. Robin Ryan, CP, PhD, will be our presenter. He is a Passionist priest who teaches at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Parishioners who attended *God and the Mystery of Human Suffering* last year will remember Fr. Ryan as a gifted and down-to-earth teacher. The presentation is entitled: *Gazing on the Face of Christ*. Fr. Ryan writes: "Jesus Christ is central to the Christian faith. You are invited to reflect on the various dimensions of the mystery of Christ. As you do so, you will increase your faith and strengthen your life as a believer." • Through this special retreat, you will connect the everyday concerns of your

Fire in Paradise

The tremendous loss from the Camp Fire in Butte County and the nearby areas is heartbreaking. Parishioners wishing to donate money to assist those in need may do so in the following ways:

Donate by mail

Send checks to Diocese of Sacramento Fire Assistance Fund
2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818

Donate by phone

Call The Catholic Foundation at 916-733-0266

Donate online

Visit www.scd.org/donate and choose the Fire Assistance Fund

(You also may place your donation marked "Fire Assistance Fund" in the Sunday offertory basket. We will forward it to the diocese.)

Youth Group

The next meeting of the Sacred Heart Youth Group is Wednesday, November 28. The theme for the meeting is still to be determined. • If you are a student in grades 8 through 12, please consider joining us for the next meeting. All meetings are held from 6:30-7:30 pm in St. Anthony's Hall. • If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Sunderman at psunderman@sacredheartschool.net

Parish School Now Accepting Applications

Sacred Heart Parish School is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants for Transitional Kindergarten must be 4 years old by September 1, 2019 and applicants for Kindergarten must be 5 years old by September 1st. We will also be accepting applications for 1st-6th grade. • For more information, please contact the Parish School at 916-456-1576.

Book of the Dead

November of every year is the month devoted to remembering our family and friends who have died. Just inside the altar rail is the Book of the Dead which lists parishioners and others who have a connection with Sacred Heart who have died since November 1, 2017, and have had their funeral at Sacred Heart Church. You are encouraged to remember those on the list in your prayers this month.

Sacramento Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry

The HIV/AIDS Ministry is requesting donations in the form of grocery gift cards for Thanksgiving meals for the community we serve. We deeply appreciate your continued compassion and support. Gift cards can be inserted in the mailbox at home of Susan Mendez (1453 - 45th Street). • If you have any questions about this ministry please call Dr. Susan Mendez, Psy.D. at 916-761-5971.

Advent Giving Tree

Next week our parish Giving Tree will be placed next to the Our Lady of Grace Chapel, near the piano. Tags hanging on the Tree will benefit the children at St. Francis Terrace, those served by the Sacramento Catholic Diocesan HIV/AIDS Ministry, low-income seniors at Arden Villa Senior Citizens' Center, and people served by the Human Trafficking Medical Home. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous to this weekend's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins.

Cristo Rey Thanks

Over 40 bags of food were delivered to Cristo Rey High School for distribution to school families for Thanksgiving. The students wrote the parish a thank you letter, acknowledging the support of Sacred Heart and grateful for helping them and their families have a wonderful holiday meal.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2018 "Report of Gratitude"

This Thanksgiving, as we reflect with gratitude for the many blessings God has given us, Catholics throughout the Diocese are invited to view the 2018 *Annual Catholic Appeal "Report of Gratitude."* By coming together as Catholics, see how parishioners have helped social service agencies in Northern California to provide hope and help to our brothers and sisters in need. More than 253,000 individuals and families, through love and care inspired by Jesus Christ, moved closer to independence and dignity. Take a moment to see the difference you have made this year. Visit scd.org/annual-catholic-appeal. • The 2018 Appeal is approaching \$3.7 million in commitments so far. If you have not yet participated, prayerfully consider a donation. • Envelopes are available in the church vestibule, or donate online at scd.org.

Prayer for U.S. Bishops

The Bishops have finished their meeting in Baltimore. Several aspects of the abuse crisis were discussed. No votes were taken at this point, as the Pope has called the worldwide conference of bishops to Rome in February to discuss the abuse crisis, mapping out plans for protection going forward and for atonement and justice due the victims. Please continue to pray for the bishops and the Pope, that the Holy Spirit guide the hierarchy to a just resolution.

**Daily Mass Intentions
November 18 - November 25**

Sun	8:00am	Jennie Barragan (+)
	9:30am	Nita York (+)
	11:00am	For the People of the Parish
Mon	8:00am	John Silveira (+)
Tue	8:00am	Joan T, Koster (+)
Wed	8:00am	Int...Altar Society Members
Thu	9:00am	Katherine Walton (+)
Fri	8:00am	All Souls
Sat	9:00am	Jerry Schall (+)
	5:30pm	Lupe Leon (+)
Sun	8:00am	Marie Oneto (+)
	9:30am	Joshua Wingert (+)
	11:00am	Int...Jane Lee Smith